

The Authority of Scripture on Trial

Proverbs 30:5-6

Study Guide

Proverbs 30: 5-6 Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar. (New International Version)

Proverbs 30: 5-6 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. (Kings James Version)

The questions for The Authority of Scripture on Trial Bible Study are:

Who are the authors of these passages?

What is their testimony concerning the authority and trustworthiness of Scripture?

The Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew. Now, we can look into the Hebrew translations to understand Proverbs 30:5-6 better and the depth Christ intended us to understand.

Let us break down the Scripture in Hebrew.

Words in Hebrew means “by implication a matter of thing”

Reprove in Hebrew means “to be right”

Proverbs 30:5-6 can be taken out of context if we do not understand the scriptures prior.

Let’s look at Proverbs 30:1-4

“The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, even the prophecy: the man spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal,

² Surely I am more brutish than any man, and have not the understanding of a man.

³ I neither learned wisdom nor know of the holy.

⁴ Who hath ascended into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?"

For a moment, let us look at the New International Version, it replaces the word “reprove”, with “rebuke”, rebuke is harsh verses what reprove means. Rebuke means in Hebrew chastisement, God arguing with you.

Reprove is meaning “to be right”, God is showing his authority in this one word.

Though, I would have to say that it sets the tone of what the Lord is wanting to get across.

But it is so important to make sure you are researching the scripture with the Strong’s Concordance and the King James Version Bible.

We can hear the tone of Agur the son of Jakeh in these scriptures. The Lord has overtaken him, speaking these words of truth. God is telling you about Him. God is upset.

Agur speaks about himself, then God steps in. God is saying all of this, trying to get people to stop rejecting Him.

Have you gotten so angry that you became so upset and emotionally distraught? We can see this is the tone God used Agur to speak His words and His emotions.

As I read the scriptures, I am heartbroken. How are you feeling? Do you feel the despair in the Lord’s voice? His urgency, His feelings?

God is pleading with people, with us, through Agur.

The scriptures explain the Lord so well.

We can take away from Proverbs 30:5-6, the Lord is serious to believe in His word and not adding to it because He will show you that you are wrong.

God’s word is our shield. The word protecting us, proving to us to trust Him.

Today, people still do not believe in God’s word or those that God sends to us.

Just like in Agur’s time people were listening to the Pharisees and those that are still trying to work out their salvation, still living in sin, calling themselves righteous, full of hypocrisy.

The Lord was sending His disciples out, to remind people to believe and trust in His words.

The disciples were sharing their testimony in hopes people will change their ways and their mindsets.

This is the last verse in the series of the study guide.

The scriptures have proven the authority of the Bible is true. The disciple's testimonies are proof of God's word and work in people's lives.

You and I are proof that God's word is true. We are a great reminder to ourselves and others how powerful God's word is when we believe.