

The Holy Bible - A Remarkable Book.

This week we learn that we can fully trust The Bible as God's unerring Word of Truth.

**'Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path'** Psalm 119 v105.

Bible Readings for this week

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Luke 24v13-24 (On the Road to Emmaus)	
Monday	Luke 24v25-35 (The Old Testament teaches of Christ!)	
Tuesday	Luke 24v36-53 (The Lord fulfils the Old Testament)	
Wednesday	Psalm 119v1-16 (Memorising verses protects us from sin)	
Thursday	Psalm 119v97-112 (God's word gives us understanding)	
Friday	2 Timothy 3v1-17 (All scripture is given by inspiration)	
Saturday	2 Peter 1v1-21 (Holy men of God moved by the Spirit)	

Important Lesson for us Today: Why do we need the Bible? Even in an increasingly atheistic world which does not read God's word, many acknowledge a designer behind the universe; such intricate complexity and beauty could never have arisen by accident or chance, pointing to an infinite intelligent Creator. The provision of material things for life, (e.g. food, clothing and shelter) and emotional fulfilment, (love and self-worth) points the enquiring mind to a heavenly Benefactor. Yet none of this teaches how we can know this God personally. God had to reveal Himself to us in writing, so that we would not be left in ignorance. The Bible, which is His written Word (or revelation) is the subject of this new series of lessons. We use the KJV, the best English translation. **Don't let the Bible be left gathering dust on the shelf - read it and seek its author!**

The writer of Hymn 338 shares the joy he found in reading God's Word, the Bible.

1. How precious is the book divine,
By inspiration given;
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine,
To guide our souls to Heaven.
2. Lord, I have made Thy Word my choice,
My lasting heritage.
Here shall my noblest powers rejoice,
My warmest thoughts engage.
3. I'll read the histories of Thy Love,
And keep Thy laws in sight;
While through Thy promises, I'll rove
With ever fresh delight.
4. Here is a land of wealth unknown.
Where springs of life arise;
Seeds of immortal bliss are sown,
And hidden glory lies.

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible

The Word of God – The Holy Bible.

Why the Bible is not like any other Book!

○ A Unified Book.

- Despite having been written over a period of 1,600 years by 40 different penmen, its 66 books are **not** an assortment of random, disparate writings. The Bible has one common message throughout - There is one Eternal, Triune, Creator God, Who is holy, Who hates sin, but is merciful and willing to forgive sinners who truly repent and trust in the Saviour He has sent.

How did The Bible achieve this remarkable unity? It is because it is:

○ A God-inspired Book.

- God used and inspired the minds of the faithful human penmen to write His truth, so He is the Originator and Author of every word. It has no errors.
- 2,600+ times the Old Testament writer states, "**Thus saith the Lord ...**"
- The Lord Jesus Christ Himself viewed the Bible as God's Word. **Luke 24v44.** He was the fulfilment of the OT prophecies, and sacrifices. **Matthew 5v17.**
- The early NT church only accepted writings from the Apostles, (those who had seen the risen Christ), and who performed miracles and signs. **Acts 3v12.**

As it is God's Word it makes it:

▪ Indestructible.

Many have tried to rid the world of this Book; burning it, banning it, killing or imprisoning the translator, reader or printer. Despite all this opposition, it has been preserved for us to read; protected by its author, God Himself.

▪ Completely Accurate.

The Biblical history has repeatedly been vindicated by modern archaeology; it's the world's most accurate and unbiased history book. It has no errors.

The Bible is full of prophecies and promises. Many of these have already come true, and the remainder will do so when Christ returns as Judge.

○ Its Great Purpose.

- It speaks God's Word to all human beings to show the only way to God and to Heaven. It is like a light that reveals the very heart of God in all its purity and holiness and reveals the rottenness of our sin and our need of forgiveness. It is full of warnings, pleadings and promising encouragements. The more we read it the more we will treasure it and desire to seek after its author, the one, true, Almighty God. **Do you read it prayerfully, every day?**

"If thou wilt receive My words.... Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God."

Proverbs 2v1&4.