

# *What Do I Believe?*

## **About the Bible**

**Scripture: II Timothy 3:16-17**

**Memory Verse: Matthew 24:35**

### **Lesson 1**

### **What Do I Believe About The Bible?**

**INTRODUCTION:** The Bible is the most amazing Book in the world. The Bible alone tells us where we came from, why we are here, and where we are going. To reject the Bible leaves us without any purpose in life. Without the Bible who is to say what is right or wrong? Our acceptance of the Bible is the difference between joy and sorrow, peace and turmoil, living and existing, hope and despair, heaven and hell.

#### **I FACTS ABOUT THE KING JAMES BIBLE**

- A. 66 books in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation
- B. 1,189 chapters in the Bible
- C. 929 chapters in the Old Testament
- D. 260 chapters in the New Testament
- E. 31,175 verses in the Bible
- F. 810,697 words in the Bible
- G. Psalm 119 - the longest chapter in the Bible (176 verses)
- H. Psalm 117 - the shortest chapter in the Bible (2 verses)
- I. Esther 8:9 - the longest verse in the Bible (91 words)
- J. John 11:35 - the shortest verse in the Bible (2 words) - in the Greek Bible the shortest verse is I Thessalonians 5:16
- K. Psalm 118:8 - the middle verse of the Bible (the middle two words are "the Lord")
- L. Ezra 7:21 - contains all the letters of the alphabet except "J"
- M. The Old Testament covers a period of about 4,000 years, while the New Testament about 2,000 years
- N. It takes 70 hours and 40 minutes to read the Bible through at "pulpit" rate
- O. It takes 52 hours and 20 minutes to read the Old Testament and 18 hours and 20 minutes to read the New Testament
- P. One could read the Bible through in a year by reading less than 12 minutes a day
- Q. The vocabulary of the Bible is quite limited using only 6,000 different words (Shakespear used 20,000 words)

- R. The average word in the Bible contains only 5 letters
- S. The word “*Lord*” occurs 8,000 times in the Bible
- T. The word “*and*” occurs 46,627 times in the Bible

## II THE BIBLE IS THE VERY WORD OF GOD

- A. The Bible claims to be the Word of God over 2,500 times in the Old Testament and 500 times in the New Testament. The Lord Jesus Himself declared that the Scriptures are the final authority.

John 10:35-” . . .and the scripture cannot be broken” (the Bible never contradicts itself)

Luke 24:27-”*And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.*”

- B. While some books contain some truth the Bible is nothing but truth. All the vast libraries do not contain as much truth as the Bible

## III THE BIBLE IS INSPIRED OF GOD

**DEFINITION: INSPIRATION** - “*that operation of the Spirit of God which renders a speaker or writer infallible in the communication of truth from God.*” (God-breathed)

Inspiration is simply the means used by God to accurately transmit to man His revelation. (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21; Hebrews 1:1-2; Revelation 1:19)

Every word of the Bible was dictated exactly to the writer by God even using the writer’s personality in the writing. (II Timothy 3:16; Matthew 4:4; I Corinthians 2:13)

II Timothy 3:16-”*All scripture is given by inspiration of God. . .*”

We believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Scriptures. (VERBAL - “*every word*” PLENARY - “*complete*”) We believe that every word is completely inspired of God.

## IV THE BIBLE IS PRESERVED BY GOD

- A. God has promised to preserve His Word forever  
What good would it do to inspire a perfect Word of God and then not preserve it? (Psalm 119:89; 12:6-7; Matthew 5:18; 24:35; I Peter 1:23-25)

Matthew 5:18-” . . .*Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law. . .*”

- B. The King James Bible is the preserved Word of God in our English language**  
God has used this Bible to start more revivals, found more churches, and see more souls saved than any other. Everywhere this Bible has gone, people have been saved and even given their lives for the faith. Nations which began with this Bible, have been blessed of the Lord and are the leading countries of the world today.
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## **V THE BIBLE IS USED FOR GOD**

- A. God uses His Word to convict (Hebrews 4:12; Acts 2:37)**  
Hebrews 4:12-“*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword. . .*”
- B. God uses His Word to instruct (II Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17)**  
II Timothy 3:16-“*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*”
- C. God uses His Word to guide (Psalm 119:105; 119:130)**  
Psalm 119:105-“*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*”
- D. God uses His Word to judge (John 12:48)**  
John 12:48-“*. . .the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.*”