

## Stay Confident in the Word of God

The rise of new social media platforms, accompanied by the proliferation of podcasts, has led to a shift in how popular personalities approach the interpretation of God's Word. It's more common to hear them urge interpreting the Bible through today's cultural filters rather than allowing the Bible to shape their understanding. Christians have always known that we don't judge the Bible; instead, the Bible judges us. However, today's culture believes it's acceptable to edit the Word of God to make it more appealing to those seeking spirituality. Instead of being transformed into the image of Christ, they try to reshape His image and alter every part of Scripture to fit their own sad viewpoint. The prophet Amos warned, **Amos 8:11**: *"The days are coming," declares the Sovereign LORD, "when I will send a famine through the land, not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD."* We are already seeing this phenomenon. A survey revealed that college students are increasingly opting for philosophy courses to understand the world because contemporary thinkers and leaders do not provide clear answers, leading them to study the supposed wisdom of writers from centuries past. Every Christian understands that only one ancient text remains forever relevant: the Bible. **Psalms 118:8-9** tells us, *"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in people. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in noblemen."* Those who trust in government, finances, other people, or themselves will end up disappointed. Conversely, the Scripture tells us that those who place their confidence in God will never be ashamed. **Romans 10:11**: *"As Scripture says, Anyone who believes in Him will never be put to shame."* God declares in **Malachi 3:6**: *"For I, the Lord, do not change."* For God to change would mean that He either becomes better or worse, and God is the ultimate perfection. God never changes, and nothing about Him changes. His character traits, such as love, mercy, kindness, justice, and wisdom, always exist in perfection. The apostle Peter tells us, **2 Peter 3:3**: *"Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts."* The Apostle Paul predicted people would begin to fall away from their faith. **1 Timothy 4:1**: *"Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons."* Satan takes pleasure in shaking our confidence in God's promises. Our culture is in crisis, and many new believers, seasoned Christians, and those not yet familiar with the Gospel are living with a sense of defeat and fear concerning the future. God shares all His promises with His children through the pages of the Bible. When we read His Word, it fills us deeply, and we start to see the darkness in our lives fade as God's truth shines brightly. Remember, the Bible warns that our faith will face increasing attacks as we get closer to Christ's return, but we will not tremble in fear when skeptics present their intellectual arguments trying to convince us that the Bible is just a book. We remain ready to live victoriously, and we remember **Isaiah 40:8**: *"The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever."* Stay confident in God's Word.