

WE LOVE THE GOOD OLD BIBLE
THE GLORIOUS WORD OF GOD

“There is a lamp whose steady light
Guides the poor traveler in the night.
Tis God’s own word, its beaming rays
Can turn a midnight into day”

The Bible

There are songs and poems, stories and tales. They all sing the praises of the most wonderful book that has ever been written, the Bible, the words of God.

Yes, the Bible has its critics, and there are many who question its reliability. But the Bible stands tall against all of the skepticism. The very fact that it is still alive and well is in itself a testimony to the power of God revealed in its pages.

By Inspiration

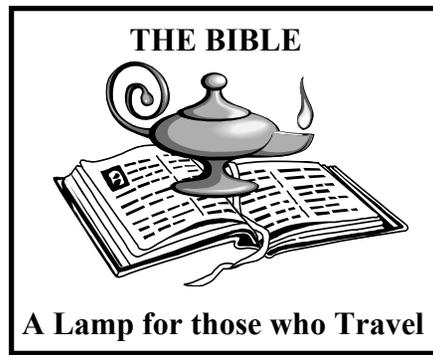
The Bible testifies that it is inspired by God. We read that: “All scripture is given by inspiration of God.” (2 Tim 3:16)

God chose “holy men of old” who spoke and wrote as they were moved by God’s power, the Holy Spirit. (See 2 Peter 1: 20-21)

It is one thing to claim inspiration and it is something else to be able to prove it. The Bible is filled with many internal as well as external proofs that it is authentic and that it is indeed the word of God.

Bible Prophecy

The fulfillment of the prophecies



A Lamp for those who Travel

that have been recorded in the Bible are proof positive that God’s word is sure. The Nation of Israel is dwelling in her own land today as a modern miracle. Their existence in the promised land today, was recorded long ago by the prophets of Israel.

The prophet Ezekiel, for example, spoke of the future resurrection of this nation from near extinction in his 37th chapter. We are told:

“ Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel;” (Ezek. 37:21-22)

Our Daily Food

The Word of God is more than a book of prophecy and fulfillment. It provides us also with the essentials of life. The word of God is our daily bread. Jesus said that we should not live by natural bread only, but by every word that comes from God. This food helps to sustain the spiritual man, preparing us for life in God’s Kingdom.

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THE KINGDOM IS A WONDERFUL PLACE

There is a children’s hymn about the Kingdom that has a catchy tune. It goes like this:

“The Kingdom is a wonderful place
Filled with glory and grace.
I want to see my Master’s face,
I want to be there.”

If we think about the simple thoughts in this verse, we will appreciate the depth in the words.

A Wonderful Place

Just imagine how wonderful it will be when **the earth is filled with the glory of God**. We have been promised that it will be a time when there will be **peace on earth** and good will among men.

There will be an **end to the suffering, sickness and pain**, and eventually sin and death will no longer rule.

Men will change their weapons of war into instruments for farming. Every man will be secure, enjoying his own possessions **without fear** of thief or corruption.

Children will laugh and play in the streets **without danger or harm**. There will be **no hunger** or famine, and the earth will yield her increase.

Glory and Grace

The glory in that day will not be for man and his accomplishments. God’s glory will fill the earth. His will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven, even as we now pray for in the Lord’s Prayer.

There will be grace for those who have sought after the Lord in their own

lifetime. The grace that will allow sinful people to be led to repentance and accounted as righteous through the sacrifice of Christ.

The Master’s face

Do you want to see Jesus? This is the man who gave his life for the likes of us. This is the man who now sits on the right hand of the throne of God in the heavens, serving as our mediator (our High Priest), so that we can approach God in prayer and have our sins forgiven.

This is the man that we call our Master. Is he our Master? Are we serving him, or are we still struggling with the desires of our own flesh?

When he returns to this earth to establish God’s wonderful Kingdom, one of his first chores will be to gather his people, and judge them.

When we see our Master’s face for the first time, it will be for judgment. His decision will determine our fate. Will we find grace in his eyes, or sadness? We make the answer now.

I Want to be There

Yes, we all want to be there. Who does not want to live in a wonderful place, filled with glory and grace. When we think about it, there is no other logical choice.

But, unfortunately, we too often put it out of our minds. We become involved with today, and the cares and pleasures of this life crowd out all of our good intentions.

Jesus knew that the Kingdom would be a wonderful place. He wants us to be there with him. We all hope that we will not disappoint him.

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The law shall go forth of Zion – the word of the LORD from Jerusalem

In the Last Days

“But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of **the house of the LORD** shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: **for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.**

And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks: **nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.**

But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.” (Micah 4:1-4)

When we consider the blessings indicated in these words of prophecy from the prophet Micah, we look forward with joy to the Kingdom period.

One of the blessings of the Kingdom of God on this earth will be that the entire earth will be ruled by one government.

City of the Great King

The prophets tells us that **Jerusalem will be the capitol** city, which Jesus called “The city of the great King” in Matthew 5.

When Jesus rules as the King over the whole earth, he will be a just ruler. We are told in Isaiah 11: 3-4 that he will not judge by what he sees or hears, but using the power of God to read minds, he will judge the world with righteousness.



Peace on earth

With Jesus in control, the nations will destroy their weapons of war and learn to live in peace. Isaiah tells us: **“The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.** And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.” (Isa 32:17-18)

Think how wonderful it will be to dwell in safety. To no longer fear the violence of power hungry rulers, or the random killings of crazy men.

Isaiah also prophesied that in that day ““ They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For **the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.**” (Isa. 11:9)

There are very many similar words of prophecy concerning the wonderful blessings of the Kingdom age. Jesus himself looked forward to the future Kingdom as a time of joy.

It was this joy that was in store for him that gave him the strength to endure the cross. He gave his own life so that all of those who believe and who are baptized into his name will have the opportunity to share in the blessings of the Kingdom of God on this earth with him.

“For as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord”

The quotation above is taken from Numbers 14:21. This verse tells us in very clear terms, about one of the purposes that God has for this earth.

When we look at the natural creation today, we are able to see a glimpse of the glory of God. The Psalmist tells us that “ the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork.” (Psalm 19:1)

When we look into the night skies, “when the heavens are bright, by the light of the glittering stars,” we see God’s glory.

When we look at the plants, or birds and when we consider animals or man, we are amazed by the power of the creator. In fact, we are told: “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:” (Rom 1:20)

God has given us a world of incredible design, things “fearfully and wonderfully made “(Psa 139:14) to help us appreciate that He is a powerful Creator and the world contains the evidence of His being.

But unfortunately, the world with all of its created beauty does not reflect the glory of God as it should. The problem is man. Man is the other element in the purpose of God.

God created the earth to be inhabited, and to be filled with his glory. (see Isaiah 45:18)

Therefore, in order for the plan of God to be complete, the inhabitants of this earth must learn to glorify their Creator. Such is not the case at the present.

A Wonderful Place

The earth will be a wonderful place when God’s Kingdom comes, because the people that dwell on the earth during that age will glorify God.

How do we glorify God? First of all, we look at Jesus, our example. Jesus glorified his father by doing His Father’s will. He learned all that he could about the characteristics of God, and then he copied them.

God is “ merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty.” (Exodus 34:6-7)

Jesus learned these things about God and he developed them into his own character. This is how he became a manifestation of God on this earth, in fulfillment of his prophetic name, Emmanuel, which means “ God with us.” (Matt 1:23)

Glorify God

We are also expected to learn how to “ glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.” (1 Cor 6:20)

We can follow the example that Jesus provided by keeping our body in control, subject to the will of God. We can glorify God also in our spirit, by being “transformed, by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Rom 12: 2)

This earth will be filled with God’s glory, and all of the inhabitants that remain on the earth will be a part of that glory because they will have learned to glorify God. I want to be there.