

SERMON NOTES

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Can the Bible be Trusted?

1. Claims

2 Peter 1:20-21

knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Peter 3:15-16

And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.

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<i>Cesar</i>	100-44 BC	900 AD	1,000 yrs.	10
<i>Plato</i>	427-347 BC	900 AD	1,200 yrs.	7
<i>Aristotle</i>	384-322 BC	1100 AD	1,400 yrs.	49
NT	40-100 AD	125 AD	25 yrs.	24, 633
Homer <i>Iliad</i>	900 BC	400 BC	500 yrs.	643

1. **Written by an apostle.**
2. **Written by those associated with an apostle.**
3. **Truthfulness.**
4. **Faithfulness to previously accepted writings**
5. **Confirmed by Christ, prophet, apostle (Luke 24:44; 2 Pet. 3:16).**
6. **Church usage and recognition**

<https://www.biblicaltraining.org/blog/curious-christian/7-10-2012/what-criteria-were-used-determine-canon-scripture>

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Psalm 22:16-18

... a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

Deuteronomy 33:18-19

And of Zebulun he said,

*“Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out,
and Issachar, in your tents.*

*They shall call peoples to their mountain;
there they offer right sacrifices;
for they draw from the abundance of the seas
and the hidden treasures of the sand.”*

<https://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/US-Navy-may-stop-docking-in-Haifa-after-Chinese-take-over-port-574414>

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- 5. Experience**

There seems to me to have been twice as much done in some ages in defending the Bible as in expounding it, but if the whole of our strength shall henceforth go to the exposition and spreading of it, we may leave it pretty much to defend itself . . . Many suggestions are made and much advice is offered. This weapon is recommended, and the other. Pardon me if I offer a quiet suggestion. Open the door and let the lion out; he will take care of himself. Why, they are gone! He no sooner goes forth in his strength than his assailants flee. The way to meet infidelity is to spread the Bible. The answer to every objection against the Bible is the Bible.

-C. H. Spurgeon

Speeches at Home and Abroad, from a speech at the Annual Meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society, May 5th, 1875: