

GOD'S WORD IS TRUE

“Scripture cannot be broken.”

John 10:35

The doctrine of inerrancy answers a crucial question: Can we trust the Bible completely? Scripture itself gives a clear answer. “Men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit” (2 Peter 1:21). If the Bible is truly God’s word, then it must be true in all that it affirms. As Romans 3:4 declares, “Let God be true though every one were a liar.” Some prefer the term *infallibility*, meaning the Bible cannot fail, while *inerrancy* emphasizes that it contains no error. In practice, both terms point to the same conviction: Scripture is completely trustworthy. The issue is not which word we use, but whether we believe the Bible is unfailingly true.

Jesus himself affirmed this view of Scripture. He declared that “Scripture cannot be broken” (John 10:35) and treated even the smallest details of the Old Testament as reliable and authoritative. He did not correct the Scriptures; he submitted to them and expected others to do the same.

It is important to clarify that when we speak of inerrancy, we are referring to the Scriptures as they were originally given. The original writings were without error in all that they affirmed. Through careful copying and translation over the centuries, God’s word has been faithfully preserved so that we can have confidence in the Bible we possess today. While no copy or translation is perfect in every detail, the message of Scripture has been reliably transmitted, and our modern translations accurately convey the truth God intended to reveal.

A necessary implication of the inerrancy of Scripture is that God’s word stands over us. We do not sit in judgment over Scripture, deciding which parts are trustworthy and which are not. If we deny the full truthfulness of the Bible, we are left with only two options: either some parts of Scripture are not from God, or God himself is not completely trustworthy. Both conclusions undermine the very foundation of faith.

By contrast, when we embrace the complete trustworthiness of Scripture, we are equipped to trust, obey, and rest in what God has said. Confidence in God’s word leads to confidence in God himself. The Bible can no more fail than God can fail.

How does believing that Scripture is completely trustworthy shape the way you respond when the Bible challenges your thinking or assumptions?