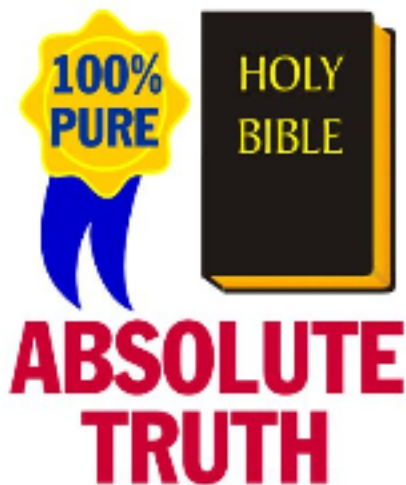


HOW IMPORTANT IS THE BIBLE?



First, here are some of the words of Zion Vision Evangelical Publication about the Bible:

The Bible is the written Word of God and carries the fundamental Will of God for our lives as individuals, the church and the world at large. Our knowledge of God can only grow depending on our knowledge of His Word. It is therefore imperative to develop the habit of constantly reading your Bible, and studying it's various themes so as to be grounded in the things of God.

By reading it, you will know the mind of God concerning any single subject you wish to be enlightened on. Ask Jesus to help you understand what you don't understand.

Every moral or spiritual doctrine must be firmly backed by the Scriptures because the Word of God is the rock on which we stand.

We are to associate with Christian groups where the Bible is studied so as to get the necessary assistance and basic knowledge you need. By reading your Bible you are committing yourself to doing only what it says and not what man, or human philosophy might imagine.

If someone does not read his or her Bible, even if he has been a Christian for a long time and is very intelligent, he cannot know the secrets of God.

There are quite two different things, following God's Word and following a church. We can be following a church instead of the Word of God. A lot of people believe and obey what their church tells them instead of finding all the Truth for themselves in their Bible.

This is a very dangerous thing to do! We are talking about where we will spend Eternity here. We need to read and study our Bible to make sure we know what God wants us to do! There's nothing else you can trust but your Bible, which is your only true Guide!

Here are some important Scriptures:

"This book of the law (the Bible) shall not depart out of thy mouth but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou may 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! Joshua 1:8

Then the Lord said to Joshua: "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest!" Joshua 1:9

What a promise! Obey God's Word and He Himself will be with you to protect you!

This is what we are to live by: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4

The Words in the Bible are the Words of God to live by. He has preserved His Word in the Authorized King James Bible. It is the only English version today, that is pure, and unaltered.

I have researched the subject extensively and this is what I know to be true.

Proverbs 30:5, 6 says, "Every Word of God is pure: He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him. Add thou not unto His Words, lest He reprove thee, and thou be found a liar."

Psalms 12:6, 7 "The Words of the Lord are pure Words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times."

"Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever!"

Psalms 138:2 says "For thou hast magnified thy Word above all thy Name!"

Just think of that! There is nothing more powerful than Jesus' Name but He has magnified the Word of God above His Name!

Psalms 119:89 "For ever, O Lord, thy Word is settled in Heaven!"

The Word of God is established and it is so true and so powerful, and so precious that it will be in Heaven for all Eternity!

“The entrance of thy Words giveth light and it giveth understanding unto the simple!”
Psalm 119:130

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

Jesus said, “If ye love Me, keep My Commandments.”

“He that hath My Commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.” John 14:15, 21

“He that loveth me not keepeth not my Sayings...John 14:24

We are to obey a lot more than the Ten Commandments! We are to obey all Jesus' Commands and Sayings, and all the Epistles in the Bible.

1 John 2:5 “Whoso keepeth His Word, in Him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby we know that we are in Him.”

John 8:31, 32 “Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed:

And ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free!”

We don't just get saved and then go on and live out lives without staying in His Word constantly to keep learning and being guided in what we are to believe, and what we are to do. We are to continue in His Word!

James 1:22-25 says, “But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving you own selves. For if any be a hearer of the Word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.”

“But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and not be a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”

“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world!” James 1:27

WE SHOULD PRAY:

“Lord, Order my steps in thy Word: and let not iniquity have dominion over me.”
Psalm 119:133

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

My delight is in the law (Word of God) of the Lord. I will meditate on it every day.”
Psalm 1:2

“I prevented (anticipated, meet, usually for help) the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in Thy Word.”

“Mine eyes prevent (anticipate) the night watches that I might meditate in Thy Word.”
Psalm 119:147, 148

“I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember Thy wonders of old.”

I will meditate also of all Thy work, and talk of Thy doings.” Psalm 77:11, 12

“I will meditate in Thy precepts, and have respect unto Thy ways!” Psalm 119:15

“Thy servant will meditate in Thy statutes.”
(Word of God)

“Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counselors.” Psalm 119:23, 24

“Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer!” Psalm 19:14

“My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding” Psalm 49:3 By studying and pondering on the Word of God!

“My meditation of Him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord!” Psalm 104:34

“I have more understanding than my teachers: for Thy testimonies are my meditation!”

Psalm 119:99

Jeremiah said of God's Word: I will not make mention of Him, nor speak any more in His Name. But His Word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones!

Jeremiah 20:9

Jeremiah 23:19 “Is not My Word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?”

