If The Bible Is Not The Word Of God

Tony Mauck · Psalm 119

INTRODUCTION

- What you think about this book is pretty important. It affects so much about how we approach living.
- Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.

1 An Uncanny Historical Document

- The sum of thy word is truth. And every one of thy righteous ordinances is everlasting.
- It wouldn't change my confidence at all. In the biblical record, it would only confirm what I believe that everything the Bible says is true.
- Everything that is discovered by archaeologists goes right along with the biblical record.

2 Not Simply the Product of Clever Men

- If the Bible is indeed the Word of God, it must of necessity be historically accurate.
- I affirm to you that it is more than that. That the Bible is your creator's will for you.
- I deny the fact that it is simply the product of clever men.
- Josephus isn't a threat to how people want to live. The Bible, on the other hand, set standards for us.

3 Where Did This Come From?

Psalm 139

- But let's say that they were right. That this book is not the Word of God. What are the implications of that?
- If the Bible is not the Word of God, where did this come from? The origin of all of this.
- You think all of that was the product of some cosmic accident or explosion?
- Explosions don't produce order. They produce chaos and disarray and destruction.

4 Is There Anyone Besides Man?

Genesis 20

- Where would we derive any real knowledge, any reliable knowledge of a supreme being? Man would be the end of everything.
- We would be without any objective purpose to pursue in life and without any criteria or standard to judge other people.
- The very existence of moral laws which govern nations is a testimony to the God behind creation.
- Notice Abimelech's reference to a standard by which he would be held accountable.

5 No Hope Beyond Death

Hebrews 9:27

- If the Bible is not the Word of God, we have no hope beyond death based on any objective data.
- It is appointed a man once to die, but after this the judgment.
- When you reject the Bible, what do you really have to look forward to?

6 Eyewitness Accounts and Fulfilled Prophecy

1 John 1:1–3; Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2

- I believe in the Bible. And that the Bible is unquestionably God's word.
- These are historically accurate eyewitness accounts of things that these people saw.
- What we have seen and heard, we proclaim to you also.
- John says, We saw him. And we testify to you. He was what he claimed to be.
- He was either what he said he was, or he was outlandishly crazy, or a liar.
- Jesus is born there. Just happened to be there because of the census, prophesied in Micah 5 and verse 2, 700 years before the event.

THE CHALLENGE

Now are you ready for that? Won't you respond to this message and serve your creator? It's the ultimate way to live.

MY NOTES