

## Bible is God's Word Part 2

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And then in the 19th century the text came from three entirely different quarters but they had a common root. I'm referring to the German rationalism of men like Bauer and Strauss and [Ihore] and [Groff] and [Velhowser] and the Dutch [king], they denied the supernatural, they denied the miraculous, they denied revelation, they denied that God could intervene in the human family, they denied that God could communicate with his creatures. They explain the whole history of the people of Israel on an evolutionary basis. They were just trying to go onward and upward forever. That was one area of attack. We think of the liberal thinkers of England like [Bolenbroke] as well as the deist who ruled God out of his created universe. We are reminded, too, of the French rationalists, the French infidels like Voltaire who said that in 100 years, in a century from his time, the Bible would be found only in museums as an antiquarian curiosity. Most interesting it is then to us to know that pronouncement in my, the British informed Bible Society has a Bible depot on the very spot that Voltaire made that statement. A station that sends out the scriptures by the thousands annually. Oh yes, Satan sometimes overdoes himself, even [Giben] used that marvelous classic of his the decline and fall of the Roman empire to heap ridicule on our Lord Jesus and his followers and then mass sums of his money fell into the hands of a friend who was asked to distribute it and he did distribute it and much of it was used for the spreading of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ which [Giben] had ridiculed. The attack on the scriptures, most in favor today though were the enemies of the word, is the so-called scientific. Oh how many crimes are committed in the name of the scientific? Now, many confidently assert that although the Bible has survived all past attacks, it's hardly a match for science. Well just

think a moment, the word science [inaudible word] means knowledge and we know God is the source of all true knowledge. Now how could them, with this in mind, how could science and the Bible, the revelation of the mind of God, be in disagreement? They cannot, men who only know part of it, men who were only treating theories as though they were facts are ready to sell us transmutation of species. They don't have these missing links that they claim and the most important link of all, they tell us that the Bible and science are in disagreement, and our young people are taught that so many times in even grammar school, high school, college. I have a letter recently from a grandmother asking if I had any material against the evolutionary theory for her ten year old grandchild. Think of how far down they're corrupting the stream of thought and truth in this land of ours. We need to tell our young people, dear friends, that a manifesto was drawn up and signed by 617 scientific men, I didn't say 617 preachers or missionaries or theological professors or superintendents of mission stations, 617 scientific men. Many of them the most eminent in the world. A manifesto is drawn by them, think of it 617 of good representation. Now, that document is now in the world famous [Bodleian] library at Oxford, England, one of the oldest libraries in the world. And that document does this, it deplores, I quote, "the unadvised manner in which some are placing science in opposition to holy [inaudible word]". And that manifesto even goes on to state that the time is going to come when the two records, that in the Bible and that in nature, will be seen to agree in every particular. Sir Isaac Newton, fine Christian and a careful student of both science and the scriptures, bore similar testimony long before that time. Let's notice only one example of a harmony between science and the Bible. According to Herbert Spencer, an English philosopher and scientist, you have to have five concepts before you can have any science, five essential, indispensable, basic, foundational concepts. What are they? Time, space, matter, force, and motion. You must have

those five or you can have no science at all. Well, my dear friends, these all are found in the first two verses of your Bible, Genesis 1:1-2, time: in the beginning, space: heavens, matter: earth, force: personal divine omnipotent force, the spirit of God, motion: moved upon the face of the water. Today, the Bible, despite all opposition human diabolic demonic satanic, is being sold by tens of millions yearly in multiplied languages of the globe. [Harold Head] said, "Heaven and Earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away," Matthew 24:35. The psalmist declared, Psalm 119:89, "Forever, oh Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." Peter, centuries later, wrote concerning believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, having been begotten again, not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible through the word of God which liveth and abideth. 1 Peter 1:23, Isaiah unequivocally bore the same reckon, here are the beautiful words in Isaiah 40 verse 8, "The grass withered, the flower faded, but the word of our God shall stand forever." Man is like grass, yes, but God's word abides, its durable, its permanent, its eternal, its forever [inaudible word]. There was an eloquent American bishop who once said, "Think of it, the same word, brilliant with eternal youth. Skin without scar, organ without disease, voice without weakness, step without failure, eye without dimness, the untouched, unharmed, scatheless, word of God." Now we know the Bible is the word of God, not only because of the unity of its construction, not only because of the continuity of its existence, but the thirdly we know the Bible is the word of God because of the remarkable reign of its subject matter, a scope of its subject matter. Reflect for the moment of what the scriptures reveal of a supreme being. If the philosophies of man are studied, it'll be seen that however closely we come to the truth, yet they always fall short of it. I remember, not long ago, having spoken to a Christian fraternity here in the Southern California area and I took time out to comment on Job [inaudible words] by searching and find out God. and I have excerpts from Aristotle and Plato and Socrates and my dear friends, as wonderful as these men

were, some of them coming closer than others to the heart of the matter, yet they could only claim the [many gods, many lords, many] but I think that perhaps it would be best and most logical, most consistent, to think that there is but one God. No wonder Paul, in writing the Corinthian church, the Greek Church, writing the church in Corinth said, "The world by its own wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save those who believe." So, you see, they may come close to the truth but philosophers always fall short of it. The Bible reveals the only Supreme Being was the true and living God, the reality of his being is revealed, it isn't argued. The Bible speaks of God as readily and as authoritatively as it does of other things. Even the atheist is depended upon the Bible for the knowledge of the kind of God in whom he does not believe. You say, "That man's an atheist" and I ask him, "You don't believe in the idols of India and China and Africa and of the islands of the sea?", "No, no I don't believe in your God." He has to come to the Bible to find out the kind of God he doesn't believe. You see, apart from the Bible we don't know anything about God at all. If you were to [siphon] off all that is known about God from other books that have derived it from the Bible and put the Bible aside, men could not know anything of God. Men cannot know God by their own searching. Men write what's beyond them. Have you ever noticed it in their books? Watch it, from now on. They employ mitigating terms, terms that soften the statement. It seems to me; it appears that, it's safe to assume, perhaps, maybe, and the host of others to cover over lack of assurance and certainty. Read the Bible and notice the definiteness and assurance and certainty in every book, every line, it isn't that, perhaps, if there is a God, he might think of loving a group that you could call the world and it is conceivable that, it safe to assume, that he loved them with enough of an intensity, he could be brought to a place in his own thinking, in his own willing, in his own volition, to give one that you might call, be safe to say, his only begotten son. The Bible doesn't

read that way at all, you know that, John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Doesn't that wonderful certainty rip your heart with assurance? Of course it does. The same blessed book that exposes the person and being of the [tribune] God reveals the origin, the preservation, the purpose of all the created universe. It brings before us man, his creation at the hand of God, the crown of God's creation's position in God's created order, his disobedience in sin, the fall of man, his refuge in salvation and his intended destination that through salvation there would be many sons brought into glory that we believers might be conformed to the image of God's son. God had one son, only one special only begotten son, he loved him so dearly. He wanted many many followers of him and many replicas of him if I may say it reverently and so he might be the first born among many brethren. The word of God speaks of his [real] eternity and the unseen, as it does of time in the scene. Its program stretches form eternity past; we call it, to the eternity future with all its untold blessedness for the redeemed. Now, the Bible is the only book that foretells the future as accurately as though it were history and because prophecy is a [medical] of utterance unbelieving men, anti-super naturalists chafe at it. Oh, they decry anyone's position that would hold that the Bible can see far into the future but God uses that argument over and over again in the wonderful nine chapters of Isaiah 40 to 48 in showing that the Babylonians with their gods couldn't foretell anything but that I tell you these things before they come to pass. So wondrously has this been done that unbelieving critics of the word have for so long contended that all of what we now call prophecy was and is in reality history after the event took place. Well, that's ridiculous, that couldn't be prediction. If I tried to foretell in the year 1969, year 1970, or the year 1971, that there was elected to the presidential office of the United States of America, a gentlemen by the name of Mr. Richard Milhous Nixon, that wouldn't be

prophecy, that's history after the event. We know that, ah what testimony this is to the way our God has given pre-written history. It is so accurate that folks say it was written after it happened. Let's just take two examples, our Lord Jesus Christ and the nation Israel. God, in his word, foretold in Genesis 3:15 of the seed of the woman that would bruise the serpents head. In Genesis 49:10, Jacob foretold a Shiloh from the tribe of Judah to whom the gathering of the people should be. In Numbers 24:17, [Belem] foretold of the star out of Jacob which the mages saw centuries later. In Deuteronomy 18:15 Moses predicted the prophet like unto him and to whom they must [inaudible word] else God would require it of them. Isaiah in Isaiah 7:14 and again in 9:5 foretold of the virgin born Emmanuel, God with us and the son given with all his blessed titles, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the prince of peace. The same Isaiah in Isaiah 53:5 and 8 predicted the suffering servant of Jehovah, bearing the sins of the world. He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and by his [stripes] we're healed. [All alike], keep it gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way and the Lord had caused to fall upon him the iniquity of us all who among his own generation considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living to the transgression of my people to who the stroke was due. Why, my friends are not all these predictions completely fulfilled in that one who Matthew designates at the very outset of his gospel. As the son of David, the son of Abraham, what sweep and scope to these marvelous prophecies of Christ, Christological prophecies they are called. Now we need not be surprised then when we read in the same blessed book of a people who God said would become a great nation, would be guilty of apostasy and disobedience as Deuteronomy 28 tells us, "Who would be scattered throughout the length and breadth of the whole world, yet not without identity". Amos 9:9, "Who would finally be regathered to their land, settled in it, redeemed therein." With

what detail, with what minutia, with what preciseness. Isaiah 27 verse 12 and 13, Ezekiel chapter 36, Ezekiel chapter 37, are not all these things to the very last minute detail true of the nation Israel? Look about you, you can test it yourself. And concerning the [regather] with his blessed results, are we not saying the very inauguration of them in our own century? Hear it; is there another such book in existence? I challenge you, is there another such book in existence that has such scope as this one that can speak as authoritatively and as validly and as reliably as this one? That can foresee and foretell so trust worthily as this one, comes from God who knoweth the end from the beginning. Is there another such book? Nay, verily there is none. We know not any. My dear friends, we've given you three compelling cogent reasons why we know the Bible is the word of God. First, because the unity of its construction, secondly because of the continuity of its existence, thirdly because of the scope of its subject matter and now the influence of its power, the fourth reason. The fourth valid cogent reason why we know the Bible is the word of God is because the power of its influence and the influence of its power. You see, even if the unbelieving were by some show of logic that they believe is valid or reason or by means of eloquence and all manner [inaudible words] even if the unbelieving were able to deny all the foregoing truths presented. To show why the united testimony of the living church holds, ever has held, the Bible as the word of God. Yet, they could not contravene, they couldn't contradict our last proof, the influence of his power. Why the scriptures are without a doubt God's word because of the influence of their power. Now, what do we need? Just this, there is no book anywhere that has its power to change men from sinners to saints, from bestiality to blessedness, from vice to virtue, from greed to godliness, from the pit to its presence, from hell to heaven, and I don't mean that there aren't many books. I've seen the Vatican library, I've seen the library of congress, Columbia University library, Harvard library, John's Hopkins library, University of

Texas library, University of California library, the great libraries of this country, we've seen them and all the making of many books, there is no end when they can make you wise unto all manner of knowledge. All the -ologies. But when Paul at the end of his ministry reminded his son in the gospel Timothy of what was valuable in 2 Timothy 3:15 he says, "It's the scriptures which are able to make you wise" not unto velocity, not under psychology necessarily, not under many of those subjects who we mentioned at the beginning of this message, no, "able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus". Now many books can make you wise unto mathematics and there is a whole library on that. Yes, you can get a doctorate in mathematics and in the social sciences, in the natural sciences, in the velocities and in other disciplines, other courses of study but only one book on earth has ever been able to make anyone wise unto salvation, that book is the Bible. Our Lord, in speaking to his disciples in the upper room discourse not long before he was going to depart this world said, "Already we are clean because the word which I spoken unto you," John 15:3, knew he was right, he said again and again concerning the Bible. This book will keep you from sin and sin will keep you from this book. Your clean because the word, which I have spoken unto you. How many books have we ever read that could make us clean because of them? Now some of them may be enlightening, very very informative. Yes, even uplifting, I'm glad for them in this day of dismal pornography. Some may be enlightening, informative, yes even uplifting and they're wonderful to have those to counter balance the other. But can any one of them, does any one of them cleanse the reader? No, only the Bible has such influence, has such power, has such force. The Bible transforms drunkers, it does, it transforms revilers, it transforms thieves, liars, harlots, fornicators, murderers, into children, sons, daughters, of the living God. What a transforming power. People talk about atomic radiation, that's nothing compared to Bible radiation. Many people go to

doctors and they get shots of adrenaline and other -ines, but I, dear friend, is not so much adrenaline and amphetamine that you need. We need large injections, large doses, of Bibleine. The Bible is the transforming one. Darwin, and you know when they teach his theory of evolution as a fact, they don't tell our young people this concerning Darwin. And I remember when I was studying back in Baltimore at John's Hopkins, I went to the city library, the big library that the Enoch library in Baltimore, Maryland and I verify in Darwin's own account. Darwin the evolutionist said that he visited Tierra del Fuego in 1833, found a people then that he thought were incapable of being civilized. He wrote back to his friends in England, "The Fuegians," I am quoting him, "The Fuegians are in a more miserable state of Barbarism than I ever expected to have seen any human be." That's the statement. He visited that same place, Tierra del Fuego, in 1869, 36 years later, about a generation later. And on his second visit, he found those that he thought were below domestic animals, saw them transform, by the power of the word of God, into Christians. Missionaries had been there in the meantime, had spread the word, had gotten disciples among them, had transformed their whole area and all the social structure and fabric of society. In his astonishment, Charles Darwin if you please, wrote and I quote him, I'm not making this up, I am quoting it. In his astonishment he wrote, quote, "I certainly should have predicted that not all the missionary in the world could have done what has been done, it is wonderful and it shames me as I have always prophesied of failure, it is a grand success." And you know Charles Darwin was big enough to write a letter to the London missionary society, and this is what he said, "I shall feel proud if your comity shall think fit to elect me as an honorary member of your society." And in that letter, he wanted to show that he meant what he said, he enclosed to what would probably be equivalent to about 125 dollars for gospel missions. Darwin saw that the word of God could do what neither science nor any other agency could accomplish.

Yes, my friends, it has transforming power. [Spurgen], the great English preacher, Charles H. [Spurgen] who unknown to many have tremendous influence on our wonderful evangelist, Dwight L. Moody, [his Spurgen] great auditor and preacher, great man of God, Charles H. [Spurgen] at one time told a story of a poor woman who was confronted by a modern agnostic. Now, you see agnostic is from two Greek words A, meaning not, and Gnostic, knowing. He was a man who was a confessed non-knower. He is what we would call in the Latin an ignoramus; he confronted a poor woman and said, "What are you reading there in that book?" She said, "I'm reading the word of God." "The word of God? Who told you that?" "Why, he told me so himself," she said. "Hahaha, told you so? Well, how can you prove anything as silly as that?" Looking up to the sky, poor [unlettered] woman said, "Can you prove to me that there is a sun up in the sky?" "Why of course," he said, "The best proof is that it warms me and I can see its light." "That's it," was her joyous reply, "The best proof that this book is the word of God is that it warms and lights my soul." She was right, in conclusion then friends, we know the Bible is God's word, we're not guessing. It is God's word because the unity of its construction. Because the continuity of its existence, because of the scope of its subject matter and because of the influence of its power. Did you notice that I concluded by saying the Bible is God's word? The important word there, along with the others, is IS. Always watch when somebody tells you that the Bible contains the word of God. That's not a biblical position. Or they say the Bible becomes the word of God, the verb that is used after that Bible is eminently important. It gives away a man's whole outlook. We say the Bible is God's word because the unity of its construction, because the continuity of its existence, because of the scope of its subject matter, and because the influence of its power. So, in the words of [dear Cannon Dyson Hage] of Canada, we quote, "Therefore, think not of it as a good book. Don't think of the Bible as a good book or even as a

better book but lift it in heart and mind and faith and love for [above all] and every guarded not as the word of man but as it is in truth." The word of God, nay more, as the living word of the living God. Supernatural in origin, eternal in duration, inexpressible in value, infinite in scope, divine in authorship, human in penmanship, regenerative in power, infallible in authority, universal in interest, personal in application, and as Saint Paul declares inspired in totality, the living word of the living God, oh my friend. Dear friend, do you know the Christ of the book as the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world? If you do, infinitely blessed is your lot, if you know Christ of the book, is the Lamb of God who took away, not only the sin of the world but your sin. But if you're listening to this message and you have not taken this blessed Christ, then believe on the Lord Jesus and thou shall be saved. Thou and thy house. Friend, the time is now, the matter is urgent, make the God, the savior of the book, your savior, your God and the Lord will abundantly bless you.