

Messenger of Truth

"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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## **The Bible**

"A man is not educated who does not know the basic truths of the Bible." – Anonymous

"The Bible, as a revelation from God, was not designed to give us all the information we might desire, nor to solve all the questions about which the human soul is perplexed, but to impart enough to be a safe guide to the haven of eternal rest." – Albert Barnes

"Other books were given for our information, the Bible was given for our transformation." – Anonymous

"It is impossible mentally or socially to enslave a Bible-reading people." – Horace Greeley

"This great book . . . is the best gift God has given to man . . . but for it we could not know right from wrong." – Abraham Lincoln

"Give me the Bible-holy message shining, Thy light shall guide me in the narrow way. Precept and promise, law and love combining, 'Til night shall vanish in eternal day." – Refrain of the song, "Give Me The Bible," composed by Lorenz.

What a marvel the Bible truly is. Sixty-six books written over a span of 1600 years. God given, and inspired by God Himself.

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16-17). "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Pet. 1:20-21).

Isn't it ironic that man has access to vast numbers of copies of the Scriptures, yet fails to realize their importance! "O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jer. 10:23). "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psa. 119:105).

Through the centuries men went through painstaking details to give us this precious gift of God. They would have wept and longed for what we have today. Seeing vast numbers of Bibles in used book stores, and countless new ones on shelves is heart-breaking that they are being ignored. Souls die every day unprepared to meet God having forsaken and ignored God's Holy Word.

May we never take for granted such a wondrous gift from God. Daily, in prayer, we should thank God for the Bible!

"But Simon Peter answered Him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).