

## God's Eternal Word

*"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled (firmly fixed- ESV) in heaven"* (**Psa. 119:89**).

God's Word originated in eternity by God Himself- it is God-breathed (**2 Tim. 3:16**). His Word has always been and will always be! *"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand forever"* (**Isa. 40:8**). And because His Word is firmly fixed, we can trust it with all our heart. Let's consider five truths relative to God's eternal Word.

God's eternal Word is reliable. It is reliable because of the One who spoke it- God (**2 Tim. 3:16**). It is reliable because the One who spoke it cannot lie (**Tit. 1:2**). It is reliable because of the process He employed to reveal and preserve His Word (**2 Pet. 1:20-21; John 16:13**). The reliability of God's eternal Word can be proven through scientific foreknowledge, fulfilled prophecies, archeological confirmation, manuscript attestation, and personal experience- all of which prove the reliability of God's Word.

God's eternal Word is resilient. Jesus declares, *"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away"* (**Mat. 24:35**). Just think of all the attacks that have been hurled against the Bible down through the centuries; and yet, it still stands (**cf. 1 Pet. 1:24-25**)!

God's eternal Word is real. The reality of God's eternal Word was seen when that Word was made flesh and dwelt among us- speaking of Christ (**cf. John 1:1-2, 14**). Christ came to earth bearing witness to God's eternal truth. He is the express image of God and of eternal truth (**Heb. 1:1-3; John 14:6**). Jesus said unto Pilate, *"Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the **truth**. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice"* (**John 18:37**).

God's eternal Word is relevant. Many claim that the Bible is irrelevant, that it is outdated and archaic. But that is simply not the case! Peter writes, *"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness..."* (**2 Pet. 1:3**). God's Word is relevant and provides man with everything he/she needs. Ronald Reagan once said, *"Within the covers of this one single book, the Bible, are all the answers to all the problems we face today. If only we would read it and believe."*

God's eternal Word is filled with responsibilities. God, within His Word, has placed upon man certain responsibilities/requirements. Man is required to know the truth (**John 17:17; Jos. 4:6**), study it (**2 Tim. 2:15**), obey it (**Jam. 1:21ff; Mat.**

**7:21ff)**, teach it (**2 Tim. 2:2**), stand fast in it (**Gal. 5:1**), stay within its parameters (**Rev. 22:18-19**), earnestly contend for it (**Jude 3**), and remain faithful to it (**Rev. 2:10**).

If we are not living in harmony with God's Word, then we must change before it is eternally too late. Remember, His Word will judge men in the last day, and only those abiding in it will be saved (**John 12:48**).

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