

What Is Truth? Thy Word Is Truth

This is the second study in our series on *“What is Truth?”*. Last time we considered [the] statement that Truth is *“an eternal person and what He says”*, and we looked at some Scripture references that speak of the Lord Jesus being the Truth.

What does Jesus Himself say the Truth is? In His prayer in John 17:17, the Lord asked His Father to *“Sanctify them [His disciples] through thy truth: thy word is truth.”* So, the One who is The Truth Personified; the One who cannot lie, declares the Holy Scriptures, the Bible, to be The Truth also. And, indeed, this is what we would expect, if Jesus is *“the Word [the Scripture] made flesh”* (John 1:14a).

Some References to the Word of Truth in the Old Testament

“[T]ake not the word of truth [571] utterly out of my mouth ... thy word hath quickened [2421] me ... Forever [5769], O LORD, thy word is settled [5324] in heaven ... Thy word is very pure [6884] ... thy law is the truth ... All thy commandments are truth ... Thy word is true [571] from the beginning [7218]” (Psalm 119:43a,50,89, 140a,142b,151,160) [in fact, the entirety of Psalm 119 extols the Truth and the Eternal Permanence of the Scriptures],

“I will ... praise thy name ... for thy truth [571]: for thou hast magnified thy word [565] above all thy name” (Psalm 138:2b),

“Every word [565] of God is pure [6884]: ... Add thou not unto his words” (Proverbs 30:5-6),

“[T]he word [1697] of our God shall stand forever [5769]” (Isaiah 40:7-8),

“I will show thee that which is noted in the Scripture of truth [571]” (Daniel 10:21).

[565] = Heb. Imrāh: Imrāh is always employed in the Psalms for the Word of God.

[571] = Heb. Emeth: continuance, faithfulness, sureness ... principal Hebrew word for truth.

[1697] = Heb. Dhāvār: word, matter, thing ... (cf. the Ten Commandments, Exodus 34:28).

[2421] = Heb. Chāyāh: to live ... We gain our very life from God’s words (cf. the words of the Lord Jesus: “I am the way, the truth, and the life”).

[5324] = Heb. Nātsav: to set ... establish, to be planted ... in a position of authority.

[5769] = Heb. Ōlām: time immemorial, time past, antiquity, from the most ancient times, eternity, the distant future, duration, perpetual, without end, always, everlasting time, lifetime ... ages or endless times.

[6884] = Heb. Tsārāph: refine, purge ... test, prove, try, examine ... purified ... sincere, pure.

[7218] = Heb. Rō’sh: the sum of words ... the basic meaning of rō’sh is ‘head’ ... (cf. Jesus is the head of the church).

Some References to the Word of Truth in the New Testament

“[T]he Scriptures ... are they which testify of me ... but if ye believe not [Moses’] writings [1121], how shall ye believe my words? [4487]” (John 5:39,47),

“[T]he Scripture [1124] cannot be broken [3089]” (John 10:35),

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word [3056] is truth [225]” (John 17:17),

“the word [3056] of truth [225]” (2 Corinthians 6:7; Ephesians 1:13; Colossians 1:5 / “the word [3056] of God” (1 Thessalonians 2:13),

“...rightly dividing the Word of truth ... thou hast known the holy [2413] Scriptures [1121] ... All Scripture is given by inspiration of God...” (2 Timothy 2:15c; 2 Timothy 3:15a,16a).

[225] = Gr. Alētheia: truth as opposite to types, emblems, or shadows.

[1121] Gr. Grām̄ma: that which is written ... the Holy Scriptures.

[1124] = Gr. Graphē: God-breathed or inspired ... The Holy Scriptures are everywhere termed as hē, the, graphē, Scripture, giving it authoritativeness.

[2413] = Gr. Heriós: sacred ... used of the Scriptures, that which may not be violated.

[3056] = Gr. *Lógos*: the intelligent utterance of God, the law, the gospel, (cf. Jesus being the Logos, John 1:1).

[3089] = Gr. *Lúō*: dissolve, destroy, dismiss.

[4487] = Gr. *Réma*: the operative or all-powerful word or command of God.

So, we can see from all the above that as the Lord Jesus Christ is God's revelation of Himself to man in *human* form, so the Bible is God's revelation of Himself to man in *written* form. As Jesus is the *human* Word of God, so the Bible is the *written* Word of God. And if we accept that the Lord Jesus is The Truth; then we must also accept that the Bible is The Truth too.

God willing, the third part of our study on **What is Truth?** will look at **The Spirit of Truth**.

May you be richly blessed as you read and study God's Eternal Word of Truth,
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