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Homework:
Read Chapter 2
Answer Questions: 1, 12, 15 & 16



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Two lines of evidence about the Bible

- The Bible's own claim concerning itself (Internal)

The Bible both directly declares and assumes itself to be the Word of God

- Facts concerning the Bible (External)

- The continuity of the Bible
- The extent of Biblical revelation
- The influence & publication of the Bible
- The subject matter of the Bible
- The Bible as literature
- The unprejudiced authority of the Bible
- The supreme character of the Bible

Not extra-Biblical
But observations about the facts given in scripture



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The Bible's own claim concerning itself (Internal)

- Old Testament examples
 - Psalm 19:7-9
Law of the Lord / Testimony of the Lord / Precepts of the Lord
Commandments of the Lord / Fear of the Lord / Judgments of the Lord
 - Deuteronomy 6:1&17
Commandments / Statutes / Judgments / Testimony
 - Isaiah 55:9-11
My thoughts / My ways / My word / My mouth



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The Bible's own claim concerning itself (Internal)

- New Testament examples
 - Hebrews 1:1-2
God spoke long ago to the Father through the prophets
God has spoken to us in His Son
 - 1 Thessalonians 2:13
The Word of God which you heard from us you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is—the Word of God
 - Romans 10:17
So faith *comes* from hearing and hearing by the Word of Christ



MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

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- **Facts concerning the Bible (External)**
 - **The continuity of the Bible**
 - 40 authors over a period of 1,600 years
 - The Bible is one book
 - Human authors from all walks of life
 - Historical sequence
 - Doctrinal themes
 - Programs of God
 - **The extent of Biblical Revelation**
 - Like a telescope
 - Like a microscope
 - Like a stereoscope
 - Up to date in subject matter
 - Eternity past to eternity future



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- **Facts concerning the Bible (External)**
 - **The influence & publication of the Bible**
 - Published in most of the world's languages
 - One of the first pages to be printed from the printing press
 - Skeptics predicted that the Bible would be obsolete in a generation
 - **The Subject matter of the Bible**
 - Deals with the unknown & unknowable
 - Describes eternity past to eternity future
 - Describes the program for the world, Israel & the Church
 - On every subject its statement is final, accurate & timeless



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- **Facts concerning the Bible (External)**
 - **The Bible as literature**
 - Graphic history
 - Detailed prophecy
 - Beautiful poetry
 - Drama
 - **The unprejudiced authority of the Bible**
 - Not prejudiced in favor of man
 - Records the sin and weakness of the best men
 - God's message to man rather than man's message to man
 - "Such a book could not be written by man if he chose to write it, and even if he could, man would not choose to write it, apart from divine direction."



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- **Facts concerning the Bible (External)**
 - **The supreme character of the Bible**
 - Reveals the person & glory of God as manifested in His Son
 - Jesus Christ could never have been the invention of a mortal man, for His perfections could never have been comprehended by the wisest and holiest of men
 - Similarity between the written Word and the living Word
 - Supernatural in origin
 - Perfect blending of that which is divine and human
 - Able to transform the lives of those who believe
 - Can be rejected by those who do not believe
 - Divine perfection embodied in each
 - The revelations which they (written Word & living Word) disclose can be comprehended by a child, but at the same time are infinitely complex