

“Learning from the Best”

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“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17

SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORD

1. The wonder of its inspiration.
2. The wonder of its unity.
3. The wonder of its readership.
4. The wonder of its content.
5. The wonder of its translation.
6. The wonder of its power.
7. The wonder of its preservation.

"After the death of Moses the Lord's servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant. He said, "Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you—from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, including all the land of the Hittites.' No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you. Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:1-9

WHY THE BIBLE IS THE RIGHT PLACE TO START

1. The Bible builds our faith.

".. the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them.... No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you." Joshua 1:2-5

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.” Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

2. The Bible reveals God has promises.

“Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you—from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea.” Joshua 1:3-4

“God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that He should change his mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill?” Numbers 23:19

“You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.” Joshua 23:14

“For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.” Matthew 5:18 (NKJV)

3. The Bible gives us confidence.

“No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live.” Joshua 1:5

“Your word is truth.” John 17:17

4. The Bible gives us direction.

“Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left.” Joshua 1:7

STRATEGIC FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE

1. The central purpose of the Bible is reconciliation.

2. The central person of the Bible is Jesus.

“If you really believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me.” John 5:46

“Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.” Luke 24:27

“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” John 10:10 (NKJV)