

THE BIBLE

This book contains the mind of God, the condition of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. 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. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure.

Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Here, paradise is restored, heaven is opened, and the gates of hell are disclosed. **Christ** is its grand subject, our good is its design, and the glory of God is its end.

It is given to you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and will be remembered forever. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its sacred contents.

Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. This Book – the Book of Books, the *Book of God*, the **Bible** – is the revelation of God to man!

This Book Declares

“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

“Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3).

“That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4).

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away” (Matthew 24:35).

“Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You” (Psalm 119:11).

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