

1) **Is the Bible the Word of God?** - A Bible contributor, the Apostle Paul, says, in 2 Timothy 3:16, that the Bible is divinely breathed (Greek word transliterated *theopneustos*). In 1 Thessalonians 2:13 he says his teaching is "the very word of God". In John 6:63 Jesus said the words He spoke are "Spirit and life". The Bible does not contradict science. It told us thousands of years ago that the earth is round (Isaiah 40:22). The Bible contains medical advice not known at the time of its writing. God told Abraham, the founder of the Jewish race to circumcise all male children on the 8th day, a time when the K factor, a coagulant in the blood, is at its highest concentration, resulting in the least amount of bleeding. A Jewish mathematical student, Yousef, found mathematical groupings of letters in Bible passages that foretold the future. In the foretelling of the coming of the suffering Servant/Messiah in Isaiah chapter 53, hidden in code are the phrase "Jesus of Nazareth", the names of eleven of Jesus Apostles, the three Mary's, and the two high priests, at the time of Jesus Christ's trial and crucifixion. The conclusion is that, as Jesus told his tempter, Satan, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." In the New Testament, it states regarding the ability of Old testament prophets to see the future "those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God." The Bible states in the first Psalm that , those who delight in the law of the Lord and meditate in it day and night will bear fruit and prosper in everything they do. The Bible says that God will not alter the words He has spoken, and is watching over His word to perform it. The most reassuring thing for us today is that, if we have believed on Jesus Christ as the Bible tells us to do, and have asked him into our lives as Lord and Savior, He gives us eternal life as a free gift (Romans 6:23) and enables us to "reign as kings in life" (Romans 5:17 Amplified Translation). As we continue to trust in the goodness of Jesus placed on our account, our assurance of making heaven in the end, rests on God's ability to keep His word. Jesus, who is called God the Son in the Bible, says:

Matthew 24:35 AMP Sky and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

John 5:24 AMP I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the person whose ears are open to My words [*who listens to My message*] and believes and trusts in and clings to and relies on Him Who sent Me has (possesses now) eternal life. And he does not come into judgment [*does not incur sentence of judgment, will not come under condemnation*], but he has already passed over out of death into life.