

What does scripture say about God's Supreme Authority?

Isaiah 40:28: "Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding."

Isaiah 46:9-10: "Remember the former things of old, for I *am* God, and *there is* no other; I *am* God, and *there is* none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *things* that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.'"

Isaiah 45:19: "I have not spoken in secret, from somewhere in a land of darkness; I have not said to Jacob's descendants, 'Seek me in vain.' I, the LORD, speak the truth; I declare what is right."

Then John 1:11-13 declares: "He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

Pro 30:6 says, "Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar."

Why?

Ps 33:4: "For the Word of the LORD *is* right, and all His work *is done* in truth."

Introspection: Is God the supreme authority in my life?

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What does scripture say about the Word of God as the only and secure source of truth?

2Tim 3:16-17: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Ps 19:7: "The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple."

2Sam 7:28: "And now, O Lord GOD, You are God, and Your words are true."

1Thess 2:13: "For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed *it* not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe."

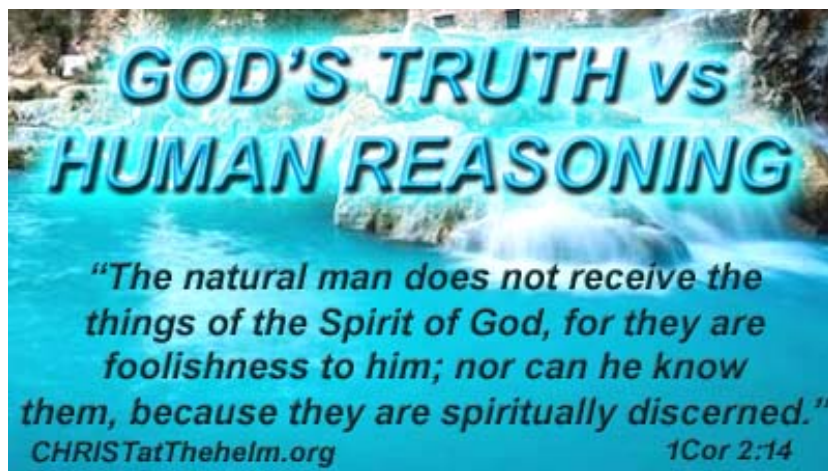
1Kings 17:24: "And the woman said to Elijah, 'Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the Word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.'"

John 1:14: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

Then Jesus in John 17:17, "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your Word is truth."

Introspection: Do I rely on the Word of God as my only, steadfast and reliable source of truth?

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What does scripture tell us about the human reasoning of the world as compared to the Wisdom of God?

Pro 1:7: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Ps 33:10-11: "The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations."

1Cor 2:13: "These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

Why?

Isaiah 55:8-9: "For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD. For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."

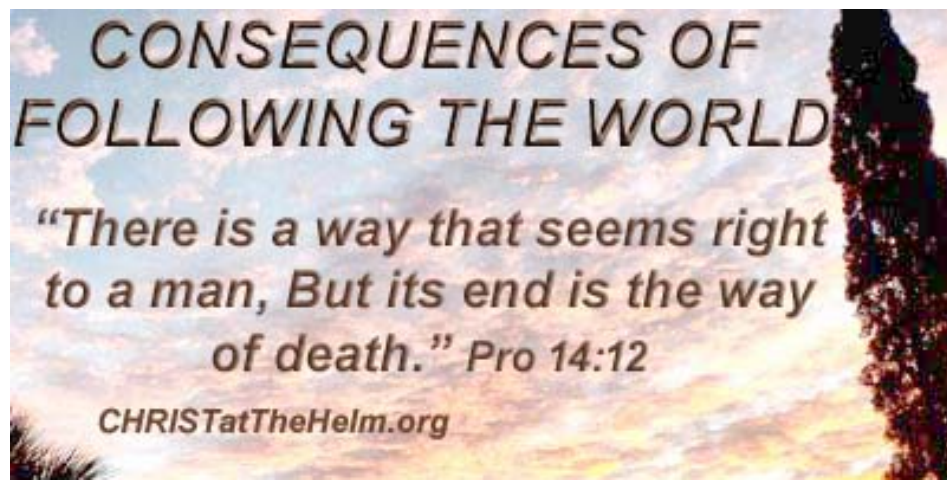
1Cor 1:25: "Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

Psalm 118:8: "*It is* better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."

The reason Jesus said in John 6:63, "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life."

Introspection: Am I anchored to the Word of God, or do I allow the madness of the sinful world to enter my heart?

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Are there consequences, if we follow the deceptions of the world's so-called wisdom rather than God's Word and will?

John 12:48: "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him, the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day."

2Peter 2:1: "But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction."

Rev 22:18-19: "For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book."

Pro 10:8: The wise are glad to be instructed, but babbling fools fall flat on their faces."

Why?

1Cor 3:19: "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their *own* craftiness."

Introspection: Do I understand the seriousness of flirting with the world's cunning deceptions and hypocrisy denying His Word?

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THE BELIEVER'S LIFE FOCUS

*“Be very careful, then, how you live,
not as unwise but as wise, making
the most of every opportunity,
because the days are evil.”*

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Eph 5:15-16

What does scripture tell us on how to focus our lives to honor God and follow Christ our Lord?

Col 3:16: “Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another.”

2Tim 2:15: “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Rom 12:2: “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Isaiah 55:6-7: “Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.”

Why?

Eph 4:15: “Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.”

1John 5:3: “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments.”

John 4:24: “God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Introspection: Am I steadfast in seeking God in His Word to live according to His Word, focusing my actions, my words and my thoughts on Christ?

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What can we expect as believers, if we commit and apply ourselves to seek the Lord and live to honor Christ as Lord?

John 8:31-32: “If you abide in My Word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

Psalm 18:30: “As for God, His way is perfect; the Word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.”

Pro 9:10: “Fear of the LORD is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment.”

Pro 3:5-6: “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

Eph 1:13: “In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the Word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.”

How do we know?

Rom 8:16-17: “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.”

Introspection: Is my heart focused on Christ, and my mind committed to follow Him, so that I have His peace that passes all understanding, as Philippians 4:7 states?

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GOD'S WORD ABIDES FOR ETERNITY

*"The entirety of Your Word is truth,
and every one of Your righteous
judgments endures forever."*

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Ps 119:160

Does God change from time to time to adapt to the world's humanistic tendencies, or will His Word prevail forever?

Here's what scripture says on this:

Ps 119:142: "Your righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, and Your law *is* truth."

James 1:17: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."

Psalm 119:189: "Forever, O LORD, Your Word is settled in heaven."

Isaiah 40:8: "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever."

Rom 3:3-4: "For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar."

Why?

Heb 13:8: "Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever."

And as Jesus said in Mat 5:18: "I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God's law will disappear until its purpose is achieved."

Psalm 145:13: "Your kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion *endures* throughout all generations.

Introspection: If my time was up right now in this life, am I ready to meet the Lord knowing His Word endures forever?

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