

UNLOCKING GOD'S WORD & UNLEASHING GOD'S POWER

How to Study & Apply the Bible



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WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

LESSON 1

The Bible, often referenced as the Holy Bible, The Scripture, or the Word of God is the most profound books of all time. The Bible is the best seller of all time, and has been translated into more than 1,400 languages around the world. Although the Bible is the best seller in the world, and translated into more languages than any other book, it remains the most controversial book of all human history.

The Bible Can't be Destroyed

In A.D. 300 the Roman emperor Diocletian ordered every Bible burned because he thought that by destroying the Scriptures he could destroy Christianity. Anyone caught with a Bible would be executed. But just 25 years later, the Roman emperor Constantine ordered that 50 perfect copies of the Bible be made at government expense.

The French philosopher Voltaire, a skeptic who destroyed the faith of many people, boasted that within 100 years of his death, the Bible would disappear from the face of the earth. Voltaire died in 1728, but the Bible lives on. The irony of history is that 50 years after his death, the Geneva Bible Society moved into his former house and used his printing presses to print thousands of Bibles.

True or False

1. The Bible is incomplete as we know it **T or F**
2. The Bible was written by white men to manipulate other people. **T or F**
3. There are other sacred writings that are equivalent to the Bible. **T or F**
4. There are many contradictions in the Bible. **T or F**
5. The Bible was written by King James. **T or F**
6. The Bible and Science often contradict each other. **T or F**

The Bible is not like any other book in the world because it is supernatural in its origin. The word “_____” comes from the Greek Word “biblios” meaning _____. The Bible is a _____ within itself. The Bible is a library or a collection of books written by over 40 different _____, who lived at different _____, and lived in different _____; who wrote on the same and different _____. The bible was written over a span of _____ years.

What is the Bible?

1. The Bible is Revelation from God.

a) The Bible is God's Revelation of _____ to **ma**_____ **n**.

Hebrews 1:1-2 (NIV)

1 In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

God reveals Himself through:

b) The Bible is the Revelation of _____ to Man

John 1:1-4 (ESV)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 1:14 (ESV)

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 5:39 (ESV)

39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,

Luke 24:27 (ESV)

27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Luke 24:44-45 (ESV)

44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

c) The Bible is the Revelation of Divine _____ for
_____ & _____

Genesis 2:15-17 (NASB)

15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. 16 The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

Ezekiel 18:20 (NASB)

20 "The person who sins will die. The son will not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son's iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself.

d) The Bible is the Revelation of Divine _____ for _____ and

Psalms 84:11 (ESV)

11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

Psalms 1:1-6 (NIV)

1 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. 4 Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. 6 For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalms 37:3-5 (NIV)

3 Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. 4 Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. 5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:

e) The Bible is the Revelation of a _____ and _____ for _____.

Genesis 3:15 (NIV)

15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Genesis 3:20-21 (NLT)

20 Then the man—Adam—named his wife Eve, because she would be the mother of all who live. 21 And the LORD God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.

f) The Bible is the Revelation of the _____ and _____ of the Jesus.

2 Peter 3:8-10 (NLT)

8 But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. 9 The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment.

Philippians 2:9-11 (NLT)

9 Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

2. The Bible is _____ in it's origin.

a) The Bible is the **source of** _____ :

John 17:17 (ESV)

17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

b) The Bible is the source of _____ when _____ :

Luke 11:28 (ESV)

28 But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

c) The Bible is the **source of** _____ :

Ephesians 6:17 (ESV)

17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

d) The Bible is the **source of** _____ :

1 Peter 2:2-3 (ESV)

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

e) The Bible is the **source of** _____ :

Romans 1:16-17 (ESV)

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

f) The Bible is the **source of** _____ : "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps 119:105).

Psalms 119:105 (ESV)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Attributes of the Bible

1. The Bible is _____. The Bible, in its entirety, has no mistakes. Specifically, in its original autographs it is without errors.

Psalms 19:7 (NASB)

7 The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

2. The Bible is _____. The Bible is not only infallible in total, but inerrant in its parts.

Proverbs 30:5-6 (NASB)

5 Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. 6 Do not add to His words Or He will reprove you, and you will be proved a liar.

3. The Bible is _____. Nothing needs to added or should not be taken away. The Bible ends with a warning not to take away anything, and not to add anything. That's a testimony of its completeness.

Jude 1:3 (NIV)

3 Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.

4. The Bible is _____. If it is perfect and complete, then it is the last Word—the final authority the Bible demands obedience. We can discuss its implications, its applications, and its meanings, but we shouldn't discuss whether or not it is true.

Psalms 119:89-91 (MSG)

89 What you say goes, GOD, and stays, as permanent as the heavens. 90 Your truth never goes out of fashion; it's as up-to-date as the earth when the sun comes up. 91 Your Word and truth are dependable as ever; that's what you ordered—you set the earth going.

Metaphors for the Bible is the Scripture.

There are several metaphors used in Scripture to describe the nature and effect of the Bible in the life of those who read and apply its' truths to their lives.

1. The bible is like a _____

1 Peter 1:23-25 (ESV)

23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; 24 for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, 25 but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

2. The Bible is like a _____

Hebrews 4:12-13 (ESV)

12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

3. The Bible is like _____

1 Peter 2:2-3 (ESV)

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4. The Bible is like _____

Jeremiah 20:9 (ESV)

9 If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

5. The Bible is Like a _____

Jeremiah 23:28-29 (ESV)

28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. 29 Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

6. The Bible is like a _____

James 1:23-25 (ESV)

23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

Books of the Bible



