

The Word Authenticated (Proved to be right!)

This week – We learn that God’s word is always right so we must trust and obey it regardless!

**With us is the Lord our God to help us,
and to fight our battles. 2 Chronicles 32.8**

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	2 Chronicles 32v1-8 (God will fight our battles!)	
Monday	2 Chronicles 32v9-23 (It is the Lord who saves)	
Tuesday	2 Chronicles 32v24-33 (Repentance before the LORD)	
Wednesday	1 Peter 1v18-25 (God’s Word endures forever)	
Thursday	Psalms 119v89-96 (God’s Word is settled forever)	
Friday	Psalms 119v153-160 (God’s Word is true)	
Saturday	Psalms 33v1-22 (The Word of the Lord is right)	

Important Lesson for us Today: *The Devil’s mocking “Hath God Said?” started the attack on God’s word at the beginning of time. In the last 150 years this attack on God’s truth has intensified. The Theory of Evolution ridicules God’s account of Creation. Communism denies the existence of God and promotes the collective strength of man to cure all evil. Science is projected as the only rational answer to man’s problems. However, God’s Word stands firm despite this avalanche of scepticism, proving its trustworthiness, power and accuracy time and again. Geological finds fit the Biblical Creation and Flood accounts and expose the flaws of Evolution. Archaeological finds (as this lesson shows) vindicate the truth of Biblical accounts. Communist ideas are already outdated whereas the circulation figures of the Bible soar! The Bible has proved itself time and time again, with many Christians’ preferring to suffer ridicule, imprisonment and martyrdom than accepting man’s flawed ideas. If we accept God’s Word as truth, read it daily, and obey it, we too will be guided and helped throughout this life and into the wonderful peace of God’s eternal Heaven!*

Hymn 119 (version 11) extols the truth, perfection and accuracy of God’s Word.

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| 1. Let all the world’s fair writers join
To form a perfect book,
If once compared, O Lord, to Thine,
How weak their notions look! | 2. Not the most careful rules they gave,
To form a perfect book,
If once compared, O Lord, to Thine,
How weak their notions look! |
| 4. In vain we boast perfection here,
While sin defiles our years,
And brings our virtues down so far,
To sink in guilt and fear. | 5. Our faith, our love, and every grace,
Fall far below God’s word;
For perfect Truth and righteousness,
Come only from the Lord. |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible

Archaeological Evidence from the Time of Hezekiah!

○ “God’s Word is Untrue! No Evidence!”

- So said Bible sceptics who claimed this in the 1800s because no archaeological evidence had yet been found for the attack by Sennacherib on Lachish and Jerusalem, Hezekiah’s tunnel, and how Sennacherib died.

○ God’s Word is True! Evidence found!

- After many years of archaeological research and discovery, reliable evidence for these incidents, recorded in the Bible, have been unearthed in Iraq!
 - **The Battle of Lachish.** In 1845 huge slabs of stone from Sennacherib’s palace were uncovered by Sir Henry Layard, detailing his victory.
Exactly as recorded in the Bible!
 - **The Taylor Prism.** This was Sennacherib’s official record that stated how he *‘kept Hezekiah the Jew like a bird in a cage’*, and how Hezekiah paid him ransom money to hold off his attack. **Exactly as recorded in the Bible!**
Now displayed in the British Museum and can be read about in 2 Kings 18.13 - 19.35
 - **The Siloam Inscription.** A boy in 1880 discovered the underground tunnel that Hezekiah built from Gihon Spring to the Pool of Siloam, alongside a plaque that celebrated the engineering achievement in Hezekiah’s time!
Exactly as recorded in the Bible!
Now seen in Jerusalem today and read about in 2 Kings 20.20 & 2 Chronicles 32.2-4
 - **A Record of Sennacherib’s Death.** A record by Esarhaddon, Sennacherib’s son, was found that confirmed the assassination account of Sennacherib by his sons in **2 Kings 19.37! Exactly as recorded in the Bible!**

○ The Bible is Always Proved Right - Why Doubt it?

- God’s analysis of the human condition is the part that is rejected. As proud human beings, full of our own self-worth, we do not like to hear that we “have sinned”, that we deserve hell, and cannot earn God’s favour.

○ God’s Word is Reliable in Every Way – So We Can Trust Its Teaching!

- Hear it speaking to your heart, calling you to seek and find the Saviour. Then Hezekiah’s God will be your God. He will hear and help you in your battles, bringing you safely to Heaven to be with Him for all eternity!

Watch Pastor’s Video - <https://eastdulwichtabernacle.org/exploring-christianity/heritage-of-evidence/hezekiah-s-defence-of-jerusalem>

God’s word speaks truth - Peter urges us to hear it and obey it: “For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: BUT the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

1 Peter 1v24-25