

# *Elijah Project School of Ministry*

## *Biblical worldview Module 4 Week 2*

### **Do absolute moral truths exist**

1. If we are to say the bible is the basis of our moral law, then we must first believe that the bible is inerrant and infallible

**2<sup>nd</sup> timothy 3:16(NKJV)** *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."*

**Psalms 12:6(NKJV)** *The words of the lord are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times (in this scripture we see the claim of God word being pure and reliable)*

**Proverbs 30:5(NKJV)** *Every word of God proves True he is a shield to those who take refuge in him (in this verse we see the truthfulness of his word)*

**Inerrancy** – *the belief that the bible is without error or fault in all its teaching.*

**Infallible** - *incapable of being wrong.*

- Archaeological discoveries pointing to the accuracy (inerrancy of the bible)

*Seal of King Hezekiah Discovered in Jerusalem*

*In 2009, archaeologists uncovered a seal belonging to King Hezekiah, who ruled Jerusalem in the 8th century BC. The artifact features his name and iconography, verifying the king's identity and reign as described in 2 Kings.*

- It was divinely inspired The Bible was written by more than 40 authors over a period of 1500 years on three different continents, yet they all pointed to the same thing JESUS CHRIST!
- Prophecies fulfilled prove inerrancy

Fulfilled prophecies supporting biblical inerrancy include

1. The decree regarding the restoration of Jerusalem issued by Persia's King Artaxerxes to the Hebrew priest Ezra in 458 BC, fulfilled in the ministry of Jesus Christ in Galilee.

2. Micah 5:2 predicted the Messiah's birthplace, Bethlehem, over 700 years before Jesus' birth.
  3. Isaiah 53 vividly described the suffering and sacrificial death of the Messiah, fulfilled in the crucifixion of Christ
- People will never truly discover the inerrancy and infallibility of God's words until they apply it so it can prove itself true in their life
  - We have archeological evidence backing historical narratives of scripture that give argument for its accuracy but true faith in the absolute wholeness and truthfulness of his word comes by experiencing the guaranteed fruit that comes through it being applied

## 2. If the Bible is the absolute truth, then how do we perceive morality

**Morality** - principles concerning the distinction between right and wrong or good and bad behavior.

The basis on which we dictate how we live our lives

In the world today we see two terms tossed too and fro

**Objective Truth** - *Objective truth is something that is true for everyone, whether they agree with it or not. At one time this was simply called "truth." And I will reiterate the word of God is the absolute truth. It's inerrant and infallible*

**Subjective Truth** – *Truth based on perceptions and feelings this could be a personal truth or a societal truth but it's not truth at all only a circumstantial deception*

- Adam and Eve felt shame because they were naked. They attempted to make a provision to cover themselves.
- When we look at different religions, we see a variety of moral codes of which they follow that all base themselves on either subjective or objective truth.
- We as Christians believe the Bible to be the inerrant and infallible word of God and if in fact the word of God is inerrant and infallible then it must be absolute therefore our understanding of morality would come from this truth.
- Our understanding of subjective truth or subjective morality comes from the garden.

**It's also known as moral relativism or subjectivism.**

If morality is an internal subconscious standard that we hold each person too then it would have to be established by a higher power in this instance the standard of heaven has become our subconscious moral standard that we try to upkeep in our own efforts

- Adam and Eve attempted to correct their mistakes by sowing fig leaves
- This was the first work of morality the attempt of reversing wrongdoing to establish a right standing
- With the understanding that for a moral law to be in place there would have to be a higher power (authority) to establish it we believe this authority to be God. The concept of morality comes from a comparison between our failures and the fullness of his presence (Absolute good).
- It only makes sense to say that if we are established on the earth and God has set forth the moral law that governs it then he must possess ownership to it. This would allow him to exercise such authority.