

THE WORLD IN THE WORD

What a different world there would be if we always followed the Word of God and the Inspirer of it. What a different "Church" there would be if the Church obeyed its instructions, and what different individuals we would be if we knew the Scriptures and apply them.

A nation would truly be blessed, if it were governed by no other laws than those of the Word of God. It is so complete a system that nothing can be added to it, or taken from it. It contains everything needful to be known or done.

It affords a copy for a president, and a role for the citizen, and gives instruction and counsel for the senate, and the congress, and authority and direction for the supreme court. It contains a witness, requires an impartial verdict of a jury, and furnishes a judge with his sentence.

It sets the husband as lord of the household and the wife as the mistress of the table, tells him how to rule, and her how to manage. It entails honor to parents and enjoins obedience to children. It prescribes and limits the sway of the sovereign, the rule of the ruler, and the authority of the master; commands the subjects to honor, and servants to obey, and promises blessing and protection of the Almighty to all that walk by its rules.

It gives direction for weddings and for burials. It promises food and raiment, and limits the use of both. It points out a faithful and eternal guardian to the departing husband and father, tells him which whom to leave his fatherless children, and in whom his widow is to trust, and promises a father to the former, and a husband to the latter.

It teaches man how to set his house in order, and how to make his will. It appoints a dowry for his wife, and entails the right of the firstborn, and shows how the younger shall be left. It defends the right of all, and reveals

vengeance to every defaulter, over-teacher and oppressor.

It is the first book, the best book, the oldest book in the world. It contains the choicest matter, gives the best instruction, affords the greatest pleasure and satisfaction that was ever enjoyed.

It contains the best laws, and the most profound mysteries that were ever penned. It brings the best tidings, and affords the best of comfort, to the inquiring and discouraged. It exhibits life and immortality from everlasting, and shows the way to glory. It is a brief recital of all that is past and a certain prediction of all that is to come.

It settles matter in debate, resolves all doubts, and eases the mind and conscience of all their scruples. It reveals the only living and true God, and shows the way to Him, and sets aside all other gods, and describes the vanity of them, and all that trust in such.

In short, it is a book of laws, to show right and wrong; a book of wisdom, that condemns all folly and makes the foolish wise; a book of Truth, that detects all lies, and confutes all errors. And a book of life, that shows the way of everlasting death.

It is the most compendious book in the world, the most authentic, and the most entertaining history that was ever published. It contains all the most ancient antiquities, strange events, wonderful occurrences, heroic deeds, unparalleled wars.

It describes the celestial, terrestrial, and infernal worlds, and the origin of the angelic myriads, human tribes, and devilish legions.

It will instruct the accomplished mechanic and the most profound artist. It teaches the best rhetoric and exercises every power of the most skillful mathematician, puzzles the wisest and exercises the nicest critic.

It corrects the vain philosopher, and confutes the wise astronomer. It exposes the

subtle sophist, and makes diviners mad. It is a complete code of laws, a perfect body of Divinity, and unequalled narrative, a book of lives, a book of travels, and a book of voyages.

It is the best covenant that ever was agreed to, the best deed that ever was sealed, the best evidence that ever was produced, the best will that ever was made, and the best testament that ever was signed.

To understand it is to be wise indeed, to be ignorant of it is to be destitute of wisdom.

It is the king's best copy, the magistrate's best rule, the housewife's best guide, the servant's best directory, and the young man's best companion.

It is the schoolboy's spelling book, and the learned man's masterpiece. It contains a choice grammar for a novice, and a profound mystery for a sage. It is the ignorant man's dictionary, and the wise man's directory. It affords knowledge of witty inventions for the humorous, and dark sayings for the grave, and is its own interpreter.

It encourages the wise, the warrior, the swift, the overcomer, and promises an eternal reward for the excellent, the conqueror, the winner and the prevalent.

And that which crowns all is that the Author is without partiality, and without hy-

pocrisy, "In whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

Yes it is a mine of precious jewelry,
The book of God, a well of streams Divine,
But who would wish the riches of that mine,
To make his own, his thirst to satisfy,
From the pure well, must ear,
eye and soul apply,
On precept, precept scan, and line on line.
Search, ponder, sift, compare,
divide, combine,
For Truths that oft beneath the surface lie.
Yes, there are things which he who runs
may read,
Nor few there are, which yield a harder part,
To mark, discern, and know,
with cautious heed
Tis God's command, survey the
safety's chart,
Lest arduous things, distorted,
deathward lead,
The mind unlearned, and the unstable heart.

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