

THE POWER OF THE BIBLE

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"No person could have possibly conceived of or written such a work."
 - Josh McDowell

Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled

TOPIC	O.T. Prophecy	N.T. Fulfillment
Jesus' Place of Birth	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1
Jesus' Virgin Birth	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:18
Jesus' Triumphal Entry	Zech. 9:9	John 12:13-14
Jesus' Betrayal	Psalm 41:9	Mark 14:10
Jesus' Rejection	Isaiah 53:3	John 1:11
Jesus' Crucifixion	Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38
Jesus' Resurrection	Psalm 16:10	Acts 3:15
Jesus' Ascension	Psalm 68:18	Acts 1:9

For more information about what it means to become a follower of Christ or what to do after you make a decision to follow Jesus, speak to one of the pastors or elders following the service today (they can be found by the prayer room in the church lobby) or contact the church office at 717-762-7147 to set up an appointment. You may also request materials and find additional information to help you on your spiritual journey on our website:

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Five Reasons The Bible Can Be Trusted:

- 1) The _____ throughout the Bible by so many different authors with different backgrounds affirms God's inspiration of the authors.
 - 40 different authors (Kings, Shepherds, Prophets, Fishermen, Doctors, Tax Collectors, etc.)
 - Written on three continents (Africa, Asia, and Europe)
 - Three different languages (Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic)
 - Written over a 1,500 year period

What's the Difference...

The Bible was written by more than forty different authors spanning over fifty generations and three continents. It speaks with agreement on all matters of faith and doctrine.

The Qu'ran is the writings and record of one man, Muhammad, in one place at one point in history. It differs at many points with the Old and New Testament accounts of history.

The Bible provides God's distinctive solution to man's problem with sin and focuses on God's work in actual, verifiable history.

Hindu scriptures claim all roads lead to the same place and focus on stories of things that happened in the "celestial realms."

The Bible is translated from 24,000 copies of the New Testament alone, with millions of people having seen some of these copies. Those copies have been translated by thousands of scholars.

The Book of Mormon is translated from a supposed single original that is claimed to have been seen and translated by one man: Joseph Smith (who was not an expert in languages). That original was "taken back." There are no copies of that original.

- 2) _____ discoveries continue to affirm the historical accuracy of the Bible.

Archeology as a science cannot prove the Bible. However, it can be used to help affirm the historical accuracy of the Bible. No archeological discovery has ever contradicted or disproved the Bible.

- 3) The fulfillment of the _____ found in the Bible demonstrate God's direction of the human authors.
 - See the Chart of Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled

Matthew 19:3-6 (NLT) ³Some Pharisees came and tried to trap him with this question: "Should a man be allowed to divorce his wife for just any reason?" ⁴"Haven't you read the Scriptures?" Jesus replied. "They record that from the beginning 'God made them male and female.' ⁵And he said, 'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.' ⁶Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together."

Matthew 5:17-19 (NLT) ¹⁷"Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose. ¹⁸I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God's law will disappear until its purpose is achieved. ¹⁹So if you ignore the least commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But anyone who obeys God's laws and teaches them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

John 10:35 (NLT) ³⁵And you know that the Scriptures cannot be altered....

Luke 11:28 (NLT) ²⁸Jesus replied, "But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice."

Matthew 4:1-11 (NLT) ¹Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. ²For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. ³During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, ⁶and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'" ⁷Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the LORD your God.'" ⁸Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹"I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me." ¹⁰"Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him.'" ¹¹Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

Psalms 119:9-11 (NLT) ⁹How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word. ¹⁰I have tried hard to find you— don't let me wander from your commands. ¹¹I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT) ⁸"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. ⁹For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

4) _____ affirmed the authority of the Bible and often quoted it in His teachings.

- See Matthew 19:3-6, John 10:35, and Luke 11:28

5) The Bible is a _____ and life-transforming book.

Four Ways the Bible is Powerful and Life-Transforming:

a) The Bible helps us _____ and do the right thing.

- See Matthew 4:1-11, Ephesians 6:10-17, and Psalm 119:9-11

b) The Bible reveals the stuff in our lives that _____ and shows us how to change it.

- See Isaiah 55:8-9, Hebrews 4:12, and 2 Timothy 3:16-17

c) Following the teachings of the Bible results in _____, blessings, and happiness in life.

- See Psalm 19:7-11, James 1:22-25, and John 8:31-32

d) The Bible clearly _____ to a personal relationship with God through Christ.

- See John 5:39 and 2 Timothy 3:15

Hebrews 4:12 (NLT) ¹²For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT) ¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

Psalms 19:7-11 (NLT) ⁷The instructions of the LORD are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. ⁸The commandments of the LORD are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are clear, giving insight for living. ⁹Reverence for the LORD is pure, lasting forever. The laws of the LORD are true; each one is fair. ¹⁰They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb. ¹¹They are a warning to your servant, a great reward for those who obey them.

James 1:22-25 (NLT) ²²But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. ²³For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. ²⁴You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. ²⁵But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

John 8:31-32 (NLT) ³¹Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. ³²And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 5:39 (NLT) ³⁹"You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!

2 Timothy 3:15 (NLT) ¹⁵You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.