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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) 2 Timothy 3:16
 - i) Scripture is the breath of God.
 - (1) God did not breathe in to it; it is His breath.
 - (2) Theoneustic means that the Scriptures are the breath of God.
 - ii) Matthew 4:4
 - iii) The Bible calls itself the Word of God thousands of times.
 - iv) "Is profitable for doctrine" means "what is true."
 - v) "For reproof" means "what is wrong."
 - vi) "For correction" means "how to get right."
 - vii) "For instruction in righteousness" means "how to stay right."
 - viii) "Perfect," teleos, means "mature;" a full-grown Christian.
- b) Your Christian life depends upon the assurance that the Bible is the Word of God.
 - i) Your salvation depends upon your understanding the Word of God.
 - (1) The Word of God is the Gospel.
 - (a) If you want people to believe the Gospel, you have to give them the Gospel to believe.
 - ii) Your assurance comes from the Word of God.
 - iii) We can know that we are saved because God has said it.
 - (1) 1 John 5:13
 - c) Your growth depends on the Word of God.
 - i) 1 Peter 2:2
 - d) Your spiritual power depends in the Word of God.
 - i) Hebrews 5:12-15
 - ii) There is awesome power in the Bible.
 - e) Your evangelism depends on the Word of God.
 - i) You cannot be shaky about the Word of God and be a great Christian.
 - ii) The Bible is not the book-of-the-month; it is the book of the ages.
 - f) The Bible is the Word of God because of scientific accuracy.
 - i) Makes sure, before you say the Bible is not scientifically accurate, that you know the Bible and you know science.
 - ii) The Bible never says what fruit Adam and Eve ate.
 - iii) The Bible talks of the Earth being suspended in space.
 - iv) The Bible talks of how the Earth is round.
 - v) The Bible talks of how the stars are without number.
 - vi) The Bible discusses rules for human health and hygiene.
 - vii) The Bible discusses the power and life-giving elements in human blood.
 - g) The Bible is the Word of God because of historical accuracy.
 - i) Historians doubted the factual existence of Belshazzar.
 - ii) Historians doubted that people knew how to write in the days of Moses.
 - iii) The spade of the archeologist has confirmed and affirmed the impeccability and the inerrancy of Scripture.

2) THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD BECAUSE OF THE WONDERFUL UNITY OF THE BIBLE

- a) The Bible has a unified message from Genesis to Revelation.
 - i) It is one book; but it is made up of 66 separate books.
 - (1) 39 in the Old Testament.
 - (2) 27 in the New Testament.
 - ii) The Bible was written over a period of 1,600 years.
 - iii) The Bible was written by over 40 different human authors.
 - iv) The Bible was written in about 13 different countries.
 - v) The authors came from diverse backgrounds:
 - (1) Shepherds
 - (2) Kings
 - (3) Soldiers
 - (4) Priests
 - (5) Fishermen
 - (6) Scholars
 - (7) Historians
 - (8) Professional men
 - (9) Common
 - vi) The Bible was written on three different continents.
 - vii) The Bible was written in many different places:
 - (1) Prison
 - (2) Fields
 - (3) Desert
 - (4) Caves
 - (5) Palaces
 - (6) Ships
 - (7) Homes
 - viii) The Bible was written in a variety of languages.
 - ix) The Bible was written in different styles on many different subjects.
- b) Even with all these distinct differences, the Bible does not contradict itself:
 - i) Historically
 - ii) Scientifically
 - iii) Ethically
 - iv) Doctrinally
 - v) How can this be explained apart from divine inspiration?
- c) The Bible has one Hero: Jesus Christ.
- d) The Bible has one villain: the devil.
- e) The Bible has one purpose: the glory of God.
- f) Studying the Bible does not reveal hidden flaws; it reveals hidden beauty.
 - i) It is a seamless garment of truth.

3) THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD BECAUSE OF FULFILLED PROPHECY OF THE BIBLE

- a) Only God can prophesy.
 - i) No one else, apart from God, knows the future.
 - ii) The only future we know is the future revealed in Scripture.
- b) God, in the Bible, has predicted thousands of events that have already come to pass and have been fulfilled and others that will be fulfilled.
- c) There are more than 300 exact prophecies concerning Jesus in the Old Testament.
 - i) Every one of them are absolutely correct.
 - ii) The chance that just 8 of these prophecies is fulfilled in one man is a staggering number.
 - iii) Naysayers claim that Jesus arranged to have the prophecies fulfilled.
 - (1) He arranged where He was born: Bethlehem.
 - (a) Micah 5:2 says he would be.
 - (b) Matthew 2:1-5 says that He was.
 - (2) He arranged that he would be virgin-born.
 - (a) Isaiah 7:14 says He would be.
 - (b) Matthew 1:18-25 says that He was.
 - (3) He arranged to be crucified.
 - (a) A prophecy written by David centuries before the Romans invented crucifixion and before Christ was born.
 - (b) Psalm 22:14-16 say He would be.
 - (c) John 19:16 says that He was.
 - (4) He arranged to have His hands and feet pierced.
 - (a) Isaiah 53:5 says that He would be.
 - (b) Luke 23:33 says that He was.
 - (5) He arranged to have lots cast for His garments.
 - (a) Psalm 22:18 says that this would be.
 - (b) John 19:23-24 Says that they did.
 - (6) He arranged to be mocked and scorned by the crowd.
 - (a) Psalm 22:6-7 say that he would be.
 - (b) Matthew 27:39-44 says that He was.
 - (7) He arranged to quote David while be crucified.
 - (a) Psalm 22:1 says that He would call out to God.
 - (b) Matthew 27:46 says that he did call out to God.
 - (i) At the time that many of these prophecies were written, the Jews used stoning as their form of capital punishment; crucifixion would not be invented by the Romans for hundreds of years.
 - (8) He arranged to be crucified between two thieves.
 - (a) Isaiah 53:9, 12 say that He would be.
 - (b) Matthew 27:38 says that He was.
 - (9) He arranged for Judas to betray Him.
 - (a) Zechariah 12:11 says that he would.
 - (b) Matthew 26:15 says that he did.

- (10) He arranged that He would rise on the third day.
 - (a) Psalm 16:9-10 say that He would.
 - (b) Matthew 28:2-7 says that He did.
 - iv) In fact, Jesus did arrange all of this because He is God.
 - (1) God caused all of these and more to come to pass in His infinite wisdom.
 - (2) These prophecies were not fulfilled, for the most part, by His friends, but by His enemies who had nothing to gain.
 - (a) They would not have done anything that would attest to the fact that He was who he said He was, the very Son of God.
 - v) What does the Bible say about all of these prophecies?
 - (1) Matthew 26:56
 - (a) This was all done that the Scriptures of the prophets would be fulfilled.
 - d) No other book knows the future.
 - e) No one knows the future except what God Himself reveals.
 - f) One undeniable affirmation that the Bible is the Word of God:
 - i) Fulfilled prophecy.
 - ii) If you had no other reason to believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fulfilled prophecy would be enough.
- 4) THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD BECAUSE OF THE EVER-LIVING QUALITY OF THE BIBLE
- a) No book has ever had as much opposition as the Bible.
 - i) Men have laughed at it.
 - ii) Men have scorned it.
 - iii) Men have abused it.
 - iv) Men have misquoted it.
 - v) Men have made laws against it.
 - vi) There was a time in Scottish history when even owning a Bible was a crime worthy of death.
 - b) Voltaire, a French atheist, said over 300 years ago that, “50 years from now, the world will hear no more of the Bible.”
 - i) Years after his death, the Geneva Bible Society distributed Bibles from his house.
 - ii) Many have pronounced the death of the Bible, but the corpse has outlived the pallbearers.
 - iii) The Bible is not the book-of-the-month, it is the book of the ages.
 - iv) 1 Peter 1:24-25
 - c) The Bible is alive and well in the 21st century.
 - i) It is loved, revered and studied.
 - ii) One way to know the Bible is the Word of God:
 - (1) It has stood up under so much shoddy preaching.
 - d) The Bible has longevity to it.

- i) It is carefully studied and analyzed even in the new and modern age.
- e) There are many so-called theologians who want to re-examine the Bible.
 - i) "Theos" means "God."
 - ii) "Logos" means "Word."
 - iii) Theologians are supposed to believe the Bible.
 - (1) Many do not know Theos; God.
 - (2) Many do not believe the Logos; Bible.
 - iv) The Bible survives; the Word of God endures forever.
 - (1) It is an indestructible book.

5) THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD BECAUSE OF THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF THE BIBLE

- a) The Bible has incredible power; living power.
- b) Hebrews 4:12
 - i) "Quick" means "alive."
 - (1) It comes from the Greek word "zoon."
 - (a) It is the word that we get our words "zoology" and "zoo" from.
 - (2) It speaks of living things.
 - ii) "Powerful" is an action word.
 - (1) It comes from the Greek word "energes."
 - (a) It is the word that we get our word "energy" from.
 - iii) This passage means that the Bible is alive and pulsates with power.
 - c) You may read other books, but the Bible reads you.
 - i) Romans 1:16
 - (1) "Power" in this passage is the Greek word "dunamis."
 - (a) It is the word we get "dynamite" from.
 - (2) Jeremiah 23:29
 - (a) The Word of God is to people like a hammer tapping a rock, you keep tapping and eventually the rock will split and be transformed.
 - d) There is power in the Word of God.
 - i) If you take the Bible, pray over it, analyze it, organize it, illustrate it and apply it, it will change lives.

6) CONCLUSION

- a) The Bible is saving to the sinner.
 - i) Billy Graham would often say, "The Bible says," when he preached.
 - ii) Preaching the Word of God will change lives.
- b) The Bible is sweet to the saint.
 - i) It is a delight in the soul of the saved.
 - ii) John 10:27
- c) The Bible is satisfying to the sufferer.
 - i) The sweet promises of the Word of God can soothe a wrinkled brow, speak peace and give satisfaction to a thirsty soul.
- d) The Bible is sufficient to the scholar.

- i) No one who has ever studied the Bible can say that he has gotten to the bottom of the book.
- ii) The Bible is like a pool; shallow enough that a little child can come and get a drink of water without fear of drowning and so deep the scholars can swim in it and never reach the bottom.”
- iii) The Bible transcends the mind of the natural man because it contains the mind of God.
 - (1) Its depths are immeasurable.
- e) The Bible is like a mountain whose peak is out of sight.
- f) The Bible is like an ocean whose depths no one can fathom.
- g) The Bible is like an endless song.
- h) The Bible is a never-ending river of truth.
- i) The Bible was not written to tell you how the heavens go, but how to get to Heaven.
- j) The Bible has one theme: redemption.
- k) The Bible has one hero: Jesus.
- l) The Bible has one Villain: Satan.
- m) The Bible has one purpose: the glory of God.
- n) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- o) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16