
(3) God's Word

TOUCHING THE ETERNAL

Isaiah 40:8, 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21

GOD'S WORD

- 1. the character of God's Word**
 - 2. our confidence in God's Word**
 - 3. the challenges from God's Word**
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1. THE CHARACTER OF GOD'S WORD

the bible - what is it?

- a collection of historical documents
- a library of books

inspiration - how did it come to us

- God-breathed (2 Timothy 3:16) and Spirit-guided (2 Peter 1:21)
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2. OUR CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S WORD

prophecy - what sets it apart?

- Daniel 9:26-27 - when the Messiah would die
 - Psalm 22 - how the Messiah would die
 - Isaiah 53 - why the Messiah would die
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2. OUR CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S WORD

manuscripts - why do we trust it?

- contents of the manuscripts
 - quantity of the manuscripts
 - quality of the manuscripts
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2. OUR CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S WORD

canon - how do we know we have it all?

- the canon is a list of authoritative books, not an authoritative list of books
 - any potential additional books are inconsistent with the rest of the canon
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3. THE CHALLENGES FROM GOD'S WORD

why we need it

how we use it

➤ how not to use it

➤ don't impose your feelings or circumstances on it

➤ don't take it out of context

3. THE CHALLENGES FROM GOD'S WORD

why we need it

how we use it

➤ how to use it

➤ with dedication

➤ with the help of the Spirit
