

GDD'S SIGNATURE ON THE BIBLE

A SERIES ON HOW TO KNOW THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness..."

~ 2 Timothy 3:16

1. Introduction – God's Signature

- a. Heb 11:6 – He that cometh to God must believe that he is – Gen 3:1 → Father of lies
- b. We are talking about what makes the Bible divine; evidence of supernatural in it
- c. The uniqueness/claims of the Bible is lost on people: its power, miracles, wonder, wisdom
- d. Inspiration ~ God's words in writing; God used men to write what he intended.
- e. Signature ~ A sign or mark that gives witness, responsibility, authority, credibility
- f. God's signature is found in the Bible's claims, miracles, prophecy, perspective, wisdom

2. Claims

- a. A claim is not guarantee of divinity, but it is a necessary qualification (direct signature)
- b. 2 Tim 3:16 – All scripture is given by inspiration of God – and is holy – 2 Tim 3:15
- c. 2 Pet 1:20-21 – Prophecy of the scripture - men of God spake
- d. God spoke through the mouths of men – 2 Sam 23:2, Acts 1:16
- e. Write it in a book! - Exo 17:14, Jer 1:9, 30:1-2, Isa 8:1, 30:8, Rev 1:11; 2 Cor 12:1
- f. *"Thus saith the Lord", "the Lord spake/said/spoke"* – >1500x in the OT

3. Miracles

- a. The primary proof of divine inspiration is miracles/prophecy (required for inspiration)
- b. Without prior inspiration, miracles confirm God's man, message, mission – Lk 7:11-23
- c. Moses -Num 16:28-32; Elijah -1 Kings 18:36; Jesus –Jn 3:2, 5:36, 10:37-38, Ac 2:22
- d. Creation – universe Gen 1:1, Heb 11:1-3, Man - Gen 2:7, Gen 5:1
- e. Israel – Gen 21:1-3; the exodus - Psalm 78; knew not the works - Judges 2:7-13
- f. Prophecy – thousands of them, hundreds refer to one man – Ps 22, Isa 53, Dan 2:36, 9:26

4. Perspective

- a. Internal evidence (content) show it to be inspired by God – Ps 19:1-4
- b. The Bible is not about God from man's perspective, but from God's about God/men
- c. It is first person throughout - Consider Joshua 24:2-24; Job 38; John 3:12, Rom 3:10-18
- d. The scope is beyond what natural man can grasp – beginning (Gen) to end (Rev)

5. Wisdom

- a. The Bible describes the one true God – contrary to almost every pagan inclination
- b. Hundreds of Proverbs concerning finance, relationship, business, life, "under the sun"
- c. The wisdom of Jesus – render unto - Matt 22:21; cast the first stone - John 8:7-9
- d. God's signature is on this book. Forgery is beyond all reason/chance. God inspired it.
- e. Men could not write this book if they would, and would not if they could.
- f. The Bible = 66 books – called holy, because it is set apart, authoritative in 2 degrees
- g. Lesser → It is true; Greater → it is the words of God magnified above his name– Ps 138:2