

AMENDMENTS TO THE BIBLE (Revelation 22:18-19)

I. Consider the nature of truth.

- A. This is the crux of all debate on this issue.
- B. Is there such a thing as real, objective truth?
- C. There are many who believe that there is no absolute objective truth and that everything is subjective.
- D. The fact is truth is exactly what Mr. Warren stated in his rebuttal of Mr. Morgan's idea of amending the Bible.
 - 1. If it was true 1,000 years ago, it'll be true 1,000 years from today.
 - 2. Truth never changes.
- E. Jesus said that He was the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).
 - 1. God's word is absolute truth.
 - 2. What God has revealed on any issue is truth and it will never change.
 - 3. Mark 13:31 - they won't pass away because His words are absolute truth.
- F. There has to be a higher authority that has established truth.
 - 1. When men come up with something it is subjective.
 - 2. It is based on what that person's wishes, beliefs and desires are.
- G. God's word will always be true because it is from the Highest Authority, God Himself.
- H. If this is the case, which it is, then appeals or desires to amend the Bible are baseless and would not solve any problems.

II. Consider the origin and nature of the Bible.

- A. Over 2,500 times in the Old Testament, what was being written was described in some form as being from God.
- B. The New Testament claims inspiration (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- C. The Bible is from God (John 17:8).
- D. Since it is from God, the nature of the moral laws and principles in can be established by the nature of the God who gave them.
 - 1. God is infinite in His attributes including holiness and righteousness.
 - 2. He is without sin and set apart from such (Habakkuk 1:13).
 - 3. He is also immutable or unchanging in His nature (James 1:17).
- E. God's laws proceed from His very nature so we should expect His laws to contain the same nature as the One who gave them.
- F. For instance, God cannot lie (Titus 1:2).
 - 1. Because of this, His moral law against lying is absolute.
 - 2. They do not and cannot change anymore than God Himself can change.
- G. To call for an amendment to God's laws to fit our culture or our wishes or desires is pointless.

III. Consider the Bible's reliability.

- A. People claim that since we are so far removed from the original

manuscripts of the inspired authors that the purity and integrity of God's word has been corrupted.

1. Copying and alterations to the text are said to have occurred.
 2. Because of these things, we can't have any confidence in knowing what was originally said.
- B. Because of these claims, those that make them would have us to believe it is unjust to bind any of God's moral laws or precepts today.
- C. The truth is that there are more manuscripts, uncials and other copies of God's inspired word that date very closely to the original writings that there is no doubt we have God's word today in a very pure form.
1. There is more manuscript evidence for your properly translated Bible than there is any work of Shakespeare.
 2. Thousands of copies of God's word have been found.
 3. The Dead Sea Scrolls found in the 1940's in a cave near the Dead Sea show the minute detail given to maintain the integrity of the texts of the Old Testament.
 4. Based on all of the copies of the New Testament that have been found, we have the same level of confidence that we have exactly what the Holy Spirit inspired men to write for us.
- D. There is no ancient document that has as much evidence to give a clearer picture of what the original documents read than the Bible.
- E. Because the text has remained so amazingly pure and reliable, any modern amendment would be completely unnecessary.

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