

Evidence for the Bible's reliability comes from both inside and outside the text.

Textual transmission

- Thousands of manuscripts for each Testament



- Dead Sea Scrolls



- Septuagint – Greek translation of OT
- Immediate composition and acceptance

External evidence

- Archaeology

Absence of evidence does not always equal evidence of absence.



- Geography & topography
- Weather patterns

Real People Real Places Real Events

Why does it matter?

1. We have confidence in the Word and Author
2. God reveals himself in his Word
 - It shows us he is real and sovereign
 - It is a witness to his character

Psalm 40:4-5 *"Blessed is the one
who trusts in the Lord,
who does not look to the proud,
to those who turn aside to false gods.
Many, Lord my God,
are the wonders you have done,
the things you planned for us.
None can compare with you;
were I to speak and tell of your deeds,
they would be too many to declare."*

- It points us to Jesus our Savior

John 17:3-5 *"Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began."*

1 John 4:9-10 *"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."*

3. We see God working throughout history

Isaiah 55:10-11 *“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”*

4. We learn how to live as disciples of Christ

2 Timothy 3:14-17 *“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

Proverbs 30:5 *“Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.”*