

Has God Said? III By Greg Rangel

Has God said? Has God spoken? Is the Bible the infallible, inspired, and inerrant Word of God? Of course there are many that will answer with a definite no because they take the same position that the politically incorrect guy Bill Maher takes. People will take that position for various reasons. One reason would be because they do not want accept the Bible as the Word of God because that would mean that they would need to submit to its authority. Another reason would be is that they have not taken the time to study the Bible to see if it is true that it is full of mistakes and contradictions as man says. And unfortunately for themselves, many don't even care whether the Bible is the Word of God or not.

All of the allegations of error in the Bible are based on some error of the critic. The mistakes fall into the following main categories as given by Christian Apologist Norman Geisler: Mistakes: (1):assuming that the unexplained is not explainable. (2):presuming the Bible guilty until proven innocent. (3):confusing our fallible interpretations with God's infallible revelation. (4):failing to understand the context of the passage. (5):neglecting to interpret difficult passages in the light of clear ones. (6):basing a teaching on an obscure passage. (7):forgetting that the Bible is a human book with human characteristics. (8):assuming that a partial report is a false report. (9):demanding that New Testament citations of the Old Testament always be exact quotations. (10):assuming that divergent accounts are false ones. (11):presuming that the Bible approves of all it records. (12):forgetting that the Bible Uses non-technical, everyday language. (13):assuming that round numbers are false. (14):neglecting to note that the Bible uses different literary devices. (15):forgetting that only the original text, not every copy of Scripture, is without error. (16):confusing general statements with universal ones. (17):forgetting that latter revelation supersedes previous revelation. Regardless what the unbeliever says, their argument falls into one of the above mistakes.

As previously stated, those who fail to believe that the Bible is the Word of God are simply repeating something that they heard from someone else or from some program on T.V. And for that reason they will even speak against God and His Word. But that is a great mistake in itself because man is believing erring man and at the same time man is placing his eternal destiny on man's words and man's unbelief.

Jesus Christ who proved to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead believed in the full inspiration of Scripture. He believed that the written Word was going to be fulfilled as it said it would. In Matthew 5:17-18 He said, "*Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled*" (see also Matt. 4:4,7,10,11:10,21:13,26:24,31, Mark 7:6-13, 9:12-13,13:31,14:21,Luke 24:44, John 6:45,63,10:31, 17:6-8).

The Apostles who witnessed the works, miracles, and resurrection of Jesus Christ also believed in the full inspiration and inerrancy of Scripture. For example, they believed that it was written so that we might learn from it. In Romans 15:3-4 Paul wrote, "*For even Christ pleased not himself but, as it is written...For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our*

learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.” Also, “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 perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). And Peter wrote, “We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost” (2 Peter 1:19-21).

So has God said? Before you bet your life on what man says, read the Bible for yourself and you will soon see that it is the infallible and inerrant Word of God.

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