

Discernment – 2
Only Scripture
Psalm 119:89-112
Outline

THE PROBLEM

Adding to
Subtracting from
Changing the meaning
Rev 22:18-19; Deut 4:2; 12:32; Prov 30:6

CHARISMATIC ARGUMENT

God is not limited (by His Word)
Don't box the Holy Spirit in
Not everything is written
Progressive revelation
John 21:25

GNOSTICISM – SPECIAL GIFTED ONES

Searched the scriptures daily
No need to send for someone
No other gospel
Acts 17:11
Deut 30:11-14
Gal 1:8

GOD IS A GOD OF ORDER AND STRUCTURE

Seen in creation
Revealed in church order
Gen1:2-11
1Cor 14:27-33

Study Questions - Only Scripture

Introduction:

Read Psalm 119:89-112
Why is God's Word so precious based on this text?

The Problem

What are the three ways we distort God's truth?

Read these passages: Rev 22:18-19; Deut 4:2; 12:32; Prov 30:6
What does God's Word say about these texts?

Charismatic Argument

Do you believe that God is limited by His Word?
How does the illustration of God's Word being fulfilled by the death of His Son on the cross impact you as to the importance and inviolability of God's Word in your own life.

John 21:25 has led some people to say what about current revelation?
Do you agree that we are on a "need to know" basis in respect to the revelation of the Bible?
What does that mean?
What does the term "progressive revelation" mean?
What is right and wrong about this concept?

Gnosticism – Special Gifted Ones

Have you experienced people who fall into this error? What effect do you think they could have in people's lives who were not discerning?
Read these Scriptures and see how they apply in this areas: Acts 17:11; Deut 30:11-14; Gal. 1:8
How do they help us?

God is a God of Order and Structure

How is this seen in creation? Read Gen. 1:2-11
How is this seen in church order? Read 1 Cor. 14:27-33

GOD IS NOT CAUGHT BY SURPRISE

Sheet of animals quoted that everything goes Acts 10:11 ff
Saving of Gentiles was in God's plan Math 28:19
Acts 1:8 Deut 32:21 & Rom 10:19; Hosea 2:23 & Rom 9:25
Christ slain from foundation of world Rev 13:8, 1Pet 1:20

GOD DOES NOT CHANGE

God is not a man that He should lie Numb 23:19
God does not change Mal 3:6
There is no variableness with God James 1:17

GOD'S WORD DOES NOT CHANGE

Incorruptible Word endures forever 1Pet1:22-25, Isa 40: 6-8
Heaven & Earth will pass Math 24:35
Also Math 5:18, Mark 13:31, Luke 16:17, Luke 21:33
God proves His inability to change his word in the Cross
87 times NT confirms "as it is written"
Curse on those who add & subtract Rev 22:18-19, Prov 30:6
Deut 4:2

COMPLETENESS OF SCRIPTURE

God has spoken Heb 1:1
Once for all delivered Jude 3
Security in keeping 2Tim 3:12-15
2Tim 1:13
2Tim 2:2
Paul declared all counsel Acts 20:27

CULTURAL RELEVANCE

Scripture is not shaped by culture. Culture must be shaped by Scripture.

CONCLUSION:

Remaining within the boundaries of Scripture is our only sure way of avoiding error.
Rev 22:6-20

Study Questions - Only Scripture

GOD IS NOT CAUGHT BY SURPRISE

According to the Scriptures in this section – what was God's plan even before creation?

God Does Not Change

Read the following Scriptures and write out how they establish the truth of God being unchanging.

Numb 23:19 | Mal 3:6 | James 1:17 | 1Pet1:22-25 | Isa 40:6-8 |
Matt. 24:35 | Matt. 5:18 | Mark 13:31 | Luke 16:17 | Luke 21:33
Rev 22:18-19 | Prov 30:6 | Deut. 4:2

What truths stand out in these passages?

If the "I" and the dot above the "i" is not going to pass away from God's Word what level of importance would I give the unchanging Word of God in my daily life?

Completeness of Scripture

Read Hebrews 1:1 & Jude 3

What do these say about the completeness of our Bible and His revelation?

What is meant by "the faith" in Jude 3?

What is the difference between revelation and illumination?

What is the danger in removing the boundary of Scripture?

Cultural Relevance

How have you seen or heard of the culture changing people's doctrine?

What cultural issues have caused people to add to or remove or distort the meaning of God's Word?

Conclusion: Remaining within the boundaries of Scripture is the only sure way of avoiding error.

Honestly examine your own heart. What areas could you be susceptible to adding or removing or distorting it? How can I correct them in light of these first two sessions?