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HOLY BIBLE

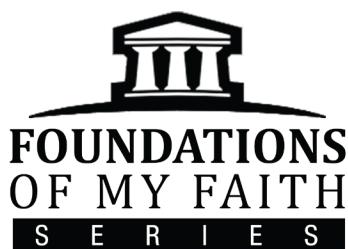


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How to use this curriculum



LOOK UP these verses in your Bible.



KEY VERSES to the lesson.

The Bible is unlike any other book. It is the only book that answers man's three basic questions: Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going? These questions cannot be answered by just any book. Before opening the Bible in search of these answers, let's first learn more about the Bible.

What are the basic contents of the Bible?

The Bible is a collection of 66 books.



“. . . all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.” (Luke 24:44)

The 39 Old Testament books were written before Jesus Christ's birth, and the 27 books New Testament were written afterward.

39 Old Testament Books

Genesis - Deuteronomy	Law of Moses
Joshua - Esther	Books of History
Job - Song of Solomon	Psalms & Poetry
Isaiah - Daniel	Major Prophets
Hosea - Malachi	Minor Prophets

27 New Testament Books

Matthew - John	Gospels
Acts	History of the Early Church
Romans - Philemon	Paul's Letters
Hebrews - Jude	General Letters
Revelation	Prophecy

Who wrote the Bible?

We believe God wrote the Bible. God used human instruments to record His words.



"All scripture is given by inspiration of God..." (II Timothy 3:16)



"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (II Peter 1:21)

Over the course of about 1600 years, God moved 40 different men as “ink pens” to write His Words from Heaven. A pen does not choose the contents of a letter, but the author who is moving the pen chooses the words. The pen just records onto the page what the author desires. We believe that God has inspired and preserved His word for English speaking people in the King James Version of the Bible.

When was the Bible written?

1. The Word of God existed in Heaven before the world began.



"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." (Psalm 119:89)

2. The Word of God is eternal and will never fade away.



"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." (Matthew 24:35)



"... by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." (I Peter 1:23)

What can the Bible do for me?

1. It shows me how to get to Heaven from here.



"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." (II Timothy 3:15)



"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)

2. It shows me how to live after I know I am going to Heaven.



“. . . I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” (John 10:10)

3. It gives me spiritual understanding.



“The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.” (Psalm 119:130)

4. It shows me what is right.



“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” (II Timothy 3:16)

Doctrine means what is right according to the Word of God.

Reproof shows what is not right.

Correction shows me how to get right.

Instruction in righteousness helps me stay right.

5. It changes me.



Isaiah 55:10-11



Psalm 19:7-10

Why should I read the Bible?

1. The Word of God will increase my faith.

 Romans 10:17

My faith grows as I hear and understand and follow God's words. As my faith increases, I become obedient to His Word.

2. The words of God are spiritual food.

 “... Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:4)

The words of God feed my spiritual hunger. As my physical appetite requires me to eat often, so my spiritual appetite seeks to spend time in His Word.

3. God's Word gives me examples by which to live.

 “Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.” (I Corinthians 10:11)

4. It gives me knowledge, wisdom, comfort, and hope.

 Romans 15:4

What should be my relationship with the Word of God?



"Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." (John 6:68)

I should love it. (Psalm 119:97)

I should read it. (Nehemiah 9:3)

I should study it. (II Timothy 2:15)

I should meditate on it. (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:2)

I should obey it. (Deuteronomy 13:4)

My relationship with the Word of God is built by doing these things.

Can I trust my Bible?

1. Yes, the Word of God is inspired by God.



"All scripture is given by inspiration of God . . ."
(II Timothy 3:16)

2. Yes, the Word of God is pure, so I can trust it.



"Every word of God is pure . . ." (Proverbs 30:5)



"Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it."
(Psalm 119:140)

3. Yes, God promises to preserve His words to all generations.



"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." (Psalm 12:6-7)



"Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus."
(II Timothy 1:13)

Each word written by God is true and remains true, for God cannot lie or change.

4. Yes, because its prophecies have been fulfilled throughout history.



"But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled." (Acts 3:18)

6. List three reasons we should read the Bible.

7. List four reasons we can trust God's Word. (Include a verse for each reason.)

Memory Verses

(Choose at least two Scripture verses to memorize from the following list.)

Psalm 19:7

Proverbs 30:5

II Timothy 3:16

II Peter 1:21

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