

THE WORD OF GOD - INFORMATION

Psalms 119:11, 105, 140, 160

Introduction: The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers. The Bible contains light to direct you, food to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory and a river of pleasure. It is given to us in life, will be opened in the judgment and will be remembered forever. The Bible is supernatural in origin, divine in authorship, human in penmanship, infallible in authority, infinite in scope, universal in interest, eternal in duration and personal in application.

I. THE PERFECTION OF THE WORD:

Psalms 12:6, Psalms 19:7, Psalms 119:140

- A. Perfect in composition
- B. Perfect in content
- C. Perfect in character - Psalms 119:89

II. THE PREACHING OF THE WORD OF GOD:

II Timothy 4:2 *"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."*

- A. Christ is the Word - John 1:1
- B. The Gospel is the word - I Corinthians 15:1-4
- C. The Word of God will:
 1. Guide us
 2. Guard us
 3. Gird us
 4. Assure us in salvation
 5. Admonish us as saints
 6. Advise us as servants

III. THE POWER OF THE WORD OF GOD: Hebrews 4:12

- A. The Bible is not ordinary. It is the Book of God written by God's men as they were moved!
- B. The Bible was written to tell us how to live, where to go, what to do, how to walk, how to talk, how to act and react
- C. The Word of God will convict you-change you-charge you
- D. The Word of God speaks to:
 1. The World-John 3:16
 2. The Sinner-Acts 4:12
 3. Christians-Rom. 12:1
 4. Parents-Prov. 22:6
 5. Children-Eph. 6:1
 6. Students-II Tim. 2:15
 7. Deacons-I Tim. 4:2
 8. Missionaries-Matt. 28:18-20
 9. Preachers-II Tim. 2:15
 10. Soul Winners-Acts 1:8
 11. Young people-Ecc. 12:1
 12. Churches-Matt. 28:18-20

Illustrate:

Four scholars were arguing over Bible translations. One said he preferred the King James Version because of its beauty, eloquent old English. Another said he preferred the American Standard Bible for its literalism, the way it moves the reader from passage to passage with confident feelings of accuracy from the original text. A third man preferred Moffatt because of its quaint, penetrating use of words, the turn of a phrase that captures the attention of the reader. After giving the issue further thought, the fourth scholar admitted, *"I have personally preferred my mother's translation."* When the other scholars laughed, he responded, *'Yes, she translated it. She translated each page of the Bible into life. It is the most convincing translation I ever saw.'*

The word "Bible" comes from Latin and Greek words meaning "book," a good name, since the Bible is *The Book* for all people, for all time. It's a book like no other, in a class by itself. Bibliology is the study of the Bible, the Word of God.

Facts & Info about the Bible

The Bible is a Collection of 66 Books, and was written by God thru Men (about 40 Men) over a period of about 1500 Years dating from 1450 B.C. (the time of Moses) to about 100 A.D. following the Death & Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Bible Information

- Books of the Bible 66
- The Old Testament 39
- The New Testament 27
- Longest Book of the Old Testament Psalms
- Longest Book of the New Testament Luke
- Entire Bible 1189 chapters
- Old Testament 929 chapters
- New Testament 260 chapters
- Shortest chapter Psalm 117
- Longest chapter Psalm 119
- Longest Verse Esther 8:9
- Shortest Verse John 11:35

Verses in the Bible

- Entire Bible 31,173 verses
- Old Testament 23,214 verses
- New Testament 7,959 verses
- Middle verse of The Bible Psalm 118:8
- Longest Word (18 Letters) Mahershalalhashbaz (Isa 8:1)

Words in the Bible

- In the Whole Bible 773,692 words
- In the Old Testament 592,439 words
- In the New Testament 181,253 words

Bible Facts

- **The Dead Sea Scrolls** were discovered off the Northwest Shore of the Dead Seas in 1947 (between 1947 and 1956) in Qumran (near Jerusalem) by a Shepherd who discovered some of the many of these Scrolls in a cave. They then found Tens of Thousands of fragmented Scrolls in Eleven caves representing roughly around 900 different documents.
- **The First Translation of the English Bible** was done by John Wycliffe 1382 and completed by John Purvey—1388.
- The Bible has been translated into 2,018 languages, with countless more partial translations, and audio translations
- The Bible is written in three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, and *Koine* Greek.
- The Bible was divided into *chapters* by Stephen Langton in 1228.
- The Old Testament was divided into *verses* by R. Nathan in 1488 and the New Testament by Robert Stephanus in 1551.
- The entire Bible divided into Chapters and Verses first appeared in the Geneva Bible of 1560.
- Today the Bible is the largest seller of all books published

1. Psalm 119:11

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

2. Psalm 119:105

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

3. Psalm 119:140

Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

4. Psalm 119:160

Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.