



These Statements are in the Bible – True or False

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| 1. I have escaped with only the skin of my teeth. | T | F |
| 2. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. | T | F |
| 3. After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, during the time of King Herod, three Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. | T | F |
| 4. The lion shall lay down with the lamb. | T | F |
| 5. Can a leopard change his spots? | T | F |

I. The Origin of “God said it. I believe it, and that settles it.”

- The actual source of the phrase is unknown.
- Those who popularized the phrase was a 1970’s Christian Gospel singing group called *The Heritage Singers*.

Many Christians when they say, “God said it. I believe it, and that settles it,” imply “if the Bible says something, we ought to believe it and do it. Period.”

2. Here is the problem with that: It _____.

You must have a designated area outside the camp where you can go to relieve yourself. Each of you must have a spade as part of your equipment. Whenever you relieve yourself, dig a hole with the spade and cover the excrement. The camp must be holy, for the Lord your God moves around in your camp to protect you and to defeat your enemies. He must not see any shameful thing among you, or he will turn away from you.

Deuteronomy 23:12–14 (NLT)

When indoor plumbing became possible in churches in the late 1800s and early 1900s, numerous pastors preached sermons against indoor toilets in the church believing that doing so violated the command of God in Deuteronomy 23.

Taking “God said it. I believe it, and that settles it” at face-value means that we will all need to change our lifestyle. For example:

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| • Leviticus 19:19 | Do not wear clothing woven of two kinds of material. |
| • Leviticus 11:7–12 | Eliminate pork and shrimp from your diet. |
| • Leviticus 19:27 | (Men) Don’t trim the edges of your beard. |
| • Leviticus 19:28 | Do not mark your skin with tattoos. |
| • Exodus 35:2 | Children who curse or strike their parents or who are persistently rebellious should be put to death. |

- Deut. 22:21 (Women) If you are not a virgin when you marry, the men of your town are to stone you to death.

Some say that those commands represent God's covenant with Israel and are no longer binding on Christians. Here's what Jesus said:

"Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose. ¹⁸I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God's law will disappear until its purpose is achieved. ¹⁹So if you ignore the least commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven." Matthew 5:17–19 (NLT)

Not even Jesus interpreted God's law with the understanding of
"God said it. I believe it, and that settles it."

- Jesus' disciples picked grains of wheat on the Sabbath. Pharisees saw them and called Jesus out on their unlawful behavior. Jesus said, *The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.* Mark 2:27 (NIV)
- Jesus said that if a man divorces his wife except for sexual unfaithfulness and marries another woman, he commits adultery. But how did Jesus respond to the woman? Mercy, compassion and not judgment. (John 4)

**Is the statement,
"God said it. I believe it, and that settles it" true?**

3. It is TRUE-ish because God's Word is to be taken _____.

Paul and the apostles took Scripture seriously. They believed God spoke through Scripture, but they also vigorously debated its meaning and at times offered very different interpretations for those held by other religious leaders of the time.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living, so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed. 2 Timothy 3:16–17 (TEV)

4. The statement, "God said it. I believe it, and that settles it" is FALSE because Scripture must be _____.

That's exactly what Jesus did!

"You've heard that it was said, 'Do not murder...' but I tell you anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment." Matthew 5:21–22 (NIV)

"You've heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, 'Do not resist an evil person.'" Matthew 5:38–39 (NIV)

"You've heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'" But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." Matthew 5:43–44 (NIV)

"If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." John 8:7 (NIV)