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THE SURE WORD By Jonnie Hutchison

FROM GOD OR MEN?

Did the Bible originate with the God of heaven or is it merely the production of men? Those who deny the existence of God deny the validity of His Word. If God does not exist, then the Bible has no higher authority than men. However, the very existence of the Bible gives adequate proof of the existence of its divine author. Through the years skeptics have attacked the Bible with every evil weapon at their disposal. Several of its critics have predicted the total demise of the Bible, yet their predictions have failed. The Bible remains as an active influence in the lives of people as it has been since its completion.

This writer has noticed that the biggest critics of the Bible are often those who have never studied or even read the Bible. In other words, they have not given the Bible a fair evaluation. Have you? Without knowing what the Bible teaches how can one legitimately be critical of it? It is like refusing to eat a particular food and then criticizing it for tasting bad. How do you know it tastes bad unless you eat it?

The Bible is not primarily a book of history, geography or science but is accurate in all of these areas. Some have alleged that the Bible is filled with contradictions. However, every alleged contradiction in the Bible can be explained for those willing to set aside their prejudice.

The origin of the Bible is supernatural. "...holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21). "All scripture is given by the inspiration of God...." (2 Timothy 3:16a). Paul wrote of the Word of God saying, "For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Galatians 1:12). The Bible was written by some forty different writers over a period of 1600 years, yet it stands as one harmonious book revealing God's plan to save man from the eternal consequences of sin. To reject the Bible is to reject salvation.

Long after its many critics are gone, the Bible will remain. "Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven" (Psalms 119:89). Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words will by no means pass away" (Matthew 24:35). We plead with you, study the Bible. Learn the great truths that will not only guide you to a better life now but will prepare you for an eternity in heaven. Yes, the Bible is the Word of God, not the words of mere men. Visit gbntv.org to stream videos on a variety of Bible subjects. Email us at greenplaincoc@gmail.com.