

# Deuteronomy 32:4

## *God is Truth*

### Open your Bible to...

Deut. 32:4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice,  
A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.

### Pray

### Intro

✓ What is truth?

You may remember from the Apostle John's Gospel the account of Jesus' trial and interrogation by Pontius Pilate the Roman governor. At one point the governor became so flustered that he lamented....

*"What is truth?" ~ John 18:38*

2,000 years later people are still asking that question and many have concluded that there is no such thing as truth. For example...

David Hume, the Scottish philosopher and skeptic who is so popular in the academic world today doubted that any truth could be known with certainty.

Jacques Derrida the "Father" of Post-Modernism claimed that there are no absolute truths.

And English mathematician Alfred North Whitehead said that truth is relative and is always subject to change.

Bottom line, the culture we live in, and the popular philosophy advanced by the academics teaching our children today claims that absolute truth does not exist.

In fact, some educators are even offended by the word “truth!” (ref. Patrick R. Grzanka).

However, the Bible is clear that truth does exist, that it is absolute, and that it is supremely manifested in the very nature of God, and all that He says and does...

...God is truth.

## God is Truth ~ a Definition

✓ God is truth

Let's begin by asking...

*“What does the Bible mean when it describes God as truth?”*

The Hebrew word for “truth” used to describe God in our opening scripture is the word *emuna* (“em-oo-na”), which means...

Firm, stable, faithful, correct, and reliable.

The Greek word translated as “truth” in the New Testament is *aletheia*, which means...

Truthful, dependable, upright and real.

In summary, the Bible tells us that truth is...

That which corresponds to reality, truth is what is real.

That truth is true for all people, in all places and at all times.

That truth is knowable.

For example, it is true everywhere, for all time and for everyone that...

$$4 \div 2 = 2.$$

It is never, 3 nor is it 5.

$4 \div 2$  is always 2.

And if anyone wants to argue whether or not it is true that  $4 \div 2$  is really 2, just try splitting four fresh baked chocolate chip cookies with them...

They'll be mighty upset if you take 3 cookies and give them only 1!

The point is that a person doesn't even need to understand the mathematical truth of division to intuitively know that half of four is always two!

It is true everywhere, at all times, and for everyone!

Truth then, is not what people wish it to be, rather truth is what corresponds to reality, it is absolute, unchanging and knowable.

So, when the Bible tells us that God is truth it means that...

God is real

He is unchanging

He is absolute reality

He is knowable, faithful, reliable, always correct.

In fact, I would say that the truth of God's existence is universally understood by all people, in all places and for all time just like we know that...

$$4 \div 2 = 2.$$

That's because God has provided a universally understood testimony of His existence in the Creation, the conviction of our conscience, and the knowledge of eternity stamped upon every soul...

Testimony that is undeniable (ref. Ecc. 3:11, Psalm 19 & Romans 1:19-21).

God is truth—He is true for all people, in all places, and for all time.

## The Biblical Foundation that God is Truth

✓ God is truth

While skeptics and human philosophers claim that there is no truth, or that if truth exists at all we cannot know it with any certainty...

The Bible unapologetically and authoritatively tells us that truth exists and is knowable in the Person of God.

For example, in Psalm 31:5 king David wrote...

*"Into Your hand I commit my spirit;  
You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth."*

In the Gospel records we read that Jesus, God the Son, famously claimed...

*“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”*

*John 14:6*

Finally, when speaking about the Holy Spirit, John tells us...

*“And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth.”*

*1 John 5:6b*

I've quoted these three scriptures purposely to demonstrate that God is truth...

And that truth is the essential nature of each Person of the Trinity.

Notice that in the scriptures we just read that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are each referred to as truth...

In Psalm 31 David addresses the Father as the “God of Truth.”

In John 14 Jesus, God the Son said, “*I am the Truth*.”

And in 1John 5 where the Apostle tells us that “*the Spirit is truth*.”

So, the Bible clearly communicates that God is truth. Therefore, we can confidently conclude that the very essence of His Being is truth and not just in what He is, says, and does...

...but true in the sense that God is the ultimate truth.

## The Implications because God is Truth

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As we've just seen in the testimony of Scripture truth is God's very nature. As such there are a number of implications that we can discern from that reality including...

- 1) Because God is true it follows that all truth proceeds from God

That's because as the Creator and Sustainer of all things anything that is actually true has its origin in God.

However, God's creation—including you and me...

...only have truth.

Think about it—God is truth, it's His eternal essence and He cannot be anything else. However, you and me and everything else that has been created has the potential to be untrue...

We can lie, but God cannot.

We can be faithless, but God is always faithful.

We can ignore the truth, but God cannot.

We truly exist only because God Who is the ultimate truth caused us to be.

Therefore, whatever is true in our lives comes ultimately from God because He is the source of truth.

- 2) Because God is true, everything that He says is true

Logically if God is true, and He is, then everything that He says must be true. Sure, enough that's the testimony of the scripture. For example, the apostle Paul tells us...

*“...(that we have the) hope of eternal life which God,  
who cannot lie, promised before time began...”*

*Titus 1:2*

Notice that Paul doesn't say that God will not lie, but rather that He cannot lie! Which is what the author of Hebrews writes...

*“...it is impossible for God to lie.”*

*Hebrews 6:18*

Think about that...truth is so intrinsic to God's Being that He is not able to utter anything that is untrue! Therefore...

We can trust that His word will always be consistent,  
reliable and free of all error or deception.

We can be sure that God's promises are true statements,  
thus His word will always be dependable, reliable, and  
free from error.

So, when God's Word, which is true, is applied to our lives, it  
has the power to do what He has promised including...

...imparting faith, sanctifying and transforming our lives,  
and providing the wisdom we need to navigate life  
successfully!

And most importantly His word is able to make us fit for  
Heaven!

Ap. Lives are changed by truth not by lies

The first step toward freedom from any addiction or bad  
behavior begins when we admit the truth that we have a  
problem or that we have sinned (ref. Psalm 32:3-5).

But the enemy will do his best to keep you from recognizing the truth about yourself.

And from admitting the truth of your sin.

The Devil does that so that he can keep us from the deliverance that God's truth makes available.

Instead, Satan will whisper the lie that keeps so many people bound in sin and that is...

*"You're not an addict! In fact, you've got this under control and can stop anytime you want to."*

When we believe Satan's lies instead of God's truth, we will find ourselves stuck in the same sinful habits and behaviors for decades.

Only God's truth can set us free!

If you've been lying to yourself and listening to the lies of the enemy but now recognize that you're trapped by sin...

...then admit the truth to yourself and to God and ask Him to set you free from your sin.

- 3) Because God's word is true anything opposed to it is false

Just as we observed in our example of division where...

It is true that  $4 \div 2$  is always 2 and any other answer is always false.

So too with the truth revealed in God's word—any truth claim made by anyone else that contradicts the word of God must be false because the opposite of true is always false.



Ex. Quran vs. Bible

The Quran claims that Jesus is a prophet, but that He is not God the Son.

God's word which is true claims that Jesus is God in human flesh.

Therefore, the Quran is false because it contradicts the true word of God.

Most importantly is the issue of salvation...

God's word, which is true tells us that the only way to salvation is through a personal relationship with Jesus.

Thus, any claim that there is another way to salvation, or that there are many ways to salvation, is false.

And so it goes with every other religion, philosophy and truth claim...

...anything opposed to the word of God, which is true must be false.

4) Because God is true, we can be confident that we're saved!

I often have people come forward after service wondering how they can know for sure that they are saved—that's an important question.

We don't want to be wrong about our eternal destiny!

Well in his letter to Titus, Paul reminds us that we have God's promise of eternal life, a promise that we are confident is true because it was made by God who cannot lie!

*“This truth gives them confidence that they have eternal life, which God—who does not lie—promised them before the world began.”*

*Titus 1:2 NLT*

That’s important because ultimately every person faces death with either the hope that the glory and beauty of Heaven awaits them...

Or with the hopelessness that with their dying breath their existence will cease rendering everything they did in life as nothing more than vanity.

Or as Johnny Cash and Trent Reznor so painfully sang all that the lost will leave behind is an...

*“Empire of dirt”*

Ex. The Great Image of Daniel 2

All that will be left of the empires of Man will be dust...

Dust that will be blown away leaving no trace of the works and rebellion of mankind.

But, because God is true, we can live our lives without the fear of death and the hopelessness of existentialism...

Because we have God’s promise that death is not the end for the believer.

It is just a transition from what is temporary to what is eternal.

And, all that what we have done for Christ and His Kingdom here on earth will bring eternal rewards!

So, the fact that God is truth is more than just a stuffy theological fact...

...it is a practical reality that transforms our lives and sets us free from fear and hopelessness!

Ap. Don't listen to the Devil!

All day, every day, our enemy is working to undermine our confidence in the truthfulness and reliability of God's word. His lies go all the way back in the Garden where he whispered to Eve...

*"Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ~ Genesis 3:1 NIV*

Satan was calling into question the truth of God's word...

Suggesting to Eve that God's word was unstable, unreliable, and therefore suspect.

But the reality is that it is the word of the Devil that is a lie.

So today when an anorexic young lady looks in the mirror and she sees herself as fat, even though she only weighs 90 pounds!

That's a lie of the Devil who is seeking to destroy a beautiful life for whom Christ died.

When a believer begins to question their salvation because they feel like they can never be good enough.

That's a lie from the Pit of Hell designed to rob you of the joy that God's word promised would mark your life as Christian.

Or when you look at a profile on a dating app you can be sure that most of what you see and read is a lie...

The product of AI and clever deceptions!

So, we can be sure that whatever the Devil says is untrue, it is false...

What is false is that which does not correspond to what is real.

What is false is therefore not reliable, faithful and stable.

What is false is not dependable.

Therefore, whatever Satan claims to be true, whatever he promises to do for you, or the doubt that he would sow in your heart regarding God's promises...

...you can be sure that the word of the Devil is not reliable, faithful and stable so, it would be foolish to build your life on the promises of the Devil or to make decisions based on the lies he tells you about God.

Ap. Truth vs. deceit

One of the more fascinating meanings of the Greek word for truth carries the idea that the person who is true has nothing to hide.

While lies and liars are by nature those things and beings that want to hide from what is true.

That's what Jesus revealed when He said...

*"For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be*

*exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light,  
that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have  
been done in God.”*

*John 3:20-21*

One of the blessings of living in the truth is that we will no longer have to hide anything—that's true freedom!

That's because when we have nothing to hide the result will be a clear conscience.

And a clear conscience means that we don't have to worry about anyone discovering some secret sin in our life.

As an old French Proverb says...

*“There is no pillow so soft as a clear conscience.”*

May I encourage you today that if you're living a lie, or hiding some sin that now controls your life, that today is the day to confess that sin so that you can be free...

...and begin living with a clear conscience.

Jesus said...

*“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall  
make you free.” ~ John 8:32*

Come into the light of Jesus' glory and let Him cleanse your conscience with the truth of His word.

## The Blessings & Benefits because God is Truth

### ✓ Blessings & Benefits

Every aspect of God's character is a blessing to His people and while we can't hope to cover every benefit of His truthfulness, I would like to present the following blessings for you to think about this week.

- 1) Because God is true, you can trust that He will always be faithful to you!

One person wrote...

*"No one has ever trusted God in vain!"*

That's the point the author of Hebrews made when he wrote...

*"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."*  
*Hebrews 10:23*

Because God is true, He must and will fulfill every promise that He has made to us...

...in fact, because His very essence is truth, He literally cannot be unfaithful to us!

That's what Paul meant when he wrote...

*"If we are faithless, He remains faithful;  
He cannot deny Himself."*  
*2 Timothy 2:13*

So, we can live with confidence in the knowledge that God will always be faithful to us!

Ap. What have you entrusted to God?

Every one of us who is a believer this morning will at some point in our lives be asked to surrender or sacrifice something of value...

Abraham was asked to sacrifice his son.

The Apostles were called to leave their nets behind.

Missionaries must surrender the comforts of family and home.

The point is that believers are willing to sacrifice and surrender even the most valuable of relationships and possessions because they trust that whatever they give to the Lord will be recompensed many times over. That was certainly Paul's attitude as recorded in 2 Timothy 1:12

*"For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless, I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day."*

Back to my question, what have you entrusted to God? Has the Lord asked you to sacrifice or surrender something that you highly prize?

Your career so that you can pursue the ministry?

A relationship so that you will no longer live a life of compromise.

Maybe even a liberty in your life that needs to be surrendered so that you can reach others who don't have that liberty.

Whatever it is that Jesus would ask you to surrender will require sacrifice...

...but as just stated, and the Bible clearly promises, no one has ever trusted God in vain—every sacrifice we make will be worth it because God's promises of eternal glory are true.

2) Because God is true, we can depend upon Him

That's because He is reliable. Thus, we can live without worry or fear about the future because He has promised...

*"I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

*Hebrews 13:5b*

For any of you like me who knows something about abandonment it is a huge relief to know that even if everyone in the world were to abandon us...

...that Jesus never will because He is true!

That was Paul's experience when imprisoned in Rome (ref. 2 Timothy 4:16-17)...

*"At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them. But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. Also I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion."*



What a blessing to know that we're never alone, that Jesus will never fail us, or give up on us, but will always be with us!

Ap. He is with us even when we fail

Consider Jonah that disobedient prophet who did his best to escape God's purpose and presence...

Yet, even while in belly of the great fish at the bottom of the sea God was still with him!

That's because God is true. He is always faithful to His people and therefore we can depend upon Him to stick with us...

...not just when we're walking in obedience to His will but even when we fall short and fail Him like Jonah did.

3) Because God is true, you can confidently build your life upon the truth of His word

As we've already stated since God cannot lie, whatever He says must be true.

What is true is reliable—because truth doesn't change.

What is true is correct—because by definition truth is accurate.

What is true is secure—because truth is what is real.

Therefore, when we choose to walk in obedience to God's word then we can be sure that we will experience the best possible life.

That doesn't mean a carefree life without pain and trials.

But it does mean that we'll survive the storms of this life and be delivered safely to the eternal shores of God's Kingdom!

That's Jesus' point in His illustration of the two builders recorded in Matthew 7...

Where one person builds their life on the rock-solid truth of Jesus' words...

...and the other person builds their life on the shifting sand of Man's philosophical folly and satanic deceptions.

Both builders will suffer the storms of life but only the person who builds on the truth of Jesus' words will survive.

## Close

✓ God is truth

Friends we live in at a time when a great majority of the people surrounding us are untrue so that it's hard to find anyone who is...

True to their word  
True to their spouse  
True to their children  
True to their friends  
True to God

Thus, it is increasingly difficult to discern whether what we hear on the news, or from the mouths of politicians, or read on social media is true or false.

Lying seems to be in vogue while truth is either ignored, redefined to be meaningless, or rejected as non-existent.

Leaving us unsure of who and what to believe!

What a blessing then to know that God is true and that...

Everything He has promised and predicted will come to pass.

That we can be sure that He will always tell us the truth about everything and most importantly the truth about ourselves so that we can change for the better.

The truth that we're all born in desperate straits and headed to an eternity of suffering because of our sin nature.

The truth that is only by faith in Jesus that we can be born-again and gain eternal life.

Remember, the ultimate Truth is God Himself and while we may know the truth about many other things without a knowledge of God...

All we will have is a partial knowledge of Truth.

The point is that if you don't know God then you will never come to a full and satisfactory knowledge of truth. If you don't know God today is the day to come into a relationship with Truth Himself, the Savior who said...

*"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." ~ John 14:6*

You need to hear that truth this morning because it is true that there is only one path to eternal life and path is found in God who alone is Truth!