

# Reliability OF GOD'S WORD

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Of my for ever GOD;  
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PSALM XVII. Long Metre.  
*The Sinner's Portion, and Saint's Hope; or,  
The Heaven of separate Souls, and the  
Resurrection.*

GOD, I am thine: But thou wilt prove  
My faith, my patience, and my love;  
When men of spite against me join,  
They are the sword, the hand is thine.  
Their hope and portion lie below;  
All the happiness they know,  
As all they seek; they take their shares,  
And leave the rest among their heirs.

3. What sinners value, I religion  
Lord, 'tis enough that thou art mine  
I shall behold thy blissful face,  
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But the bright world to which I go  
Hath joys substantial and sincere;  
When shall I wake, and find me there?

5. O glorious hour! O blest abode  
I shall be near, and like my GOD  
No flesh and sin no more controul  
The sacred pleasures of the soul.

6. My Saviour's blood shall cleanse my soul,  
And burst the chains of sin and guile;  
My Saviour's name shall be my life,  
And my Redeemer's name shall be my strife.

PSALM XVII. FIRST PART.  
Long Metre. Ver. 1, 2, 15, — 18.  
*Deliverance from Despair; or, Temptation  
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THEE will I love, O LORD, my strength,  
My rock, my tow'r, my high defence;  
Thy mighty arm shall be my trail,  
For I have found salvation thence.  
2. Death, and the terrors of the grave,  
Stood round me with their dismal shade,  
While floods of high temptations rose,  
And made my sinking soul afraid.



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## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE CLAIM?

### The Old Testament

- The OT prophets, including Moses, spoke the word that God put in their mouths (Exodus 4:12; Numbers 12:8; Jeremiah 1:7-9).



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- Many of the OT prophets begin their books by stating that the words that follow are the Word of God (Isaiah 1:1-2; Jeremiah 1:1-2; Hosea 1:1; Micah 1:1; Zephaniah 1:1; Malachi 1:1).



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- Stephen and Paul later concluded that the Jews had received the “living oracles” (Acts 7:38; Romans 3:2).



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- When NT writers or speakers quote the OT [nearly 400 times!] they quote it as being the Word of God (Acts 4:24-25; Galatians 3:8; Hebrews 3:7; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).



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- One could also consider the hundreds of references in the Bible like *“God said”*, *“and the Word of the Lord came to”*, *“the Lord commanded”*, etc. as claiming authority as the revealed Word of God.



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- Jesus told His apostles that they would speak with God's authority when they were filled with the Spirit - By Spirit (Acts 4:24-25), By Father (Matthew 10:19-20), and By Son (Luke 21:12-15).



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- Jesus promised that all truth would be revealed (Matthew 28:18; John 14:16, 26; 16:13; Hebrews 5:12; 1 Peter 4:11).



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- The apostle Paul claimed to have received the Gospel not from man but from Jesus Christ (Galatians 1:11-12; Ephesians 3:5; cf. Revelation 1:1).



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- The NT writers often referenced how they were also writing the commandments of the LORD (1 Corinthians 2:12-13; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Peter 3:2, 15-16).



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- John warned his readers not to tamper with the words in the book of Revelation given their implied authoritative nature (Revelation 22:18-19).



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## CONCLUSIONS

1. The Bible claims to be authoritative.
2. All of the writers believed they were writing God's Word.
3. The traits of the Word itself validate this claim.



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And stand complete in righteousness,  
And in my Saviour's blood;  
There shall I see a new Heaven,  
When I awake from death;  
Drest in the likeness of thy Son,  
And draw immortal breath.

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