

Lesson
8

Don't Change God's Word

*The Bible is the only
inspired revelation
from God.*

Memory Verse

2 Timothy 3:16–17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

**How do you know
whether or not the
Book of Mormon is a
revelation from God?**

Deuteronomy 18:15–16

15 “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—

16 just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’

Deuteronomy 18:17–18

17 And the Lord said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken.

18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

Deuteronomy 18:19–20

19 And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'

Deuteronomy 18:21–22

21 And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the Lord has not spoken?’—

22 when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

John 12:44–46

44 And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me.

45 And whoever sees me sees him who sent me.

46 I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.

John 12:47–48

47 If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.

48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.

John 12:49–50

49 For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak.

50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”

Revelation 22:18–19

18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book,

19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

A Different Gospel

- ❖ How do these allegedly prophetic claims stand up when compared to the Bible?

A Different Gospel

Three Basic Errors Promoted by False Teachers

- 1) They change the gospel of salvation by grace through faith alone.
- 2) They deny the deity of Christ or another member of the Godhead.
- 3) They deny the death and/or Resurrection of Jesus.

Testing the Claims

- 1) Does it make false predictions?
- 2) Does it add to or take away from the 66 books of the Bible?
- 3) Does it make statements that contradict the Bible?

God's Word in the Real World

How would you respond if someone says that he follows a different prophet who has heard from God and that the Bible needs to be reinterpreted for us to understand it correctly (e.g., Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses)?

God's Word in the Real World

Many religious people use biblical words, like atonement and forgiveness, but they apply unbiblical definitions to these words. Which of the three categories of error does this fit into and why is it so dangerous?

God's Word in the Real World

How do we guard against being influenced by language that sounds biblical but carries different definitions?

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If a prophet claims to be speaking for God but is found to be a false prophet, what/who is the source of the prophecies?

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Why is it important to be able to discern who false prophets are?