

# Inerrant: All That Scripture Says Is True

*God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man,  
that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it?  
Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?*

**NUMBERS 23:19**

*Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.*

**JOHN 17:17**

**T**he Bible is inerrant. This means that, rightly understood, the Bible is never wrong in anything it says. Scripture never speaks falsely. It always speaks what is true. The reason that we know that the Bible is always true is because the God of truth is the one who wrote the Bible.

It is hard for us to believe that a book could be written that is right and true in everything it says because we are so used to being lied to. Every day, we hear things that are not true. People often say false things because they do not know what is true. And sometimes people say things that are not true to try to get us to believe a lie.

But this is not the case with the Bible. Scripture was given to us by God who is perfect and who *“is not man, that he should lie.”* Humans are sinful and imperfect. They lie and speak things that are incorrect every day. But God is not like us.

He is not sinful, but holy. He is not imperfect, but perfect. This means that everything God says is true and correct. Because God knows all things and because He is completely perfect, He cannot lie or say something that is incorrect.

When Jesus is praying to His Father in John 17, He tells us that the Word of God *“is truth.”* When Jesus says that the Scriptures are truth, He is telling us that they are perfect and that we can trust them. It is hard to trust someone who has lied to you or told you something that wasn't right. When this happens, it makes us feel like we can't trust what that person says to us.

When we are reading Scripture, we never have to worry about it telling us a lie or saying something that isn't true. We can trust what Scripture says because it is the Word of the God who is the God of truth.

When you read or listen to the Bible, remember that the God who gave you this book is not like sinful and imperfect men. Remember that God's Word is true because it is the Word of the perfect God who always speaks truthfully. Let this help you to trust God and His Word more and more each day.



**Prayer:** Our perfect and true God, thank You that You are not like men who are sinful and often speak what is not true. We praise You that You are perfect and Your Word is perfect. Please be merciful to us and forgive us for not trusting You and Your Word. By the power of Your Spirit, please help us to trust You more. Please help us to know and believe that everything Your Word says is true. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

**Song:** *'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus* (SH 404)

**Hymn:** *How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts*, verse 6

Thy Word is everlasting truth;  
 How pure is every page!  
 That holy Book shall guide our youth  
 And well support our age

**Theology Question 3:** What does it mean that Scripture is inerrant?

**Answer:** It means that all the Bible says is true.

## Perspicuity: Scripture is Clear

*The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.*

**PSALM 19:7**

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

**PSALM 119:105**

**T**he Bible is clear. Something that is clear is easy to see or understand. God gave us the Scriptures in such a way that the most important truths in it (who God is, who we are, what Jesus has done, and how we can be saved) are simple and clear enough for a child to understand.

Think about looking through a window. If the window is dirty, it will be hard to see through. But if the window is clean and clear, we are able to see through it and understand what is on the other side. God has made the Scriptures like a clean window—we are able to read it and understand what it says.

This doesn't mean there aren't difficult things to understand in Scripture. Even the apostle Peter said that some passages are hard to understand (2 Peter 3:16). But God did not give us the Scriptures to confuse us or to keep us from understanding Him. No, He gave us His Word so that we could know Him and the way to life with Him.

Our text today says that God's "*testimony*" makes the simple person wise. This shows us that the Bible is written in such a way that even the person who struggles to understand simple things can know what the Scriptures say.

The fact that the Bible is clear should be a great encouragement to us! We can really know who God is and what He has done. This truth should encourage us to read our Bibles more often. Do not let the thought that you are not big enough or not smart enough keep you from reading your Bible. God has written the Scriptures so that we can understand them and receive the blessing that comes from believing and doing what they say.

When you pick up your Bible to read it, or when you listen to it being read, remember that God wants you to grasp what it says. Remember that God has made sure that what is most important in Scripture is clear enough for a child to understand. Remember that Scripture is clear and pray that God would help you to understand it better.



**Prayer:** Gracious Father, thank You for making sure that Your Word is clear enough for a child to understand. We praise You for making the most important things in Your Word clear. Thank You that we can know who You are. Thank You that we can know who we are and our great need for You. Thank You that we can know who Jesus is and what He has done to bring us back to You. We ask, by Your Spirit, that You would help us to understand Your Word better so we can believe and obey what it says. Amen.

**Song:** *Speak, O Lord* (SH 292)

**Hymn:** *How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts*, verse 3

'Tis like the sun, a heavenly light,  
That guides us all the day,  
And through the dangers of the night,  
A lamp to lead our way.

**Theology Question 4:** What does it mean that Scripture is clear?

**Answer:** It means that we can understand the most important truths in it.