



Revelation 22—part 4
Verses 18-21
From Sermon 6.30.19

Read *Revelation 22:18-21*

Questions, Answers, and Review from Sunday's sermon: Jesus' final words in the book are another warning—Do not alter (add to or subtract from) the Book. Because they come at the end of the Bible (and from various other Scriptures), we know the command extends to the entire Bible. Based on the consequences of altering the Word, it's clear this is one of the worst sins possible. The Bible is complete and closed.

What three groups were mentioned that “add to” God’s Word?

- Modern and False Prophets _____ — See *Deuteronomy 18:20-22*.

Although it may be both unpopular and controversial, what did Pastor Charley say is the easy way to identify a false prophet? Any who prophesies or claims to be a prophet, because God's done speaking. _____ Thoughts and Discussion.

Consider the quote: “If private revelations agree with Scripture—they are needless. If they disagree—they are false.” Discuss.

Why do you think the so-called modern prophets of the charismatic movement are so popular in our day?

Who does the Book of Revelation say is coming on the world stage that will claim to speak for God and will deceive most? [The False Prophet]

- The Cults _____—pretty much every cult started with some new revelation given to some special person with the claim the Bible is corrupt or incomplete.
- Universalists/Unitarians—the Bible is okay and good. But, only one of many ways God speaks and will speak.

See *Proverbs 30:5-6 & Deuteronomy 4:2*

What are some of the things man continues to add to the Bible? Remember: The Bible and... Modern Psychology, Science, Philosophy, Tradition, New Revelation/Prophecy, Other religious books

What group is most guilty of subtracting from God’s Word? The Liberal _____ Church. Read *Jeremiah 26:2* [infecting every major denomination, most seminaries and Bible colleges]

Why does the Liberal Church dismiss the vast majority of Scripture?

They first deny its inspiration _____. (having come from God) See *2 Timothy 3:16-17*

That leads to its fallibility _____. (the Bible containing errors)

That leads to its motivation _____. (the Bible was/is a tool for control)

That leads to its relevance and viability. _____ (the Bible is dated. Today we know so much more about human behavior, genetics, science—evolution, medicine, psychology, myth, tolerance...)

Sadly, what hugely popular church movement would also be guilty of leaving large portions of God’s Word (hell, wrath, sin, repentance) out of their preaching (even though they claim to believe it to be inspired and infallible)? The Seeker Movement

See also *Isaiah 30:9-10 & 2 Timothy 4:3-4*

What things can we do, as a Church and as individual believers, to avoid violating Jesus’ final command?