

4. I should meditate on it.

Joshua 1:8 *“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 according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”*

Psalms 1:2 *“But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.”*

5. I should obey it.

Deuteronomy 10:1 *“Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.”*

Can I trust my Bible?

1. Yes, the Word of God is inspired by God.

2 Timothy 3:16 *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God...”*

2. Yes, the Word of God is pure, so I can trust it.

Proverbs 30:5 *“Every word of God is pure...”*

Psalms 119:140 *“Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.”*

3. Yes, God promises to preserve His words to all generations.

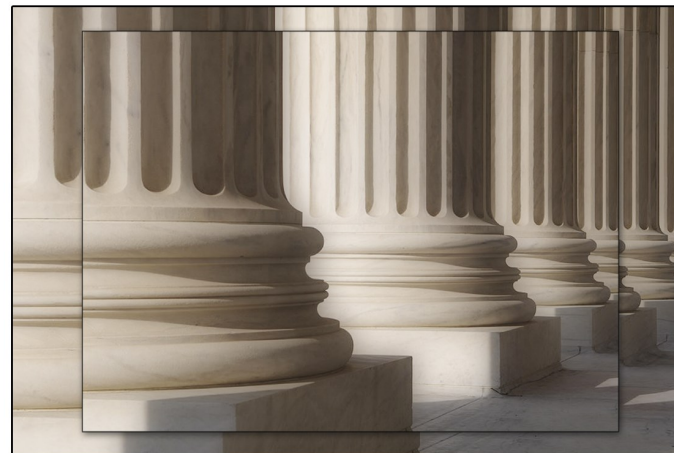
Psalms 12:6-7 *“The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.”*

2 Timothy 1:13 *“Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.”*

4. Yes, because its prophecies have been fulfilled throughout history.

Acts 3:21 *“But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.”*

NOTES:



FOUNDATIONS OF MY FAITH SERIES

LESSON 4: THE WORD OF GOD

The Word of God

What are the basic contents of the Bible?

39 Old Testament Books

Genesis—Deuteronomy	Law of Moses
Joshua—Esther	Books of History
Job—Song of Solomon	Psalms & Poetry
Isaiah—Daniel	Major Prophets
Hosea—Malachi	Minor Prophets

27 New Testament Books

Matthew—John	Gospels
Acts	History of the Early Church
Romans—Philemon	Paul's Letters
Hebrews—Jude	General Letters
Revelation	Prophecy

Who wrote the Bible?

God wrote the Bible, but used human instruments to record His words.

2 Timothy 3:16 *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God..."*

2 Peter 1:21 *"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."*

When was the Bible written?

1. The Word of God existed in Heaven before the world began.
Psalm 119:89 *"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven."*
2. The Word of God is eternal and will never fade away.
Matthew 24:35 *"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."*
I Peter 1:23 *"...by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."*

What can the Bible do for me?

1. It shows me how to get to Heaven from here.
2 Timothy 3:15 *"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."*
John 14:6 *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no*

man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

2. It shows me how to live after I know I am going to Heaven.
John 10:10 *"...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."*
3. It gives me spiritual understanding.
Psalm 119:130 *"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple."*
4. It shows me what is right.
2 Timothy 3:16 *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."*
5. It changes me. (Isaiah 55:10-11, Psalm 19:7-10)

Why should I read the Bible?

1. The Word of God will increase my faith.
Romans 10:17 *"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."*
2. The words of God are spiritual food.
Matthew 4:4 *"...Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."*
3. God's Word gives me examples by which to live.
I Corinthians 10:11 *"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."*
4. It gives me knowledge, wisdom, comfort, and hope.
Romans 15:4 *"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."*

What should be my relationship with the Word of God?

1. I should love it.
Psalm 119:97 *"O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day."*
2. I should read it.
Nehemiah 9:3 *"And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God."*
3. I should study it.
2 Timothy 2:15 *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*