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Theme: The Bible

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What Is the Bible?

Bill Brinkworth

One could knock on many doors and ask what books are in those houses. Few would have the same books. Fewer would have the same book that was over 100 years old. Rarely would any household have a book that is at least 500 years old. Most of the houses, however, would have a form of one of the oldest and most popular of all books, the Bible. Parts of the Bible are over 4,000 years old, yet many still have a copy of it.

What is this book that so many have, cherish, and some even ridicule? It is not just a book; it is the preserved Word of God. It is the road map through a difficult life. It tells of a saving plan that will give riches and life eternal. Its advice, when followed, will change one's life and alter one's future. It is the only Book that tells the mind of God. It is God's Word.

* The Bible is exactly what God wants us to know.

"And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the LORD hath said will we do. And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD..." Exodus 24:3-4

As Moses received God's commandments and wrote them down, God also used other godly men to preserve what He wants mankind to know. The recorders of His Word included kings, leaders, prophets, disciples, professional men, and others. The Creator of this universe promised that we would always have His Word with us (Isaiah 40:8). He kept His word.

God promised He would give us a perfect copy (Matthew 5:18). No words are to be added or removed. Other than the King James Version, all of the other 250+ modern, English versions violate this commandment of God. That is why a Christian should stay away from the modern altered, changed translations and revisions.

“Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.”

Deuteronomy 4:2

“Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.” Proverbs 30:6
“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.” Revelation 22:18-19

* The Bible will always be made available to mankind.

“The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.” Deut. 29:29

“The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.” Isaiah 40:8

* The Bible contains God’s promises.

“Be ye mindful always of his covenant; the word which he commanded to a thousand generations;” I Chronicles 16:15

* The Bible is His Word and our guidance.

“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.” Psalm 119:11

* The Bible also contains prophecy, wisdom, songs, history, and life examples.

God committed to keeping His promise and to preserve His Word. Many gave much time, and some even lost their lives so that we could have God’s truths. The least we can do is read, believe, and obey It.

“I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good of the Saviour of the world is communicated to us through the Book. But for it, we could not know right from wrong!” — Abraham Lincoln

It’s All Here

Author Unknown

A young Christian, packing his bag for a journey, said to a friend, “I have nearly finished packing. All I have to put in are a guidebook, a lamp, a mirror, a microscope, a telescope, a volume of fine poetry, a few biographies, a package of old letters, a book of songs, a sword, a hammer, and a set of tools.”

“But you cannot put all that into your bag,” objected the friend.

“Oh, yes,” said the Christian. “Here it is,” and then he placed his Bible in the corner of the suitcase and closed the lid.

“The Bible was human in penmanship, but divine in authorship!” — R. G. Lee

The More You Dig

Edited from an article by Sir Walter Scott

The most learned, acute, diligent student cannot, in the longest life, obtain an entire knowledge of the Word of God. The more deeply he works the mine, the richer and more abundant he finds the ore. New light continually beams from this source of heavenly knowledge to direct one's conduct and illustrate the work of God and the ways of men. The student will finally leave the world confessing that the more he studied the Scriptures, the fuller conviction he had of his ignorance and the Word of God's inestimable value.

“The best truths are gotten by digging deep for them.” — D. L. Moody

The Keystone

Aubrey Price

Remove the keystone, and the arch will fall into a heap of ruins. There will be the same stones there, but they will be scattered in confusion and useless for any practical purpose.

You may admire the Bible. You may praise its poetry and say its precepts are truthful, loving, and good. However, if you doubt its authenticity, you render it powerless for that for which it was given — namely, to save the souls of men.

When I Read the Word of God

Billy Sunday

Twenty-nine years ago, with the Holy Spirit as my Guide, I entered the portico of Genesis and walked down the corridor of the Old Testament art galleries. There, I saw the pictures of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Isaac, Jacob, and Daniel hanging on the wall. I passed into the music room of the book of Psalms, where the spirit sweeps the keyboard until it seems that every reed and pipe in God's great organ responds to the harp of David, the sweet singer of Israel.

I entered the chamber of Ecclesiastes, where the voice of the preacher was heard, and into the conservatory of Sharon and the lily of the valley, where sweet spices filled and perfumed my life.

I then entered the business office of Proverbs and on into the observatory of the prophets, where I saw telescopes of various sizes pointing to far-off events. They concentrated on the bright morning Star, which was to rise above the moonlit hills of Judea for our salvation and redemption.

Then I entered the audience room of the King of Kings, catching a vision written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Into the correspondence room I went, where Paul, Peter, James, and John wrote their epistles.

I stepped into the throne room of Revelation where sits the King of Kings upon His throne of glory with the healing of the nations in His hand, and I cried out:

*All hail the power of Jesus' Name,
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of All.*

“Rightly dividing the Word multiplies our understanding.” — Author Unknown

Why Many Do Not Read the Bible

Author Unknown

When Queen Elizabeth I's, of the 1500's, wrinkles became deep and many, it is reported that an unfortunate master of the coin mint incurred disgrace by a too faithful likeness of the Queen. The die for the shilling was broken, and only one mutilated specimen still exists.

The queen's maids of honor took the hint and were careful that no fragment of a mirror would remain in any room of her palace. A magazine of the times said that the Queen "had not the heart to look herself in the face for the last twenty years of her life."

A mirror exposes wrinkles, dirt, etc. that may be on one's face. The Word of God also exposes the sin within one's heart. Reading the Bible shows us our dirty iniquities.

If we refuse to repent and change, we soon get tired of seeing our "dirty faces" in God's mirror, the Bible. That is why so many stop looking into His Mirror. How foolish! Better to see the dirt, confess it, and be cleansed by the Blood of the Lamb than die "dirty" in one's sins!