

Choose This Day...

A Bible study designed to bring understanding and decision.

Origin and Validity of the Bible

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The Bible is the world's oldest book, has been translated into 532 languages and over 100 million copies are sold each year. But beyond this, what does God say about His word? Has He protected it? Is it sure and is it clearly stated and to be taken as stated? What does He want us to use it for? Let's investigate, keeping these questions in mind.

Opening prayer: Loving Father, we approach You today in need of spiritual discernment regarding Your word. We don't want to take popular opinion but rather what You would have us believe about it. Please guide and direct our understanding as we open the Bible to study. Help us to hear Your voice. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ Your Son, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What does each verse say about His word?

1. *Psalms 138:2* "I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy _____ above all thy name."
2. *Romans 1:1-2* "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, (which he promised afore by his _____ in the holy scriptures,)"
3. *2 Timothy 3:15* "And that from a child thou has known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee _____ unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."
4. *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 _____ by the Holy Ghost."
5. *Isaiah 55:10-11* "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall _____ that which I please, and it shall _____ in the thing whereto I sent it."
6. *Psalms 12:6-7* "The words of the Lord are _____ words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them O Lord, thou shalt _____ them from this generation for ever."
7. *Psalms 119:140* "Thy word is very _____: therefore thy servant loveth it."
8. *Proverbs 30: 5-6* "Every word of God is pure: he is a _____ unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he _____ thee, and thou be found a liar."
9. *Luke 24:24-27* "And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulcher, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not. Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to _____ all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the _____ the things concerning himself."

10. *2 Timothy 3:16* “All scripture is given by _____ of God, and is profitable for _____, for _____, for _____, for _____ in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

11. *1 Peter 1:10-11* “Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the _____ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.”

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

13. *Isaiah 46:9-10* “_____ the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall _____, and I will do all my pleasure.”

14. *John 14:29* “And now I have told you _____ it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might _____.”

15. *Isaiah 40:8* “The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand _____.”

16. *1 Peter 1:25* “But the word of the Lord _____ for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”

17. *Matthew 4:4* “But he answered and said, **It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by _____ word that proceedeth from the mouth of God.**”

18. *Romans 10:17* “So then _____ cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

19. *Psalms 119:105* “Thy word is a _____ unto my feet, and a _____ unto my path.”

From God’s word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by _____ of God, contain a _____ revelation of his _____ to man, and are the only _____ rule of faith and practice.

will | full | infallible | inspiration

Closing prayer: Dearest Father, thank You for the clarity of Your word to us. We live in a world where there is only grey area, lies and deceit. We long for a sure word, unchangeable and dependable. Your words contain love, mercy, instruction, reproof, and encouragement; yet we know they also contain judgment. Keep our minds set on Your words that they might guide our decisions and actions. In our obedience to them, make us a blessing to You O Lord. In the blessed name of Jesus, amen.

Further Study: Job 6:10; Job 33:4; Psalms 33:6; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 5:39; Psalms 18:30; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Hebrews 10:38

Answers: 1. word 2. prophets 3. Wise 4. moved 5. accomplish, prosper 6. pure, preserve 7. pure 8. shield, reprove 9. believe, scriptures 10. inspiration, doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction 11. Spirit of Christ 12. revealed 13. Remember, stand 14. before, believe 15. forever 16. endureth 17. every 18. Faith 19. lamp, light