

BAD MATH

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Deuteronomy 4:1-2 and other Scriptures

When we add to or subtract from Scripture, we harm the Scripture, and ourselves

LET'S GET STARTED

God strictly forbids anyone to add to or take away from what the Bible says. Anything added to or subtracted from Scripture alters Scripture, and that is a serious sin. Although we affirm this warning, we may still do the very things it forbids. In this message, we will consider ways people violate God's command to leave His words unaltered and intact.

LET'S HEAR THE WORD

The Bible's repeated command not to fiddle with Scripture

Deuteronomy 4:1-2—¹“Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ² Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.”

Deuteronomy 5:32—“So be careful to do what the LORD your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left.”

Deuteronomy 12:32—“See that you do all I command you; do not add to it or take away from it.”

Proverbs 30:5-6—⁵Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. ⁶ Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.

Revelation 22:18-19—¹⁸I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. ¹⁹ And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

Quotable

God constantly warns us to stay within the bounds of revelation, not to stray outside the circle of God-given light into the darkness that lies beyond, not to try to penetrate by guesswork into places where Scripture offers no thought for us to think.

—J. I Packer

Wonderful things in the Bible I see. Things put there by you and by me.

—Unknown

If you would like to know more

Be Equipped (Deuteronomy), by Warren Wiersbe (David C. Cook, 2010)

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WAYS WE ADD TO AND SUBTRACT FROM SCRIPTURE

- We can add to Scripture by treating human _____ as though they are equal in authority to Scripture.
(Mark 7:9-13)
- We can add to Scripture by making our personal _____ binding for everyone.
(Romans 14:1-6)
- We can subtract from Scripture by choosing to _____ teachings and commands that we consider outdated.
(2 Timothy 4:3-4)
- We can subtract from Scripture by neglecting to _____ any part of it.
(Acts 20:26-27)

LET'S LIVE IT

We can put today's truth into practice by learning what the Bible says, and by resolving to obey and honor all of Scripture, and to never ignore any part of it.

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