

Why Read the Bible?

► The Bible is Inspired

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16,17

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:20-21

"Each word in the Bible is the word of a conscious human author and at the same time the exact word that God intends for the revelation of himself."

Robert Plummer

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▶ The Bible is True

God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind.

Numbers 23:19

Jesus said,

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

John 17:17

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▶ The Bible is Authoritative

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

James 1:22

“Happy is the person who possesses a Bible! Happier still is he who reads it! Happiest of all is he who not only reads it but obeys it!”

J.C.Ryle

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▶ The Bible is Clear

The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Psalm 119:130

“It ain’t those parts of the Bible I can’t understand that bother me; it’s the parts I do understand”

Mark Twain

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▶ The Bible is Sufficient

The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

Deuteronomy 29:29

Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.

Proverbs 30:5-6

“The case can be made that every corruption of biblical Christianity begins by compromising the principle of sufficiency. Every deviation from Christianity established by Christ and the apostles begins by adding to the Bible or taking away from it. Every deviation is the Bible plus or minus something.”

T.L.Johnson

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▶ The Bible is Powerful

“Is not my word like fire,” declares the LORD, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”

Jeremiah 23:29

“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

Hebrews 4:12

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:10-11

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▶ The Bible is Christ-centred

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Luke 24:25-27

"This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

Luke 24:44-45

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▶ The Bible is Precious

The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.

Psalm 119:72

*For **everything** that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.*

Romans 15:4

“To me the Bible is not God, but it is God’s voice, and I do not hear it without awe.”

Charles Spurgeon

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