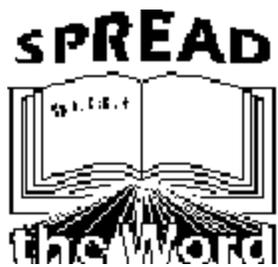


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Why Should I Be Interested in the Bible?



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1. The Book of the Ages. The Word of God Endures. It is Eternal.

Psalm 119:89 “For ever, O LORD, Thy Word is settled in Heaven.”

Psalm 119:152 “Concerning Thy testimonies, I have known of old that Thou hast founded them for ever.”

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

Matthew 5:18 “For verily I say unto you, Till Heaven and Earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the Law, till all be fulfilled.”

1 Peter 1:25 “But the Word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the Word which by the Gospel is preached unto you.”

2. The Bible, The Word of God, is Food for Your Soul.

Deuteronomy 8:3 “And He humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that He might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.”

Job 23:12 “Neither have I gone back from the commandment of His lips; I have esteemed the Words of His mouth more than my necessary food.”

Psalm 119:103 “How sweet are Thy Words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”

Jeremiah 15:16 “Thy Words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by Thy Name, O Lord God of hosts.”

Ezekiel 2:8 “But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee.”

Ezekiel 3:1 “Moreover He said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel.”

Matthew 4:4 “But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

Luke 4:4 “And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word of God.”

1 Peter 2:2 “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby:”

3. The Bible is Divinely Inspired.

Jeremiah 36:2 “Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the Words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day.”

Ezekiel 1:3 “The Word of the Lord came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the Lord was there upon him.”

Zechariah 7:12 “Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the Law, and the Words which the Lord of hosts hath sent in His Spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the Lord of hosts.”

Acts 1:16 “Men and brethren, this Scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.”

Acts 28:25 “And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Spirit by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers,”

2 Timothy 3:16 “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”

2 Peter 1:21 “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”

2 Peter 3:15 “And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;”

Revelation 1:1 “The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to shew unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John:”

Revelation 14:13 “And I heard a Voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.”

4. The Bible has Precepts Written in the Heart.

Deuteronomy 6:6 “And these Words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:”

Deuteronomy 11:18 “Therefore shall ye lay up these My Words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.”

Psalms 119:11 “Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.”

Luke 2:51 “And He went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.”

Romans 10:8 “But what saith it? The Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the Word of faith, which we preach;”

Colossians 3:16 “Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with GRACE in your hearts to the Lord.”

5. The Bible, the Word of God, Furnishes Light.

Psalms 19:8 “The Statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the Commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.”

Psalms 119:105 “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

Proverbs 6:23 “For the Commandment is a lamp; and the Law is light; and Reproofs of instruction are the way of life:”

2 Peter 1:19 “We have also a more sure Word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the Day star arise in your hearts:”

6. The Bible is Loved by the Believer in the Lord.

Psalms 119:47 “And I will delight myself in Thy Commandments, which I have loved.”

Psalms 119:72 “The law of Thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.”

Psalms 119:82 “Mine eyes fail for Thy Word, saying, When wilt Thou comfort me?”

Psalms 119:97 “O how love I Thy Law! it is my meditation all the day.”

Psalm 119:140 “Thy Word is very pure: therefore Thy servant loveth it.”

Psalm 119:163 “I hate and abhor lying: but Thy Law do I love.”

Jeremiah 15:16 “Thy Words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by Thy Name, O Lord God of hosts.”

7. The Bible is Mighty in its Influence. The Power of the Word.

A Devouring Flame.

Jeremiah 5:14 “Wherefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, Because ye speak this Word, behold, I will make My Words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.”

A Crushing Hammer.

Jeremiah 23:29 “Is not My Word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?”

A Life-Giving Force.

Ezekiel 37:7 “So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.”

A Saving Power.

Romans 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

A Defense Weapon.

Ephesians 6:17 “And take the helmet of salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God:

A Probing Instrument.

Hebrews 4:12 “For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

8. The Bible is a Blessing to Those Who Study it.

Joshua 1:8 “This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”

Psalm 19:11 “Moreover by them is Thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.”

Matthew 7:24 “Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.”

Luke 11:28 “But He said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the Word of God, and keep it.”

John 5:24 “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”

Revelation 1:3 “Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the Words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.”

9. The Bible Purifies the Life. The Word Purifies.

Psalm 119:9 “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy Word.”

John 15:3 “Now ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you.”

John 17:17 “Sanctify them through Thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth.”

Ephesians 5:26 “That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word,”

1 Peter 1:22 “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the Truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:”

10. The Bible was Written for a Purpose. The Purpose of the Word.

To authenticate the Divinity of Christ; that Jesus Christ is God.

John 20:31 “But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His Name.”

To give hope to men.

Romans 15:4 “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.”

To relate human experiences as a warning; to learn something from history.

1 Corinthians 10:11 “Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.”

To give knowledge of eternal life.

1 John 5:13 “These things have I written unto you that believe on the Name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the Name of the Son of God.”

The Bible is to be Read in the Congregation.

Exodus 24:7 “And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient.”

Joshua 8:34 “And afterward he read all the Words of the Law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law.”

Jeremiah 36:8 “And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the Book the Words of the Lord in the Lord’s house.”

Luke 4:16 “And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and, as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.”

Colossians 4:16 “And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.”

The Bible gives you also the standard of faith and responsibility.

Proverbs 29:18 “Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.”

Isaiah 8:20 “To the Law and to the Testimony: if they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them.”

John 12:48 “He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not My Words, hath One that judgeth him: the Word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.”

Galatians 1:8 “But though we, or an angel from Heaven, preach any other Gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.”

Thessalonians 2:13 “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the Word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in Truth, the Word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.”

The Words of the Bible are sacred, not to be altered.

Deuteronomy 4:2 “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 12:32 “What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.”

Proverbs 30:6 “Add thou not unto His Words, lest He reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.”

Revelation 22:19 “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.”

The study of the Word of God is commanded. The Search of the Word.

Deuteronomy 17:19 “And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to keep all the Words of this Law and these Statutes, to do them:”

Isaiah 34:16 “Seek ye out of the Book of the Lord, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and His Spirit it hath gathered them.”

Acts 17:11 “These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”

Romans 15:4 “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.”

The Bible contains seed-corns for the sower. God’s Word is a seed.

Psalms 126:6 “He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.”

Mark 4:14, 15 “And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried Him away, and delivered Him to Pilate.”

Mark 4:15 “And these are they by the way side, where the Word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the Word that was sown in their hearts.”

2 Corinthians 9:10 “Now He that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)”

11. The Bible is absolutely trustworthy. God’s Word is sure.

1 Kings 8:56 “Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto His people Israel, according to all that He promised: there hath not failed one Word of all His good promise, which He promised by the hand of Moses His servant.”

Psalms 93:5 “Thy Testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, for ever.”

Psalms 111:7 “The works of His hands are verity and judgment; all His commandments are sure.”

Ezekiel 12:25 “For I am the Lord: I will speak, and the Word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the Word, and will perform it, saith the Lord God.”

Daniel 9:12 “And He hath confirmed His Words, which He spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole Heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.”

Matthew 5:18 “For verily I say unto you, Till Heaven and Earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the Law, till all be fulfilled.”

Luke 21:33 “Heaven and Earth shall pass away: but My Words shall not pass away.”

Romans 4:16 “Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by GRACE; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the Law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all.”

12. The Bible is profitable for instruction. The Word taught.

Deuteronomy 4:10 “Specially the day that thou stoodest before the Lord thy God in Horeb, when the Lord said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear My Words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they shall live upon the Earth, and that they may teach their children.”

Deuteronomy 11:19 “And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”

2 Chronicles 17:9 “And they taught in Judah, and had the Book of the Law of the Lord with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.”

Nehemiah 8:13 “And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the Words of the Law.”

Isaiah 2:3 “And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem.”

Acts 18:28 “For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publickly, shewing by the Scriptures that Jesus was Christ.”

13. Ignorance of the Bible is perilous.

Matthew 12:3 “But He said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him;”

Matthew 19:4 “And He answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that He which made them at the beginning made them male and female.”

Matthew 22:29 “Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God.”

John 20:9 “For as yet they knew not the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.”

Acts 13:27 “For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew Him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning Him.”

2 Corinthians 3:15 “But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.”

14. The Bible contains the message of deliverance.

Jeremiah 1:7 “But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.”

Jeremiah 1:17 “Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them.”

Jeremiah 11:2 “Hear ye the Words of this Covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem;”

Ezekiel 2:7 “And thou shalt speak My Words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious.”

Ezekiel 3:17 “Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the Word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me.”

Acts 5:20 “Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the Words of this life.”

Titus 2:15 “These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.”

15. The Perfection of the Bible. The Word is Perfect.

Psalms 19:7 “The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the Testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.”

Romans 7:12 “Wherefore the Law is holy, and the Commandment holy, and just, and good.”

Romans 7:14 “For we know that the Law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.”

1 Timothy 1:8 “But we know that the Law is good, if a man use it lawfully;”

16. The Bible is not to be Despised.

2 Chronicles 36:16 “But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised His Words, and misused His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, till there was no remedy.”

Psalms 78:10 “They kept not the Covenant of God, and refused to walk in His Law.”

Isaiah 5:24 “Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the Law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the Word of the Holy One of Israel.”

Isaiah 30:9 “That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the Law of the Lord.”

Jeremiah 6:19 “Hear, O Earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto My Words, nor to My Law, but rejected it.”

Jeremiah 9:13 “And the Lord saith, Because they have forsaken My Law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice, neither walked therein.”

Hosea 4:6 “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to Me: seeing thou hast forgotten the Law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.”

Amos 2:4 “Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have despised the Law of the Lord, and have not kept His Commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked.”

Mark 7:9 “And He said unto them, Full well ye reject the Commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.”

Reject His Word and You Reject Him. You Reject Him and He will Reject You.

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