

SATAN'S FAVORITE LIES: LIE #5

The Bible Can't Be Trusted

THE ANCIENT LIE

Genesis 3:1-5

- The Bible has **changed radically** over time.
- The Bible constantly **contradicts itself**.
- The Bible is open to **any interpretation**.

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE BIBLE

It Is **Textually** Accurate.

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It Is **Archaeologically** Accurate.

It Is **God's Word, Preserved By God.**

2 Timothy 3:16-17, Matthew 5:18, Matthew 24:35, Luke 16:17

THE KEYS TO READING THE BIBLE

- Remember it is a **library, not a book**.
- Read it like **any other book**.
- Treat it as **God's Word**.

Food for Thought

For the week of July 13, 2008
(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Because the Bible is God's communication to us, we can expect it to have more impact in the lives of people than any other book ever written. In several places, the Bible uses various metaphors to explain the impact it can have on people's lives. Read each of the following verses and identify the metaphor used to describe the Bible.

Hebrews 4:12
Jeremiah 23:29
James 1:23
Psalm 119:105

What is each metaphor communicating about how the Bible can impact people's lives?

How have you seen each metaphor at work in your life?

2. In Jesus' day nobody questioned the reliability of the Bible. However, some religious leaders were undermining its authority by placing their cultural teachings and man-made rules on par with it. Read Mark 7:1-13 to see how Jesus addresses this issue. What does he say are some of the results of elevating tradition and man-made rules to the level of the Bible?

As you look at your own life, are there any areas where you've allowed some tradition or man-made rule to have as much authority as the Bible?

3. God gave us the Bible not only to read and listen to, but also to apply to our lives. What insights do you see in the following passages that help you get to know the Bible better and apply it more consistently in your life?

Joshua 1:6-9

Deuteronomy 4:1-2

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

4. Take a moment to evaluate the level of attention you've been giving the Bible. Are there any changes you need to make in order to learn more about the Bible or to apply more of what you already know?

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