

Why Was The Bible Written?

I. INTRODUCTION:

A. *The Bible Is a Unique Book—*

1. The 66 books of the Bible were written by around 40 different men on three separate continents over a period of about 1600 years.
2. These men were separated by time, distance, culture and language, yet the Bible is characterized by unity and harmony (Ill. by asking if Lincoln, Douglas, Davis, Johnson and Buchanan could have written on something as controversial as slavery and produced a like work).
3. The only reasonable explanation is to accept what the Bible claims for itself, divine inspiration (2 Timothy 3:16).

B. *Why Did God Cause the Bible to Be Written?"*

1. The Bible was written in order to reveal God.
2. The Bible was written to give guidance to the human race.
3. The Bible was written to answer the great questions that arise in living.
4. The Bible was written in order to reveal sin and its consequences
5. The Bible was written to reveal God's solution to the sin problem.
6. The Bible was written in order to reveal true religion and acceptable worship.

II. DISCUSSION:

A. *The Bible Was Written in Order to Reveal God—*

1. There is the "cosmological evidence" for the existence of God. The order and complexity of the universe necessarily implies that there is a Creator of superior intelligence and complexity than the creation (Ill. by a Swiss watch).
2. The Bible acknowledges the validity of this evidence and condemns man's ignorance of God on the basis of it (Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:19, 20; Psalm 14:1).
3. However, nature does not reveal all that can be known or must be known about the God of heaven. Therefore, the Scriptures were written to completely reveal the true God of heaven.
 - a. The Bible reveals the identity of God (Exodus 3:13, 14), His triune personality (Genesis 1:1, 2), and His eternal nature (Job 36:26; Isaiah 43:13), omnipotent (Genesis 18:14; Matthew 19:26), omnipresent (1 Kings 8:27; Jeremiah 23:23), omniscient (1 Samuel 16:7; Psalm 66:7).
 - b. The Bible reveals the character of God. He is righteous (Psalm 33:4, 5), holy (Deuteronomy 32:4), jealous (Exodus 20:5-7; Joshua 24:19-21), merciful (Numbers 14:18; Psalm 86:5; Hosea 14:4), longsuffering (Romans 2:4; Genesis 15:16), impartial (Deuteronomy 10:17; Romans 2:6, 11; 1 Peter 1:17), truth (Numbers 23:19; Psalm 33:4).
 - c. The Bible reveals the will of God for man (John 12:48-50).

B. The Bible Was Written to Give the Human Race Guidance—

1. Concerning the human race the Scriptures declare, Oh Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps. (Jeremiah 10:23).
 - a. One need only view a little of man's history and observe that in his total existence upon the earth which is over 6,000 years he has not improved much either morally, spiritually, or politically on his own.
 - b. Those people who enjoy the greatest measure of freedom and prosperity are those whose societies are biblically based and profess to be Christian.
2. When one considers the precepts of the Bible it is obvious it is from a source other than man. "It is not a book man would write if he could or could write if he would."
 - a. The bible denounces sins, accurately portrays the faults of its authors and the men of society, freely exposes the weaknesses and the hypocrisy of even the best men while rebuking the wisdom and intuitive of the race.
 - b. It is particularly interesting to note that no solely human composition has ever seriously rivaled it let alone equal it or surpass it.
3. Therefore, the Bible is recognized in all matters to be a source book for guidance in every possible human dilemma (2 Timothy 3:16). Someone has wisely said it is our own personal manufacturer guidebook.
 - a. Family
 - b. Government
 - c. Business
 - d. Social Relationships
 - e. Religion

C. The Bible Was Written to Answer the Great Questions in Life—

1. *Who Am I?* (Genesis 1:27)
 - a. Touch on evolution and humanist philosophy.
 - b. The Bible elevates man above the creation! What does evolution do for him?
2. *Why Am I Here?* (Genesis 1:28-30; Ecclesiastes 12:13)
 - a. The Bible gives purpose to man's existence and, it gives esteem and worth to his person.
 - b. What does humanist philosophy give?
3. *Where Am I Going?* (Ecclesiastes 12:7; John 5:28, 29; Matthew 25:31-33)
 - a. The Bible adds a sense of urgency and direction to our lives. It increases the value of his accomplishments (Matthew 6:19-20) and of himself (Matthew 16:24-28).
 - b. Apart from the Bible what hope do men offer?

D. The Bible Was Written to Expose Sin & Its Consequences—

1. The Bible presents the story of man's transgression and the consequences Adam's sin brought to the human race (Genesis 3; Isaiah 59:1,2; Romans 3:23).
2. Sin is revealed to us in the Bible as a crime against God which no man can satisfy except by receiving the punishment for it (Romans 6:23; 1 John 3:4; 1 John 5:17; Ezekiel 18:20)
3. We learn the complete inability of mankind on his own to remedy the sin problem (Isaiah 64: 6; Ezekiel 33:12, 13)

- a. Human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:26-29)
- b. Morality (Matthew 19:18-21)
- c. Keeping the 10 commandments (Galatians 3:11-13; 5:4)
- d. Good works (Acts 10:1-5; 11:13-15)

E. The Bible Was Written to Reveal God's Solution to the Sin Problem—

1. The Bible reveals that God in order to remedy the problem sin created for mankind sent Christ into the world (Romans 5:6-12, 18-19).
 - a. Are we able to solve the sin problem ourselves? (vs. 6)
 - b. How did God demonstrate his love? (vs. 8)
 - c. How are we made free from the guilt of sin and saved from wrath? (vs. 9)
 - d. Are sinners God's enemies? (vs. 10)
 - e. What did Christ do to make reconciliation with God possible? (vs. 10, 18, 19)
 - f. We can receive the forgiveness of sins through the death of Christ by faith (Rom. 5:1), but not faith alone (James 2:14, 19, 26).
 - (1) Jesus saves those whose faith is sufficient to obey him (Hebrews 5:8, 9).
 - (2) He tells believers to be baptized (Luke 16:15; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3, 4; Galatians 3:26-27; Colossians 2:11-12; Acts 8:35-39).

F. The Bible Was Written to Reveal True Religion & Acceptable Worship—

1. Jesus promised to build only one church (Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 4:4-6).
2. The saved are members of that one body (Acts 2:41, 47; 1 Corinthians 12:13).
3. Being in the body we reject all human doctrines and creeds and accept only what Jesus as head of the body authorizes (Colossians 3:17; II Timothy 3:16; Luke 6:46-49; Matthew 7:21-27).

III. CONCLUSION

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B. Having Learned These Things:

1. Is there something you know now that you did not know before?
2. Do you have greater or less assurance of your relationship with God than you had before?
3. If you died today do you believe you would go to heaven? Why or why not?