

## “THIS BOOK”

St. Matthew 4:3-4; Joshua 1:8

Throughout the Bible, the terms, scriptures, the law, commandments and statutes are used in describing God’s word and can be used interchangeably. For all intents and purposes today, the term, “This Book refers to the Holy Bible which is the word of God.

We want to deal specifically with the fact today that this book is the voice of God and therefore in addition to prayer, the word of God (this book) is the most valuable and powerful tool that we have today in spiritual warfare.

There are many today who unfortunately still struggle with this book as being the sacred book accepted by Christians as inspired by God which is the book that provides the guidelines for our belief and our behavior. But I submit to you this morning that we cannot pick and choose which parts we believe and which parts we do not believe. We either believe that this is the word of the living God or we believe some of it and stand the risk of losing our victory or even more.

This book contains the Old Testament which was written over a period of about 1,000 years and the New Testament which was written over a period of about 100 years. It has approximately 40 different writers and yet has no contradictions.

No matter what Christian/religious book you find on any subject, no matter what commentary you find written by great theologians, this book is the book above every book and this book is the Christians final authority.

Our nation was founded upon the principles of “This Book.” Our forefathers used this book as a guide. The moral fabric of our society is decaying today because we have gotten so far away from “This book.” And the only answer to the dilemmas that we face as a nation is to go back to “This Book.”

It was George Washington who stated in his inauguration address, “It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible.”

Righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to any people.

#### #1- THIS BOOK IS DIVINELY INSPIRED

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)

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)

#### #2 – THIS BOOK WAS WRITTEN WITH A PURPOSE

- To authenticate the divinity of Christ

But these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and that believing ye might have life through his name.

### #3 – THE WORD OF GOD IS ABSOLUTELY TRUSTWORTHY

Blessed be the Lord, that have given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised; there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant. (I Kings 8:56)

Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. )St.Luke 21:33)

### #4 – THE WORD OF GOD IS MIGHTY IN its INFLUENCE

A devouring flame: Wherefore thus said the Lord of Hosts, because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood and it shall devour them. (Jeremiah 5:14)

THIS BOOK will burn out HATRED

THIS BOOK will burn out BITTERNESS

THIS BOOK will burn Jealousy, pride, envy and anything that is not like God.

### THIS BOOK GIVES HOPE TO MEN:

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

### A SAVING POWER:

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. (Romans 1:16)

### A PROBING INSTRUMENT:

For the word of God is quick and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12).

### A DEFENSIVE WEAPON

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Ephesians 6:17)

### THIS BOOK IS A BLESSING TO THOSE WHO REVERENCE IT:

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have good success (Joshua 1:8)

## PURIFIES THE LIFE

Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.  
(John 15:3)

## TO GIVE KNOWLEDGE OF ETERNAL LIFE:

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God: that ye may know ye have eternal life, and that ye might believe on the name of the Son of God. (I John 5:13)

## TO RELATE HUMAN EXPERIENCES AS A WARNING:

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).

## THIS BOOK FURNISHES A LIGHT IN DARKNESS

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path (Psalm 119:105)

## THE WORD OF GOD IS SACRED AND NOT TO BE ALTERED:

Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God I command you. (Duet. 4:12)

Add thou not to his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. (Proverbs 30:6)

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. (Revelation 22: 18-19).

In closing, if anyone wants to live a word-centered life to the glory of God, we **MUST** recognize “THIS BOOK”