

God is Truth

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Selected Scripture

Throughout this study, we have based our conclusions on the Bible. Inevitably, questions arise in our minds. Questions such as:

How reliable is the self-revelation that God has made known to us? Does God give us reliable disclosure of Who He is? How accurate is what God says about any matter? Lest there be any misunderstanding, the Bible teaches us that God is Truth.

What is Truth? It means the way anything truly is. Truth is not how things may appear. Truth is not majority opinion. It is not the way we want things to be. Truth is whatever God says is reality and is whatever conforms to the mind and character of God.

God makes truth known through specific words in Scripture that are clearly defined and have a precise meaning. God speaks with clarity and unambiguity, which means the Word of God is not subjective (it does not mean one thing to one person and another thing to another person).

I. God is Truth

- A. His nature is Truth (All truth originates from God, He is the sole source of Truth).
 - 1. **Psalm 31:5**, *O Lord, faithful* [firmness, faithfulness, truth] *God*.
 - a) Reliable and sure.
 - b) Stable
 - c) Faithfulness
 - 2. **Isaiah 65:16**, *The God of truth*,
- B. The Son is Truth (John 14:6)
 - 1. **Ephesians 4:21**, *Assuming that you have heard...were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus*,
 - 2. **Revelation 3:14**, *“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation.’*
- C. The Holy Spirit is Truth
 - 1. The Spirit of Truth (**John 14:17, 15:26, 16:13**)
 - 2. The Spirit breathed out the Word of Truth (**Heb 3:7; 2 Tim 2:15**)
 - 3. Though God has given teachers to the body (church) and every believer must be taught by the Spirit.
 - a) Ephesians 4:11

II. What Does God is Truth Mean?

- A. **God is Precise** – because He is holy, God is incapable of making any error
 - 1. **Psalm 119:160**, *“The sum of your word is truth,”* Undefined, unvarnished, and unadulterated truth.
 - 2. Jesus speaks to the precision of the Word of God. **Matthew 5:18**, *For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.*
 - 3. Jesus confirmed the same in John 17:17: *Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.*
 - 4. Paul affirms God’s precision in **Romans 3:4**, *Let God be true though every one were a liar*,
 - 5. God’s precision extends to every part & aspect of the Bible.
 - a) Geography, History, Science, Prophecy,
Ethics – The Ten Commandments; Honor Parents; Love Enemies; Love wife; Reward of hard work & the dignity of women.
- B. **God is Infallible**
 - 1. As God speaks, He reveals what is infallibly true. Balaam said, **Numbers 23:19**, *God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?*
 - 2. **Psalm 119:86**, *All your commandments are sure*; [sure – faithful, steadfastness, steadiness] Further in vs **90**, *Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.*
 - 3. Isaiah the prophet states, **Isaiah 40:8**, *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

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4. **Isaiah 55:10–11**, *“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, **11** so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.*
 5. The written truth in Scripture is an entirely trustworthy record, to the end of the age.
- C. **God is Outspoken**
1. God holds back no necessary information but provides full disclosure on any subject.
 - a) He is direct and straightforward (An example is the hard sayings of Jesus)
 - b) He is upfront, candid in His pronouncements.
 2. What was said about Jesus\
 - a) **John 7:26**, *And here he is, speaking openly “publicly” boldly and confidently.*
 - b) **John 8:26**, *I declare to the world what I have heard from him.”*
 - c) To the High Priest - **John 18:20**, *Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret.*
- D. **God is Clear**
1. **Psalms 19:8**, *The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; [Pure – clear, lucid]*
 2. **Psalms 119:105**, *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*
- E. **God is Commanding**
1. **Psalms 119:6**, *Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.*
 - a) The Bible is not full of divine suggestions. Nor does it contain God’s opinion or preferences.
 - b) God’s Word is not meant to be an entertainment piece, but an authoritative decree.
 2. God’s Word always calls for a response
 - a) **Luke 6:47–48**, *Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: **48** he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.*
 - b) Truth instructs our mind AND challenges our will.
 - c) **James 1:22**, *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*
- F. **God is Consistent**
1. There are no contradictions, no inconsistencies in God’s Word. One part never cancels out another part.
 - a) There is one faith (**Ephesians 4:5**, *one Lord, one faith*, (**Jude 3**, *Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.*
 2. It is the standard of sound words (**2 Timothy 1:13**, *Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.*
- G. **God is Unalterable**
1. **Psalms 119:89**, *Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.*
 2. **Psalms 119:152**, *Long have I known from your testimonies that you have founded them forever.*
 3. **Psalms 119:160**, *The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.*
 4. **Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 5:18; Matthew 24:35, Luke 16:17**
- H. **God is Illuminating**
1. **Psalms 119:12, 26, 64, 108, 124, 135, 171**
 2. **Psalms 119:18**, *Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.*
 3. **Matthew 16:17**

III. The Truth Sets You Free

- A. Apart from truth, no one can be saved. (God must be just (sin paid for) and justifier (man cannot pay)).
 1. **John 8:32**, *And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*
 2. The written Word of God is indispensable to knowing God
- B. Are you being confronted with the truth of who God is? Then you must respond in faith to what is being made known.
- C. The God of truth calls you to comply with His Word.