

Quote: “It is the very drift and design of the whole Scripture, to bring souls first to an acquaintance with Christ, and then to an acceptance of Christ, and then to build them in a sweet assurance of their actual interest in Christ.”—**Thomas Brooks**

B. Authoritative _____

C. Perfect _____

“That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.” (2 Timothy 3:17)

Quote: “The Scriptures were not given to increase our knowledge, but to change our lives.”—**D. L. Moody**

CONCLUSION

Quote: “The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable.

Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you.

It is the traveler’s map, the pilgrim’s staff, the pilot’s compass, the soldier’s sword and the Christian’s charter. Here too, Heaven is opened and the gates of Hell disclosed.

Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure.”

Quote: “Within the covers of one single book, the Bible, are all the answers to all the problems that face us today—if only we would read and believe.”—**Ronald Reagan**

Avoiding Confusion

Interpret Cultural Issues through a
Biblical Worldview

LESSON THREE: THE RELIABILITY OF THE BIBLE

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INTRODUCTION

“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” (Genesis 3:1)

1. The _____ of the Bible

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A. _____ Words

“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” (John 6:63)

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

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.” (1 Peter 1:23)

“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.” (2 Peter 1:21)

“The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue.” (2 Samuel 23:2)

Quote: “There are, in fact, over 320 quotations from the Old Testament recorded in the New, as well as over 1,000 clear and definite references to it. Always, the context indicates the belief of the speaker or writer that he was referring to the authoritative Word of God whenever he made such a quotation or reference.”—**Henry Morris**

B. _____ **Facts**

“It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth...” (Isaiah 40:22)

C. _____ **Truth**

Quote: “One of the strong objective evidences of biblical inspiration is the phenomenon of fulfilled prophecy.”
—**Henry Morris**

The prophet Daniel provided the specific time period of Christ’s birth.

“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. 26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself...” (Daniel 9:25-26)

The prophet Isaiah prophesied the miraculous nature of Christ’s birth—that He would be born of a virgin.

“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14)

The prophet Micah even foretold the exact town of Christ’s birth, some 750 years before Jesus came.

“But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.” (Micah 5:2)

2. The _____ **of the Bible**

“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.” (2 Timothy 3:15)

“For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.” (Psalm 119:89)

A. The _____ Preserved

“The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.” (Deuteronomy 29:29)

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

“The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.” (Isaiah 40:8)

“For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: 25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.” (1 Peter 1:24-25)

“For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.” (Matthew 5:18)

B. The _____ Preserved

C. The _____ Indestructible

Quote: “The Bible has withstood vicious attacks of its enemies as no other book. Many have tried to burn it, ban it, and outlaw it from the days of Roman emperors to the present-day communist-dominated countries.”—**Josh McDowell**

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A. Authentic _____

Quote: “An honest man with an open Bible and a pad and pencil is sure to find out what is wrong with him very quickly.”—**A. W. Tozer**

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