
Intro:
A. We live in a time when the complete rejection of God’s Word is ever present - we watch as our young people leave the home and turn their backs on truth, accept the lie of Satan that “One man’s religion is as good as another’s”, and I am persuaded that even in the minds of some - the end of time is at hand because of this.

1. I want to start by reading from 1 Peter 1:22-2:3 (NKJV) - 22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, 24 because “All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, 25 But the word of the Lord endures forever.” Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you. I Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, 2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

a. A couple of key words I want you to take note of here - Peter is speaking to Christians (who not by force or by crafty cunning words have submitted themselves to God in Baptism) thus heis writing to you and me here today as well.

b. You OBEYED THE TRUTH (not a lie) if you turn your back now you are accepting a lie!

c. God’s Word Lives and abides forever (meaning it’s not going to change now nor in the future).

2. This Word which changes not is the Gospel which was preached unto you (a question to those who turn their backs on this truth - if what was preached to you was not truth do you not love your family enough to show them the error of their ways?)

a. Even as Christians old and young we need to desire the PURE MILK OF THE WORD - so searching and examining our faith is crucial to our growth - but be careful - don’t throw out the baby with the bath water.

b. So many want to examine and search - but forsake what is truth.

(1) When my mother said “Go visit” - it was not at the expense of serving God faithfully.

(2) Brethren I don’t understand this logic that some have - my brother said - “Can’t study with you, you know the Scriptures to well!” — makes sense does it not - go study with someone who does not know the scriptures well?

B. However, as we look at Jeremiah 36:1-32 I see that what is being expressed today and what is happening even here among our own members is nothing new.....not that this brings joy and acceptance, but that this is an age old problem and the solutions are not yet still in the future but are present in our hands now!

C. A few facts about Gods word that we need to observe before we begin: Luke 21:33; Isa 40:8; John 10:35; Romans 3:3

1. Luke 21:33 (NKJV) - 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

   a. Isaiah 40:8 (NKJV) - 8 The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.”

   b. John 10:35 (NKJV) - 35 If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),

   c. Romans 3:3 (NKJV) - 3 For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect?

2. God’s Word IS:

   a. Indestructible

   b. Everlasting
3. **Psa 119:89** (NKJV) - 89 Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.---- God’s Word is Settled in Heaven - not here on earth by Man
   a. This point is ever so important for us to observe - it matters not about our feeling on the Word of God, or about our loved one’s ect ---- TRUTH HAS BEEN SETTLED IN HEAVEN.
   b. If we are not clear about this fact - it is pointless to go on!

D. Now in our text - Jeremiah is commanded by the Lord to write the prophecies of doom against Judah in a scroll so that the people might repent - (36:1-3).
   1. Baruch is told to write the words as Jeremiah dictates them - (36:4, 18).
   2. Baruch told to go and read the book in the people’s hearing – (36:7-10).

E. Michaiah hears the reading of Baruch and tells the princes and nobles – (36:11-13).
   1. The princes and nobles send for Baruch to hear the words of Jeremiah - (36:14-15).
   2. They react with fear and insist that the king must hear these words – (36:16).
   3. They tell Baruch and Jeremiah to go and hide - (36:19).

F. When Jehoiakim hears of the writing, he commands Jehudi to read it – (36:20-21).
   1. After the reading of three or four columns, king Jehoiakim cuts up the scroll and throws it into the fire - (36:22-23).
   2. A few men try to stop the king - (36:24).
   3. The king then tries to arrest Baruch and Jeremiah but the Lord protects them -(36:26).

G. God instructs Jeremiah to write on another scroll all the previous words - (36:28,29).
   1. Jeremiah obeys the Lord and writes all the words that had been previously written along with additional words of personal destruction to Jehoiakim – (36:30-32).

II. **The Product of God**
   A. Jeremiah commanded to write “all the words of the Lord” spoken to Him – (36:1,2).-- Now it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, that this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying:2 “Take a scroll of a book and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah even to this day.

   1. Jeremiah dictates to Baruch “all the words of the Lord” – (36:4,18)
      a. **Jeremiah 36:4,18** ---- 4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah; and Baruch wrote on a scroll of a book, at the instruction of Jeremiah, all the words of the LORD which He had spoken to him. 18 So Baruch answered them, “He proclaimed with his mouth all these words to me, and I wrote them with ink in the book.”

   2. The completed product spoken of as being “the words of the Lord” – (36:6,8,11)
      a. **Jeremiah 36:6,8,11** ---- 6 “You go, therefore, and read from the scroll which you have written at my instruction, the words of the LORD, in the hearing of the people in the LORD’s house on the day of fasting. And you shall also read them in the hearing of all Judah who come from their cities. 8 And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading from the book the words of the LORD in the LORD’s house. 11 When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, heard all the words of the LORD from the book,

   B. The words of scripture are to be understood as being the very words of God – (Jer. 1:4-9; Heb. 10:15; 2 Pet. 1:20,21; 2 Tim. 3:16,17; 1 Cor. 2:13).
   1. **Jeremiah 1:4-9** ---- 4 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” 6 Then said I: “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth.” 7 But the LORD said to me: “Do not say, ‘I am a youth.’ For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak. 8 Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you,”
says the LORD. 9 Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

a. **Hebrews 10:15** (NKJV) - 15 But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before,

b. **2 Peter 1:20** (NKJV) - 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,

   (1) **2 Peter 1:21** (NKJV) - 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

c. **2 Timothy 3:16** (NKJV) - 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

   (1) **2 Timothy 3:17** (NKJV) - 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

d. **1 Corinthians 2:13** (NKJV) - 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.


   a. **Psalm 119:97-104** ---- 97 Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. 98 You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me. 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation. 100 I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts. 101 I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word. 102 I have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me. 103 How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth! 104 Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

III. **For The Purpose of God**

A. For all the people - (36:6,10).

   1. To warn them – (36:2,3).

      a. **Jeremiah 36:2-3** ---- 2 “Take a scroll of a book and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah even to this day.3 “It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the adversities which I purpose to bring upon them, that everyone may turn from his evil way, that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.”

   2. That they may turn from their evil way – (36:3,7)

      a. **Jeremiah 36:3,7** ---- 3 “It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the adversities which I purpose to bring upon them, that everyone may turn from his evil way, that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.” 7 “It may be that they will present their supplication before the LORD, and everyone will turn from his evil way. For great is the anger and the fury that the LORD has pronounced against this people.”

3. That they may be saved from destruction – (36:3,7)

4. The purpose of the Gospel – (Eph. 3:3-5; 1 Cor. 4:14; Acts 17:30; Rom. 1:16; Is. 55:11)

   a. **Ephesians 3:3-5** (NKJV) - 3 how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, 4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), 5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has
now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:

(1) **1 Corinthians 4:14** (NKJV) - 14 I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you.

(2) **Acts 17:30** (NKJV) - 30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

5. **For all of us** - (**Mark 16:15,16; Eph. 3:3-5; Rom. 1:16**).

   a. **Romans 1:16** (NKJV) - 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.
   
   (1) Thus the Great Commission to “GO INTO ALL THE WORLD”

   b. **Isaiah 55:11** ---- 11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

6. **To warn us** – That we may turn from our evil ways & be saved from destruction - (**1 Cor 4:14; Col. 1:28; Luke 24:47; Acts 17:30; Rom 2:4; Eph 5:6-8; Tit 2:11,12; Acts 2:38;**).

   a. **1 Corinthians 4:14** ---- 14 I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you.

   b. **Colossians 1:28** (NKJV) - 28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

   c. **Luke 24:47** (NKJV) - 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

   d. **Acts 17:30** (NKJV) - 30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

   e. **Romans 2:4** (NKJV) - 4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

   f. **Ephesians 5:6-8** (NKJV) - 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them. 8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

   g. **Titus 2:11** (NKJV) - 11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, (1) **Titus 2:12** (NKJV) - 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

   h. **Acts 2:38** (NKJV) - 38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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B. **Some Will Receive It**

1. Michaiah . . . heard all the words of the Lord - (**36:11**).

   a. **Jeremiah 36:11** ---- 11 When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, heard all the words of the LORD from the book,

2. Michaiah went and told others – (**36:12,13**).

   a. **Jeremiah 36:12-13** ---- 12 he then went down to the king’s house, into the scribe’s chamber; and there all the princes were sitting—Elishama the scribe, Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, El Nathan the son of Achbor, Gemariah the son of Shaphan, Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes.13 Then Michaiah declared to them all the words that he had heard when Baruch read the book in the hearing of the people.

3. They desired to learn more – (**36:14,15**)

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a. Jeremiah 36:14-15 ---- 14 Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch, saying, “Take in your hand the scroll from which you have read in the hearing of the people, and come.” So Baruch the son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand and came to them.15 And they said to him, “Sit down now, and read it in our hearing.” So Baruch read it in their hearing.

4. They believed with fear and told the king – (36:16)

a. Jeremiah 36:16 ---- 16 Now it happened, when they had heard all the words, that they looked in fear from one to another, and said to Baruch, “We will surely tell the king of all these words.”

5. They tried to protect God’s messengers – (36:19)

a. Jeremiah 36:19 ---- 19 Then the princes said to Baruch, “Go and hide, you and Jeremiah; and let no one know where you are.”

C. Like The Thessalonians (1 Thess. 1:5-10 NKJV) - 5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. 6 And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. 8 For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. 9 For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

1. They received it as the word of God – (1:5; 2:13)

2. They became followers – (1:6; 2:13,14)

3. They told others – (1:8)

4. They turned from sin – (1:9)

5. Received salvation – (1:10)

D. Some Will Reject It

1. Jehoiakim king of Judah sends for the word of God - (36:20,21). ---- 20 And they went to the king, into the court; but they stored the scroll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the hearing of the king.21 So the king sent Jehudi to bring the scroll, and he took it from Elishama the scribe’s chamber. And Jehudi read it in the hearing of the king and in the hearing of all the princes who stood beside the king.

a. The king destroys the word of God – (36:22,23).---- 22 Now the king was sitting in the winter house in the ninth month, with a fire burning on the hearth before him.23 And it happened, when Jehudi had read three or four columns, that the king cut it with the scribe’s knife and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth.

b. The king and his servants have no fear or respect for God’s word – (36:24,25; the opposite of his father Josiah, 2 Kings 22:11-13)

(1) 2 Kings 22:11-13 ---- 11 Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, that he tore his clothes.12 Then the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Achbor the son of Michaiah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king, saying,13 “Go, inquire of the LORD for me, for the people and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found; for great is the wrath of the LORD that is aroused against us, because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us.”

c. The king commands Jeremiah and Baruch be seized – (36:26)

(1) Jeremiah 36:26 ---- 26 And the king commanded Jerahmeel the king’s son, Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to seize Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet, but the LORD hid them.
2. Men have repeatedly rejected the Word of God - (Mark 7:9; Acts 7:51,52; Acts 13:46).
   a. Mark 7:9 ---- 9 He said to them, “All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.
   b. Acts 7:51-52 ---- 51 “You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. 52 “Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers,
   c. Acts 13:46 ---- 46 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, “It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.

3. Men are still rejecting the Word of God – (1 Tim. 4:1-4; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; 2 Thess. 2:1-12).---- 1 Timothy 4:1-4 ---- Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, 3 forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving;
   a. 2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NKJV) - 1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!
   b. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 (NKJV) - 1 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. 3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. 5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? 6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.
   (1) cf. 1 Thessalonians 4:8 (NKJV) ---- 8 Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit. ---- rejection is not of the man but it is GOD who is rejected.
   c. Traditions of men
d. Corrupting the Scriptures
e. Latter day revelations
f. Liberalism and Modernism (next weeks lesson - “Lord Willing”)
g. Deut 4:2 and Revelation 22:18-19 is just as important today as it was when God gave it to Moses and John.
   (1) Deuteronomy 4:2 (NKJV) - 2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.
Revelation 22:18-19 (NKJV) - 18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

(2) To change the Word of God is to REJECT IT - cf. Gal. 1:6-9

(a) Galatians 1:6-9 (NKJV) - 6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, 7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

4. Teach that salvation is by “FAITH ALONE” - But James 2:14-26; Mark 16:16; etc.

a. James 2:14-26 (NKJV) - 14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? 17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. 18 But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. 19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! 20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? 22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? 23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God. 24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. 25 Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way? 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

(1) Mark 16:16 (NKJV) - 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

b. Teach that “ONCE SAVED ALWAYS SAVED” - But 2 Peter 2:20-22; Gal 5:1-4; etc.

(1) 2 Peter 2:20-22 (NKJV) - 20 For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. 21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. 22 But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: “A dog returns to his own vomit,” and, “a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.”

(2) Galatians 5:1-4 (NKJV) - 1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. 2 Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. 3 And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. 4 You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

c. Teach “DIFFERENT ROADS TO HEAVEN” - But Matthew 7:13,14; John 14:6; Acts 4:12

(1) Matthew 7:13 (NKJV) - 13 “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

(a) Matthew 7:14 (NKJV) - 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.
(2) **John 14:6** (NKJV) - 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

(3) **Acts 4:12** (NKJV) - 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

d. Teach “ONE CHURCH AS GOOD AS ANOTHER” - **Acts 2:47; Eph 5:22-25; Eph 4:4**

(1) **Acts 2:47** (NKJV) - 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

(2) **Ephesians 5:22-25** (NKJV) - 22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

(3) **Ephesians 4:4** (NKJV) - 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;

e. Allow humanistic scientists to influence our understanding of origins / morality etc. - But **Gen 1; 2; Jer 10:23; Rom 3:4** ----23 O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps. ; **Romans 3:4** (NKJV) - 4 Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: “That You may be justified in Your words, And may overcome when You are judged.”

(1) Allow our culture, society & even our government to alter our convictions regarding God’s moral standards - But - **1 Cor 6:9-11; Gal 5:19-21**

(a) **1 Corinthians 6:9-11** (NKJV) - 9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

(b) **Galatians 5:19-21** (NKJV) - 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

(2) Allow divorce & remarriage for any reason - But **Mat 19:3-9; etc**

(a) **Matthew 19:3-9** (NKJV) - 3 The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?” 4 And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ 5 and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? 6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.” 7 They said to Him, “Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?” 8 He said to them, “Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. 9 And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.”

f. To worship differently than New Testament prescribes - But - **John 4:24; Mat 15:7-9**

(1) **John 4:24** (NKJV) - 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

(2) **Matthew 15:7-9** (NKJV) - 7 Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 8
‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 9 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ ”

g. To change the organization of the church from the pattern revealed in the New Testament - **Phil 1:1; Acts 20:28; 1 Pet 5:1-4**

(1) **Philippians 1:1** (NKJV) - 1 Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

(2) **Acts 20:28** (NKJV) - 28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

(3) **1 Peter 5:1-4** (NKJV) - 1 The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: 2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; 3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; 4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

h. To involve the church in work not authorized in the New Testament - **Rom 14:17; 1 Tim 5:16; Col 3:17; Mat 21:25**

(1) **Romans 14:17** (NKJV) - 17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

(2) **1 Timothy 5:16** (NKJV) - 16 If any believing man or woman has widows, let them relieve them, and do not let the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows.

(3) **Colossians 3:17** (NKJV) - 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

(4) **Matthew 21:25** (NKJV) - 25 The baptism of John—where was it from? From heaven or from men?” And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’”

E. Man Can’t Change or Destroy God’s Word - all his attempts are futile.

1. God instructs Jeremiah to write on another scroll all the previous words - (36:28,29) ---- 28 “Take yet another scroll, and write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned.29 “And you shall say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, ‘Thus says the LORD: “You have burned this scroll, saying, ‘Why have you written in it that the king of Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land, and cause man and beast to cease from here?’ ”

   a. Jeremiah obeys the Lord and writes all the words that had been previously written along with additional words of personal destruction to Jehoiakim – (36:30-32)

   (1) **Jeremiah 36:30-32** ---- 30 “Therefore thus says the LORD concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah: “He shall have no one to sit on the throne of David, and his dead body shall be cast out to the heat of the day and the frost of the night.31 “I will punish him, his family, and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring on them, on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and on the men of Judah all the doom that I have pronounced against them; but they did not heed.”

   32 Then Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, who wrote on it at the instruction of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire. And besides, there were added to them many similar words.

2. Unbelief doesn’t change the fact that God’s word is true – (36:27-29; John 17:17)

   a. At seventeen, Voltaire, the famous French opponent of the Bible stood in a crowded auditorium and said of Christ’s first disciples, “It took twelve ignorant fishermen to build Christianity, but I will show you how one Frenchman can destroy it.” He spent a lifetime trying to do just that. But...
what happened? Voltaire has passed into history and the Bible is more popular than ever. Interestingly, only 50 years after Voltaire's death the Geneva Bible society used his printing press and his house to produce stacks of Bibles.  
http://www.spotlightministries.org.uk/truebible.htm

b. The following by Dr. Payson illustrates the INDESTRUCTIBILITY of the Book of Books:
   (1) For thousands of years this volume has withstood, not only the iron tooth of time, but all the physical and intellectual strength of man: pretended friends have endeavored to corrupt and betray it; kings and princes have perseveringly sought to banish it from the world; the civil and military power of the greatest nations of the world have been leagued for its destruction; the fires of persecution have been lighted to consume it and its friends together; and at many seasons death in its most horrid forms has been the almost certain consequence of affording it an asylum from the fury of its enemies. Though it has been ridiculed more bitterly, misrepresented more grossly, opposed more rancorously, and burnt more frequently, than any other book, and perhaps than all other books united, it is so far from sinking under the efforts of its enemies that the probability of its surviving until the final consummation of all things is now much greater than ever. The rain has descended, the floods have come, the storm has arisen, and beaten upon it; but it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock. Like the burning bush, it has been in the flames, yet it is still unConsumed; a sufficient proof were there no other, that He who spake from the bush is the Author of the Bible.

   a. Psalm 119:151-152 ---- 151 You are near, O LORD, And all Your commandments are truth. 152 Concerning Your testimonies, I have known of old that You have founded them forever.
   b. Isaiah 40:8 ---- 8 The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.”

4. Men reject God’s word at their own peril - (36:30,31; Deut. 18:19; John 12:48-50).
   a. Deuteronomy 18:19 ---- 19 ‘And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.
   b. We Will be Judged by the Word of God - John 12:48-50 ---- 48 “He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.49 “For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.50 “And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”

1. "Hammer Away Ye Hostile Hands --Our Hammers Will Break, God’s Anvil Stands!"
2. The Anvil Of God’s Word
   a. Last eve I passed beside a blacksmith's door
      And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;
      When looking in, I saw upon the floor,
      Old hammers worn with beating years of time.
   b. "How many anvils have you had," said I,
      "To wear and batter these hammers so?"
      "Just one," said he; then with a twinkling eye,
      "The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."
   c. And so, I thought, the anvil of God's Word,
      For ages, skeptics blows have beat upon;
      Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,
      The anvil is unharmed - the hammers gone. - John Clifford
IV. **Conclusion:**

A. What we have noted about God’s Word here today is that it’s  
   1. The Product of God – (1,2)  
   2. For The Purpose of God – (3-10) 
B. Some Will Receive It – (11-19)  
   1. Some Will Reject It – (20-26) 
C. And Man Can’t change it or Destroy It – (27-32) 
D. Mark 16:16 - the question for you today is simple!  
   1. Will you accept it as it is? — 1 Peter 1:22-2:3 or will you Reject it as did Jehoiakim!