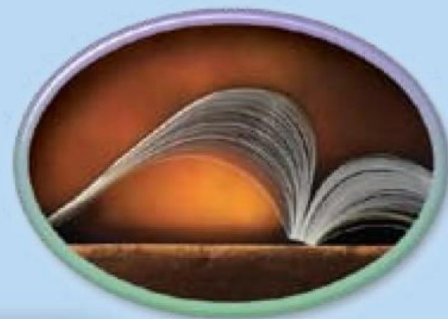


WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT ITS OWN VALUE

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REVEALED BY GOD

1. Who revealed the Holy Scriptures?

2. Who received the revelation?

2 Timothy 3:16

Hebrews 1:1

SOURCE OF GUIDANCE AND SOLUTIONS

3. What is the Holy Bible compared to?

4. What benefit does one receive from studying the Bible?

5. What blessings does the Holy Bible offer?

6. How long will the Bible endure?

Psalms 119:105

2 Timothy 3:15-17

Romans 15:4

Isaiah 40:8

WHAT MUST I DO?

1. Have a Bible and read it every day.

2. Study it regularly.

3. Accept it with joy and gladness.

4. Practice its teachings.

Deuteronomy 17:19

John 5:39

Jeremiah 15:16

Revelation 1:3

I believe that the Holy Bible is inspired by God. I accept it as my rule of faith. I promise to read it daily.

SIGNATURE

THE FAITH
OF JESUS

► ADDITIONAL STUDY ◀

THE BIBLE IS THE SOURCE OF TRUTH.

(John 17:17; Isaiah 8:20). It was inspired by God and the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:19-21; 1 Samuel 23:2). Therefore we must not reject its teachings (1 Samuel 15:23).

IT HAS POWER TO TRANSFORM LIVES.

(Hebrews 4:12). It produces rebirth and spiritual growth (1 Peter 1:23; 2:2).

IT CONTAINS REMARKABLE SCIENTIFIC

FACTS. The earth hangs on nothing (Job 26:7). Air has weight (Job 28:25). The number of stars is incalculable (Jeremiah 33:22).

IT MUST BE STUDIED AND OBEYED.

Invitation to study the Bible (John 5:24, 39; Isaiah 28:13). We must obey its counsel (John 14:23). By reading it we are participants of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4).

What Is The Bible?

The Bible is the holy book of the Christian. It also is called the Holy Scriptures. It is the most precious jewel of Western thought and culture. More than that, it is the revelation of God to man.

Actually, the Bible is a collection of books. It contains 66 books in two "testaments". The Old Testament was written before Christ and the New Testament is the story of Christ and the development of Christianity. The Bible was written over a period spanning some 1,500 years by about 40 authors, including wise men, kings, shepherds, farmers, doctors and lawmakers

The Opinion Great Men Had About It

Emilio Castelar, famous Spanish writer and politician: "The Bible is the purest revelation that shows God exists." Emmanuel Kant, famous German philosopher: "The existence of the Bible as a book for the people, is the greatest benefit that the human race has ever experienced." Count Leo Tolstoy, a prominent Russian writer: "The moral development of man and child is impossible without reading the Bible."

ADVICE ABOUT STUDYING THE BIBLE

Every Christian should own and study the Holy Book of God. Jesus said, "Search the scriptures" (John 5:39). Jerome, the translator of the version of the Bible called the Latin Vulgate: "We must cultivate intelligence through the reading of the Holy Books". Cardinal Garibi Rivera, former archbishop of Guadalajara, said: "If the faithful propose to read Scripture regularly, they will have a deeper understanding of the divine revelation, taken from the written Word of God. Prayer on the one hand, and reading the Bible on the other, are a Christian conversation with God, used to nourish your spiritual life." The Second Vatican Council said this about the Bible: "The Church has always venerated the Scriptures ... Likewise, the Holy Council strongly urges all Christians, especially the religious, to learn "the sublime knowledge of Jesus Christ" by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures."

Illustrations

An ancient Roman legend says that a young man named Fortunato possessed a magic bag that contained a single gold coin, which miraculously renewed itself each time he took it out and spent it, because the currency had the rare virtue of always returning to the bag. The Holy Bible is similar, because as we open its pages we are enriched by its teachings. Then we close it, and when we open it again we find the same riches. The Bible always has untold treasures of advice and guidance.