

A Perfect Book Proverbs 30:5-6

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In our confession of faith it says that the Bible has, "truth without any mixture of error for its matter;"

According to the logic of Norman Geisler

God cannot err.

The Bible is the Word of God.

Therefore, the Bible cannot err.

God Cannot Err.

http://www.inplainsite.org/html/alleged_bible_errors.html

A quick search on the internet for errors in the Bible will turn up an impressive list of web sites. But a quick look at these sites shows that the serious Christian Bible student has nothing to dread.

Norman Geisler, a well know apologist, has wrote extensively to answer these objections to inerrancy.

The Bible has been under attack for thousands of years and yet it still stands. I remember listening to George Sweeting one founder's week as he spoke on this subject. He quoted from a book by Ingersoll, the great agnostic. Mr. Ingersoll wrote a book entitled Some Mistakes of Moses in which he predicted, "In 25 years ... the Bible will be a forgotten book." George Sweeting, then President of Moody Bible Institute, went to the Randolph St. Library in Chicago and borrowed Mr. Ingersoll's book. He was the first person to do so in 20 years. He then called the large Kroch's and Brentano's Bookstore and asked for it. The salesperson said they did not have it and could not get it. It was out of print. Dr. Sweeting then asked her, "Do you have Bibles?" "Oh yes," she answered, "how many would you like?" Dr. Sweeting told her that he really didn't need any, but he did ask how the Bibles were selling. The clerk told him that the Bible was still one of their best sellers. http://www.plymouthbrethren.org/article/10373#P12_2627

The Anvil Of God's Word

Last eve I passed beside a blacksmith's door And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime; When looking in, I saw upon the floor, Old hammers worn with beating years of time.	And so, I thought, the anvil of God's Word, For ages, skeptics blows have beat upon; Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard, The anvil is unharmed - the hammers gone.
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"How many anvils have you had," said I, "To wear and batter these hammers so?" "Just one," said he; then with a twinkling eye, "The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."	John Clifford
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I. Every Word of God is Pure

A. As we saw last week this means all the Bible.

1. Some liberals have tried to make 2 Tim 3:16 read, All scripture that is inspired by God.
 - a. As though some scripture is not inspired by God.
2. Now we do not claim inspiration for any translation but only the original autographs.
3. But we have shown that we have a faithful transcription and translations of the original.

B. The real issue is not with some little discrepancy in the text but with the main issues of Scripture.

1. That man is a sinner, by birth and by practice.
2. That there is but one true God, who is revealed in the Bible to us in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
3. That the things God says are sins are sins.
4. That God has a right to tell us what we are to do and not to do with our lives.
5. That God created the world in six literal days.
6. That Jesus died and rose again the third day to provide salvation for a lost and condemned world.
7. That He is going to return again and bring everlasting righteousness to this world and destroy those who are rebels against Him.
8. That God is sovereign and does always as He pleases, only as He pleases and there is no one who can question Him.
9. Those are some of the main issues that the unbeliever rejects, the rest is a smoke screen to hide their hatred and defiance of almighty God.

C. Yes every word of God is pure.

1. The word pure means to be refined like gold.
2. To be tried by fire and found 100% pure.
3. That means that God's word is true, without any mixture of error.
4. That even though the Bible is not a book of science yet it is scientifically correct.
5. That although it is not strictly speaking a book of history, when it speaks

historically it is historically correct.

- II. He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him
 - A. Those that trust in Him are given a special protection.
 - 1. He is a shield to protect us from wrong ideas that would destroy us.
 - 2. He is a shield to protect us from the evil forces that would hurt us.
 - 3. He is a shield from anything that is not His will for us.
 - B. But this trust is not some ambiguous faith in some god.
 - 1. James said in James 2: “19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe — and tremble! 20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?”
 - 2. A proper faith causes a proper corresponding result in our lives.
 - 3. That faith only comes from believing what God has revealed to us about Himself in His word.
 - 4. That is why Jesus said in Matthew 7: “20 "Therefore by their fruits you will know them. 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 "Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ 23 "And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”
 - 5. The idea is that their faith was a fake, a fraud a made up faith.
 - 6. John describes it this way in 1 John 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.
 - C. Do not remove this trust from the subject matter, His word.
 - 1. All that we know for sure about God is found in His word.
 - 2. It is not that we put our faith in the Bible, but we put our faith in the God that the Bible describes.
 - 3. Someone might say that they love that old picture of grandma and grandpa.
 - 4. But it is not really the physical picture that they love but what is seen in the picture.
 - 5. If the picture were destroyed grandma and grandpa would still be just as real.

6. But God has preserved His word for a reason, so that we might know Him and His Son who He sent into the world.

III. Do not add to His words

A. This is one of the problems with the cults.

1. They all add to the word of God.
2. The Jehovah witness add their material.
3. The Mormons add the book of Mormon.
4. The Islamic add the Koran.
5. The Seventh Day Adventist add the writings of their leaders.
6. The Christian Science add their leaders books.
7. The Roman Catholics add their tradition and the writings of certain men.
8. Even some others add to the word of God.
 - a. I remember a number of years ago receiving a publication that was filled with Thus says the Lord. But they were not quoting from the Bible but we supposedly speaking by the authority of the Holy Spirt.
 - b. One of the problems was that some of these thus saith the Lord were in direct contradiction to what the Bible said.
 - c. It was as though God had changed His mind on some topics.
9. This is not new but happened many times in the Bible.
10. False prophets would say what the king or the people wanted to hear but they were condemned by the real prophets of God.

B. Isaiah had a test for these.

1. Isaiah 8:20 (NKJV) 20 To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

IV. Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar

A. The writer of Revelation has a sober warning.

1. Revelation 22:18-19 (NKJV) 18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

V. So What

A. What difference does it make.

1. When we use the word of God to live by we will have a happier life.
2. Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.
3. Amos 8:11 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD, "That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD.

B. When a people turn away from God's word and follow their own wisdom we are on the road to destruction.

The Holy Scriptures

THE BIBLE IS THE ONLY PERFECT BOOK IN THE WORLD. Perfection is the sign and signature of all God's works. If you put under the microscope a bee's sting and an ordinary sewing needle, you will at once see the difference between man's handiwork and God's. They are both very like each other when examined by the naked eye; but when brought beveath the lens we perceive the



mighty difference. The needle is rough and rugged, full of bulges and bends, like the undressed bough of a tree, whereas the sting of the bee retains its arrowy point and perfection under the closest scrutiny. And so it is with all God's works in contrast with man's. The Bible is the only perfect book, because it is the work of God. The law of the Lord is perfect, says the Psalmist, the sun rules in the heavens, and divides the day from the night. And so with the Word of God. The light which shines through it rules the mind and will and heart of man, and divides the darkness from the light. But the Word of God is not only perfect, but it is designed to make man perfect -- that the man of God may be perfect -- fully furnished unto every good work. (J. Coats Shanks. (from The Biblical Illustrator Copyright (c) 2002 AGES and Biblesoft, Inc.)

John 17:17 (NKJV) 17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

Romans 3:4 (NKJV) 4 Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: "That You may be justified in Your words, And may overcome when You are judged."

Psalm 12:6 (NKJV) 6 The words of the LORD are pure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times.

Psalm 18:30 (NKJV) 30 As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

Psalm 19:8 (NKJV) 8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

Deuteronomy 4:1-2 (NKJV) 1 "Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you. 2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Psalm 119:140 (NKJV) 140 Your word is very pure; Therefore Your servant loves it.

If this great God, the Maker of all things, so manifestly wise and good, shall deign to speak to mortals, we may be very sure that every word he utters will be pure. Cowles, H. (1884).

Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon

We can put God's Word to the test. We can study it as a whole or study its individual parts. We can examine its books, its chapters, its verses, its words, and every jot and tittle of its letters. They are all pure gold. The original autographed documents were God-breathed—as perfect as God is perfect, as pure as God is pure. If we test the precepts, principles, and prophecies of the Word of God, they will prove to be without alloy. When we examine the histories, laws, and progressive unfolding of truth in the Bible, we find that the Book is inerrant, infallible, inspired, inimitable, and infinite. It is the Word of God. John Phillips Commentary Series, The -