

The Bible: A Guide, Or Totally Binding Life Guide?

All Scriptures from The Old and New King James Versions

Some think the Bible is only a guide book to a better life but is not to be strictly followed. But is this what the scripture teaches of its self? People with the unbinding view of the Bible, think to use the Bible as the guide to itself is absurd. Nevertheless, this is the only way to use the Bible. Why? Because not to use the Bible as the way to understand its self, is to discredit it as not being inspired if God. If the Bible is discredited from being from God then anything goes. In other words, anyone's opinion is as good as anyone else's opinion. In other words, they can justify anything and call it from God. If one can pick out anything in the Bible and say this was not what the writer meant then the creditability of the Bible drops to nothing. If any part of the Bible is disclaimed then doubts will arise, to any of it being from God. I think this Satan's agenda. This is the same strategy used against Eve in Genesis.

Genesis 3

¹Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Not all Satan's deceptions are so clearly seen. He will cause you to doubt anything a little at a time to cause a drastic change over time. You will find yourself accepting something, which in the past you would never believe you would accept. Accept this warning, because you can see what has happened in society, if you try to compare the changes over time.

Now let us see what the Bible claims about its self.

The Bible claims total inspiration:

The Bible claims it is to be used for doctrine: (not one's own opinions)

***2Ti 3:16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **17** That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.*

***Eph 3:2** If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: **3** How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, **4** Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) **5** Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;*

Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, **21** Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. **22** And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation: for I have written a letter unto you in few words.

We are told not to go beyond what is written in the Bible:

1Co 4:3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. **4** For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. **5** Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God. **6** And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.

Num 22:18 And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more.

Num 24:13 If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what the LORD saith, that will I speak?

The prophet Balaam wanted to receive the blessings of earthly gain from Balak. He wanted to do as Balak ask. God did not let him curse Israel. We clearly see God would not let Balaam add to or take away from his words. We clearly see this what God wanted. We must not add to or take away from God's words even today.

The Bible claims to be the word of God:

1Th 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

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