

The Bible is an ancient book yet God has preserved it for us today.

📖 Psalm 12:6-7 What 2 things does verse 7 say God will do with his word, and for how long?

📖 Isaiah 40:8 What will the word of God do?

God's word has suffered many attacks throughout history. Some have tried to destroy the Bible, some have distorted the Bible, and others have denied the Bible. Yet God promises that His perfect word will always be available to us.

Since the beginning of time, Satan has attempted to destroy God's word by distorting it. In Genesis 3:1 he cast doubt on the word of God in order to deceive Eve (and it worked!). Satan has not let up on his quest to deceive God's people.

Today, in a profit-driven industry Bible publishers are constantly seeking for new and innovative ways to *package* the word of God. The results are (perhaps well intentioned) but distorted and watered down perversions of the word of God. Read this description of a new Bible version that was released in 2004:

Out with the stale religious terms, here's a "Bible" that talks today's language--gritty, earthy, witty. Enough of starting at Genesis with good intentions but getting lost in Leviticus. Lacey succeeds in revitalizing a classic work by focusing on the big picture: fast-forwarding through the "slow-moving" bits with pace, passion and energy to make the Bible a page-turner again.

As Bible publishers seek to satisfy the self-serving desires of our modern society by dumbing down the scriptures, God's promise remains true and faithful that he would preserve an accurate translation of his word for all generations.

God's desire is not that we change the Bible to conform to society, but rather that we change society to conform to the Bible. Today he has preserved his word for us in the King James Version of the Bible.



The Holy Scriptures

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Thursday

The Inspiration of All Scripture

📖 **Read** 2 Timothy 3:13-17

The term *Holy Scriptures* as we use it today, refers to more than the Old Testament writings. Did you know that the New Testament writers referred to their writings as *Scripture* as well?

📖 2 Peter 3:16. In this verse Peter is talking about Paul's writings. He points out that some of the things Paul wrote could not be understood by the unspiritual, or immature Christian. He concludes by saying :

"...as they do also the other _____."

Peter, by implication, states that Paul's writings were just as inspired as other scripture.

📖 2 Peter 3:15 ...even as our beloved brother Paul also

according to the _____

hath _____ unto you;

Peter indicates that Paul's writings were inspired by God. He wrote according to the wisdom which was given him of God, and not by his own wisdom. Remember that the Apostle Paul wrote 1/3 of the New Testament!

📖 1 Timothy 5:18 "For the _____ saith..."

In 1 Timothy 5:18, Paul quotes two passages which he refers to as *scripture*. First, he quotes Deuteronomy 25:4 "thou shalt not muzzle the ox...", and secondly he quotes Luke 10:7 "for the labourer is worthy of his reward". Thus Paul viewed the Gospel writings as inspired scripture, just like the Old Testament law.

These verses among others show us that the Old and the New Testament are equally scripture. Now look again at 2 Tim 3:16.

"_____ scripture is given by inspiration of God.." When you open your Bible, whether to the Old or to the New Testament, you can be assured that you are reading the inspired word of God!

Friday

The Necessity of All Scripture

We have seen that 2 Tim 3:16 teaches that *all* scripture is inspired of God. Since all of the Bible is inspired, we must recognize that each of the sixty-six books it contains are equally important and necessary.

Each book of the Bible has its own message and theme, yet all sixty-six books together form one complete unit. When taken together we find that all these books contribute to one larger message, and theme – salvation through Jesus Christ.

📖 Luke 24:44. Where were things written concerning Jesus?

Some folks believe that the Old Testament is strictly about the Law and Israel, while the New Testament is strictly about Jesus and the Church. The truth of the matter is that the entire Bible is about the person of Jesus Christ.

📖 Acts 10:43. Who gave witness of salvation in Christ?

God intended all of scripture for our benefit. We must not hesitate to read and study all of God's word. Each book contains a message, illustration, or instruction that we can apply to our lives. **Are there any books of the Bible which you have not yet read through?** If so, you are missing some of God's revealed truth for you.

How does all scripture profit us? Look up 2 Timothy 3:16

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is

_____ for _____, for

_____, for _____, for

_____ in righteousness:

All scripture is the inspired word of God and all scripture is given to us for our benefit (it is profitable). We must not leave any book unread, but endeavor to become students of the entire word of God!

Saturday

The Sufficiency of All Scripture

The Bible is relevant and it is sufficient. It applies to this present age just as well as it has in past ages and it supplies real answers to a modern society, just as it did for ancient societies.

The Bible is not an out-dated book. Some societies reject the teachings of the Word of God as authoritative, and therefore seek out their own truth, leaving the Bible behind. But the rejection of the Bible does not affect the relevance of the Bible. Its great moral themes will always stand as the only way to have a healthy society. Its teaching on salvation will always remain the one true way to come to God. Its exhortations on marriage, parenting, employment and relationships will always remain absolutely true and relevant.

📖 Look up and write out Proverbs 18:2

In today's culture we have widely rejected the absolute authority of the Word of God and have sought to look within ourselves to decide what we feel is true. This is called Humanism. While our society searches their own hearts and finds ever-changing truths, the Bible remains the same, standing as an unchanging authority, ever-relevant and all-sufficient. It is a fixed point of reference in an ever shifting world

📖 Write out Psalm 119:89 _____

The Bible has the answers to life's questions. If you have a parenting problem, or a marriage problem, or simply questions about life, the Word of God is sufficient to provide answers.

📖 Write out Psalms 119:105 _____

God made his word a practical book which he intended for us to use everyday. It is through his word that he reveals His will for us, and gives us God-honoring instruction. **Have you made God's word relevant in your life by reading it everyday?**