

“Our Truthful God!”

Selected Scripture Passages

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Introduction

- Truth telling is one ideal we value in America
- Ways in which we value Truth
- People have been known to shade or distort the truth
- Hard to know who or what to believe with conflicting ads during this election season.

Our Truthful God!

A. Our God is the True God-- the God of Truth

1. Selected passages of Scripture depicting God as True

- 1 John 5:20-- *“And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son, Jesus Christ.”*
- Jeremiah 10:10-- *“But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King.”*
- Psalm 31:5-- *“Into your hands I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.”*
- John 14:6-- *And Jesus said, “I am the way, the TRUTH, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me !”*

2. Definition of “Truth” What is truth?

- John 18:37-- *“I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”*
- a. *“That which conforms to or accurately depicts reality.”*
- b. When applied to God, we mean that God’s knowledge, declarations, and representations eternally conform to reality.

3. An Illustration of “Un-truth”-- Satan himself

- John 8:44 (NKJV)-- *“You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”*
- John 8:44 (NIV)-- *“You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”*

a. “No truth” in Satan

- Isaiah 14:13-14-- *“I will ascend into heaven; I will exalt my throne above the stars of God, I will sit on the mount of the congregation, on the farthest sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High!”*

b. Natural at lying

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4. **God, because he is true, cannot lie.**

- Numbers 23:19-- *"God is not a man that he should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. He has said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good."*
- Titus 1:2-- *"In hope of eternal life, which God who cannot lie, promised before time began."*

B. If God is true, then His WORD is true.

- John 17:17-- *"Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth"*
- Psalms 119:160-- *"The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of your righteous judgments endures forever."*

1. **God's Word accurately describes reality of what has been and is.**

- a. Creation
- b. Sinfulness of man
 - Romans 3:23-- *"For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God"*
- c. Incarnation and salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.
 - John 3:16-- *"God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son that whosoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life"*

2. **God's Word accurately predicts what will be in the future. The accuracy of Daniel's prophecies.**

C. But is God's Word accurate? The question of INERRANCY. Can the Bible be trusted to be accurate in areas of science and history?

1. **The source of the content of Scripture is God Himself.**

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17-- *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."*
- Matthew 4:4-- *"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'"*
- Hebrews 1:1-- *"God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets"*

2. **The Spirit of God guarantees the accuracy of the transmission of the Old Testament.**

- 1 Peter 1:19-21-- *"And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never can be by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."*
- Zechariah 7:11-12-- *"they refused to heed, shrugged their shoulders, and stopped their ears so that they could not hear. Yes, they made their hearts like flint, refusing to hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets. Thus great wrath came from the LORD of hosts."*

3. **Jesus promised his apostles the "Spirit of Truth" who guarantees the accuracy of the New Testament.**

- John 15:26-- *"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me."*
- John 14:26-- *"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."*
- John 16:12-13-- *"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."*

4. **Inerrancy covers not only faith and practice, but extends to cover science and history.**
 - John 3:12-- *"If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"*

D. If God is true, then all truth is absolutely true.

1. **The opposite of absolute truth in Scripture is not relative truth, but mythology or a lie.**
 - Romans 1:25-- *"they have exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever."*
 - 2 Timothy 4:4-- *"will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to myths!"*
2. **Because God is truth, we have a framework on which to view and evaluate life as it really is.**
 - 2 Timothy 3:7-- *"always learning, but never able to acknowledge the truth."*
3. **All truth is God's truth. Therefore we do not need to be afraid of learning for it all points to God.**