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THE BIBLE

“This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its history is true, and its decisions are immutable. “Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler’s map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot’s compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Christ is its subject, our good its design and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is given to you in life, will be open in the Judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its holy precepts. It tells of grace and mercy for the believer and justice for those who do not believe.”

THE BIBLE IS LIKE

A hammer Jeremiah 23:29 it breaks

A fire Jeremiah 23:29 it melts

Jeremiah 23:29

"Is not my word like fire," declares the Lord, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"

A lamp Psalm 119:105 it shines

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light for my path.

A sword Hebrews 4:12 defense

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

A mirror ... James 1:23 reveals

James 1:23

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror

Food 1 Peter 2:2 sustains

1 Peter 2:2

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

Water Psalm 119:9 cleanses

Psalm 119:9

How can a young man keep his way pure?
By living according to your word.

Seed Luke 8:11 growth

Luke 8:11

"This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God.

Bread Deuteronomy 8:3source of life

Deut. 8:3

He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Meat Hebrews. 5:12 basis

Hebrews 5:12

In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

Honey..... Psalm 19:10sweet

Gold Psalm 19:10precious

Psalm 19:10

They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the comb.

STATISTICS ABOUT THE BIBLE

- Words =773,692
- Letters =3,566,480
- 66 books
- 40 authors
- Written over 60 generations
- Old Testament written over 4000 years
- New Testament written over 2000 years
- 2700x "God said"
- Acrostics = Psalm 119
- Lamentations 1,2,4,5 chapter 3- 66vss. 3 x 22=66
- Bible = byblos, papyrus
- Testament = covenant
- 39 books = O.T.- 4,000 years
- 27 books = N.T.- 2,000 years
- 486 O.T.
- 260 N.T.
- 25 O.T. books quoted in the N.T.
- 6 books not quoted in the N.T.=Judges, Song of Solomon, Ecclesiastics, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther
- 376 allusions to the O.T. in the N.T.
- 10% of Jesus' speech was O.T.

O.T. Book	Quoted in N.T.	N.T. books
Genesis	19x	9
Exodus	24x	12
Leviticus	12x	9
Numbers	9x	9
Psalms	59x	12
Isaiah	50x	11
Proverbs	6x	6
Zechariah	6x	4

- **Longest book-** Psalms 2,461 Vss.- 150 chapters
- **Shortest book-** Obadiah- 670 words; I John -298 words
- **2 shortest verses**
John 11:35 – N.T.
“Jesus wept.”
1 Chron. 1:25 – N.T.
“Eber, Peleg, Reu,”
- **Longest verse** Esther 8:9- 80 words
Esther 8:9
“At once the royal secretaries were summoned--on the twenty-third day of the third month, the month of Sivan. They wrote out all Mordecai's orders to the Jews, and to the satraps, governors and nobles of the 127 provinces stretching from India to Cush. These orders were written in the script of each province and the language of each people and also to the Jews in their own script and language.”
- **Total number of verses** 30,442
- **Two longest words-**
Isaiah 8:1
The Lord said to me, "Take a large scroll and write on it with an ordinary pen:
Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz.
Psalm 56:1
For the director of music. To the tune of "A Dove on Distant Oaks." Of David. A *mikdam*. When the Philistines had seized him in Gath.
(Jonathelemrechokim)

THE WORD WAS...

- **Despised** . Samuel..... Judges 21:25
Judges 21:25
In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit.
- **Forgotten** Josiah 2 Chron 34:18,19
2 Chron. 34:18-19
Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king.
[19] When the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his robes.
- **Neglected** JeremiahJeremiah. 15:16
Jeremiah 15:16
When your words came, I ate them;

they were my joy and my heart's delight,
for I bear your name,
O Lord God Almighty.

- **Rejected**Malachi.....Malachi 2:8
Malachi 2:8

But you have turned from the way and by your teaching have caused many to stumble; you have violated the covenant with Levi," says the Lord Almighty.

- **Condemned**Nero 2 Timothy 4:2-4
2 Tim. 4:2-4

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction. [3] For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. [4] They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

- Forbidden Inquisitions
- Mutilated . Modern critics

THE AUTHORITY OF GOD'S WORD

What is God's Word?

- 2 Tim 3:16,17- **inspired, authoritative, profitable**
2 Tim. 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, [17] so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- 2 Peter 1:21- **holy men wrote moved by the Holy Spirit**
2 Peter 1:21

For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

- Matt. 5:17- **all is fulfilled**
Matthew 5:17

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

- Verbal (the words) Plenary (all of them) **without error in the autographs**

WHY READ GOD'S WORD?

- Deut 17:19,20- **teaches humility and fear of God**
Deut. 17:19-20

It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees [20] and not consider himself better than his brothers and turn from the law to the right or to the left. Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel.

- John 5:39- **teaches us of Christ**
John 5:39

You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me,

- **Nehemiah 9:3- produces worship and confession of sin**

Neh. 9:3

They stood where they were and read from the Book of the Law of the Lord their God for a quarter of the day, and spent another quarter in confession and in worshipping the Lord their God.

- **Acts 17:11- noble saints search it**

Acts 17:11

Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

- **Psalms 119:9,11- live as a desire to be freemen**

Psalms 119:9

How can a young man keep his way pure?

By living according to your word.

Psalms 119:11

I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.

- **1 Peter 2:2- so we can grow and help others**

1 Peter 2:2

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

REQUIREMENTS FOR BIBLE STUDY

"It is your life"

Deut. 32:46-47

"He said to them, 'Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. [47] They are not just idle words for you--they are your life. By them you will live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess.'"

You must have a...

- desire for it
- patience for it
- curiosity about it
- persistence

6 REASONS TO STUDY THE BIBLE

- **It is the source of truth--John 8:31**

John 8:31

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.

- **It is the source of happiness -- John 15:11**

John 15:11

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

- **It is the source of victory over sin-- Matthew 4:1-10**

Matthew 4:1-10

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. [2] After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. [3] The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

[4] Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

[5] Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. [6] "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

" 'He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

[7] Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

[8] Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. [9] "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

[10] Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

- **It is the source of growth**--1 Peter 2:1,2

1 Peter 2:1-2

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. [2] Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

- **It is the source of power** --Hebrews 4:12

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

- **It is the source of guidance** --Psalm 119:105

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light for my path.

HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO THE BIBLE?

- **Honor it** . Job 23:12

Job 23:12

I have not departed from the commands of his lips;
I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread.

- **Love it**..... Psalm 19:7-10

Psalm 19:7-10

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul.
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.
[8] The precepts of the Lord are right,

giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.
[9] The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever.
The ordinances of the Lord are sure
and altogether righteous.
[10] They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the comb.

- **Obey it** I John 2:5

1 John 2:5

But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him:

- **Fight for it**Jude 3

Jude 1:3

Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.

- **Preach it** 2 Tim 4:2

2 Tim. 4:2

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction.

- **Study it ..** 2 Tim. 2:15

2 Tim. 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

ATTEMPTING TO BRIDGE THE GAPS

1. The Language gap
W.E Vine, New Testament Word Studies, Wuest Word Studies, concordances
2. The Culture gap-
Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah, Bible as History
3. The Geography gap-
Oxford Bible Atlas
4. The History gap-
Josephus

HOW TO GET A HOLD ON THE BIBLE

- **Meditate** . Psalm 1:2

Psalm 1:2

But his delight is in the law of the Lord,

and on his law he meditates day and night.

- **Memorize**Psalm 119:9,11

Psalm 119:9

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By living according to your word.

Psalm 119:11

I have hidden your word in my heart

that I might not sin against you.

- **Study** 2 Timothy 2:15

2 Tim. 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

- **Read** 1 Timothy 4:13

1 Tim. 4:13

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.

- **Hear** Romans 10:17

Romans 10:17

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

THE BIBLE IS

- **Infallible** Psalm 19:7

Psalm 19:7

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

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making wise the simple.

- **Inerrant** . Proverbs 30:5,6

Psalm 30:5-6

For his anger lasts only a moment,
but his favor lasts a lifetime;
weeping may remain for a night,
but rejoicing comes in the morning.

[6] When I felt secure, I said,
"I will never be shaken."

- **Complete**Revelation 22:18,19

Rev. 22:18-19

I 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.

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- **Sufficient**2 Timothy 3:16,17, Romans. 15:4, James 1:25

Romans 15:4

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

2 Tim. 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, [17] so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

James 1:25

But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does.

- **Authoritative**..... Isaiah 1:2

Isaiah 1:2

Hear, O heavens! Listen, O earth!

For the Lord has spoken:

"I reared children and brought them up,
but they have rebelled against me.

- **Effective** . Hebrews 4:12, 1 Samuel 55:11

Isaiah 55:11

so is my word that goes out from my mouth:

It will not return to me empty,

but will accomplish what I desire

and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Hebrews 4:12

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