

The Bible is the Written Word of God



Hebrew: KATHAB - engrave, scribe, write

Greek: GRAPHO - write; GRAPHE - sacred writings or documents

We can see that from very early on it was God's intention that the world should have a concrete, visible, record of His Word and Deeds. Our Bibles contain God's REVELATION of His purposes. We learn that God's "name" is "I AM". We discover that the Lord Jesus is God's Word become human. We read about Jesus - all that He began to do and teach [God's Word and Deeds].

Wherever you turn in the Bible you will find advice to remember, consider and act on what has been written by God's command.

Romans 10:5-11 NKJV For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, **"THE MAN WHO DOES THOSE THINGS SHALL LIVE BY THEM."** (6) But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, **"DO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, 'WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?'"** (that is, to bring Christ down from above) (7) or, **"'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ABYSS?'"** (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). (8) But what does it say? **"THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART"** (that is, the word of faith which we preach): (9) that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (10) For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (11) For the Scripture says, **"WHOEVER BELIEVES ON HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME."**

Some Bible verses and thoughts for the week. It is helpful to read the verse in its context - so turn to it in your Bible.

1. Exodus 24:12 NKJV Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them."

God, the "I AM", wrote on two stone tablets - on both sides. These stones were stored in the Ark of the Covenant which is a foreshadowing of Jesus on earth - a golden casket containing the Word of God.

2. Joshua 23:6 NKJV Therefore be very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, lest you turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left

Joshua may have had many questions but the answer to all of them was in knowing what was written. So much of faithful living is tied to simple knowledge and obedience to God's Word.

3. Jeremiah 30:2 NKJV "Thus speaks the LORD God of Israel, saying: 'Write in a book for yourself all the words that I have spoken to you.'

People who have a prophetic gift can easily forget this. Whatever you "see", whatever you "hear" it must be first "for yourself".

4. Habakkuk 2:2 NKJV Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it.

God does not provide His written Word for argument or theological discussion. It is for our strength of purpose to RUN for God, to lead the way!

5. Matthew 4:4 NKJV But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.' "

Our Lord Jesus endured extreme testing. He was not in a Paradise but a Wilderness. There was no food, no fruit. When Satan tempted Him He did not need to do more than affirm, "It is written". Enough said - it was all that needed to be said!

6. Luke 10:26 NKJV He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

In establishing a point of Law, Jesus made sure that people were clear about what was written and that they came to a proper understanding.

7. 2 Timothy 3:16 NKJV All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness

Paul is referring to the Old Testament scrolls - things that had been written down under God's authority and inspiration. We have good reason to see the New Testament writings in the same light.



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