



## CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	Believing the Bible: History, Help and Holiness	SPEAKER	Elder Leon Oei
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# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

In a world of shifting opinions and uncertainty, the Bible stands as the unchanging Word of God. It is God-breathed and holy, revealing truth that is both historically reliable and spiritually alive. In this sermon, Elder Oei preached on why we can fully trust and build our lives upon the Word of God.

## BELIEVING THE BIBLE

### 1. The Bible's Historicity – It Is Verified by History

The Bible is not myth or legend but a *historical revelation of a holy God working through real people, places, and time*. Its accuracy stands the test of archaeology and history. When Scripture speaks of kings, battles, or cities, they are not symbolic — they are factual. This shows that the *Holy Word of God* interacts with the real world, not imagination.

As Elder Oei explained, *what has already been proven true gives us confidence in what has not yet been proven*. If the Bible's past record is historically verifiable, then its unfulfilled prophecies and spiritual truths can be trusted as well. This is because its source is not human but divine.

- **The Tel Dan Stele** — confirms the "*House of David*."
- **The Mesha Stele (Moabite Stone)** — matches the events in *2 Kings 3*.
- **The Siloam Inscription** — verifies King Hezekiah's tunnel from *2 Kings 20:20*.
- **The Western Wall** — stands as a living witness to the Jerusalem described in Scripture.

These discoveries affirm that the Bible records *holy history*, the intersection of God's revelation with human reality.

### 2. The Bible's Transforming Help – It Changes Lives

The Bible is not only true in fact but true in *power* as well. It transforms individuals and societies wherever it is believed and obeyed. The Bible has made people better in every sphere of life: better spouses, better parents and children, and better citizens and neighbours. It has uplifted moral standards, inspired compassion, and changed hearts from the inside out.

Elder Oei highlighted that the Bible speaks in living power because it is not just a text; it is the voice of a Living God. The Advisor advises, the Teacher teaches, and the Commander commands. The same divine authority that once spoke creation into being continues to speak today through Scripture.

- **Testimony of the ex-Yakuza gang member in Japan:** Once a violent criminal, he encountered the Bible, met Christ, and is now a pastor leading others to Jesus — a vivid proof of the Bible’s transforming power.
- **Believers in persecuted nations:** Even under suffering, they cling to the Bible for strength and hope, showing how its truth endures beyond comfort or circumstance.
- Elder Oei also shared how *obedience* to Scripture changes not just actions but desires, forming character that reflects Christ Himself.

This transformation cannot be explained by mere psychology or motivation as it is the supernatural work of God through His inspired Word.

### 3. The Bible’s Divine Inspiration and Enduring Holiness – It Is God-Breathed and Holy

At the heart of the message lies this truth: *“All Scripture is God-breathed.”* (2 Timothy 3:16)

The Bible proceeds from the breath of God Himself. It is *holy* because its Author is holy.

Human writers penned the words, but the Spirit carried them so the text is both fully human and fully divine.

Because it is God-breathed, it possesses His life and purity. It endures unchanged through generations, cultures, and persecution. The sermon connects this truth with Christ Himself — the *Incarnate Word*. The written Word and the Living Word both reveal God’s holiness and love.

The endurance of Scripture through ages of attack and scepticism shows that divine breath sustains it. The Word sanctifies believers, making them as God is Holy — this is its divine purpose.

To read the Bible rightly is to breathe in the very breath of God and be transformed into His likeness.

## Conclusion

The Bible is *God-breathed and holy* — historically true, spiritually alive, and divinely inspired. It is not just a record of what God has done, but a living voice of what He is doing today. When we believe, obey, and live by His Word, we become living testimonies of its truth and power. Let us not only read the Bible, but let it read us, shaping our hearts to be a dwelling place for His presence.

# QUESTIONS

1. Share about specific areas and ways the Bible has informed and changed your life or perspective. What has this taught you about the Word of God?

2. How does knowing the Bible's accuracy strengthen your trust in God's promises and help you grow in your faith? What is one truth from the Bible that keeps you anchored?

3. What practical steps can help us make God's Word the foundation of our daily walk?