

The Power of Scripture

Part One

The final reason why I preach that the Bible is literally true is because of its life transforming power. This 7th reason is a crescendo. Looking at them together we can see them as a unit. The Proof of Scripture and then as a second series The Power of the Scriptures.

What were the seven proofs that verify the scriptures?

- I. JESUS BELIEVED THE SCRIPTURES He often said “Search the Scriptures” “have you not read”
 - A. Who said that? The One Who
 1. Created all things Genesis 1
 2. Sustains the Universe Col 1
 3. Accomplished our Eternal Redemption Mat27
 4. Stilled Raging Seas Mt 14
 5. Calmed fearful hearts Jn 6
 6. Quelled the terror of disease Mk 5
 7. Halted the grip of death Lk 7, Jn 11
 - B. He who controlled the elements, commands demons and declares He is the only One who determines each one of our destiny! He said it, so I believe Him! What are the other proofs?
- II. Because of the unshakeable conviction of the APOSTLES & PROPHETS: Because all the writers said so thousands of times. They were totally convinced that they were sharing words that were not originating with them. They said 3800x “thus saith the Lord”.
- III. SUPERNATURAL ENDURING and SURVIVAL: Because of its endurance through the ages despite being the target of Empires, armies and infidels the Bible stands like a rock undaunted through the raging storms of time. Its pages burn with the truth eternal and they glow with a light divine. The Bible stands though the hills may tumble it will firmly stand

though the Earth may crumble. I will take my stand on its firm foundation for the Bible stands!

- IV. ABSOLUTE DIVINE UNITY: Because of its incredible unity demonstrated in the fact that from 40 plus men on 3 continents over 1,600 years and 60 generations comes one unmistakable fabric woven from prison to palace, desert to dungeon, hillside to holy places. There is one common denominator, one shared theme and one united message. There is but one system of doctrine, one system of ethics, one plan of salvation and one rule of faith. One King and One Kingdom and one entrance into His presence!
- V. SCIENTIFIC ACCURACY: Because of its scientific accuracy in every realm. Genesis is foundational to all we know in life. Origins, purpose and destiny. Then week #5 was Creation as recorded by the Word of God! In every science it is absolutely accurate: astronomy, geology, hydrology, oceanography, isostasy, and so on!
- VI. PROPHETIC ACCURACY: Because of its fulfilled prophecy, the Bible is proven itself to be true. Just for an example let me share some of the Scriptures that surround the life of Christ that are quite well known. Isaiah 41:23 and HISTORICAL ACCURACY: Because of its archaeological verification (Criswell)
- VII. TRANSFORMING POWER! The Bible of all books in the worlds has the power to change your life. Other books change your opinion on matters. Only God’s book can cause you to have a new nature, a new heart, a new spirit, true peace and true love. That is all only from the Scriptures.

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How does the Power of the Scriptures change me? In one place in the Bible the Powerful Scriptures are most clearly displayed. Turn with me to Psalm 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. (KJV)

Her God tells us that His Word is to be our TEACHER, the Word is identified as a DIVINE TEACHING. God says in my Book I give rules for living! We are introduced in this passage to the first of six synonyms for the Word of God. In fact there are three sets of truths:

1. There are Six TITLES given for the WORD: law, testimonies, statutes, commandments, fear, judgments.
2. There are Six ATTRIBUTES given for the WORD: perfect, sure, right, pure, clean, true.
3. There are Six EFFECTS given for the WORD: restores, makes wise, rejoices, enlightens, endures, vindicates.

What God is saying is that if you were a castaway on a desolate island somewhere and only had a Bible, you could see the utter transformation of a society and the people of that society by the proclamation and reception of the WORD. No other books, ministries, schools, clinics, counselors support groups or media needed! Witness the work of Jonah in pagan Ninevah!

So we are focusing on the Power of Scripture. We need to see three things in this study:

1. What does God claim His Word can do?
2. What changes take place when we let Him work in our Life?

3. How does God define the role His Word is to have in our life? And that will be the marvelous six fold portrait of the Scriptures in Psalm 19.

- I. CONCLUSION: **The Bible is Powerful**, so there are Seven Reasons to Study God's Word. They are because it is a (JB):

A. **ITS GOD'S BIOPSY: A DIVINE**

REVEALER -- It discovers and convicts us of sin in our lives John 16:7-10 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; (KJV)

B. **ITS GOD'S SURGERY: A DIVINE**

REMOVER -- Through it God's Spirit cleanses us from sin John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Hebrews 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. (KJV)

C. **ITS GOD'S THERAPY: A DIVINE**

RESTORER -- It imparts strength to our spiritual man Jeremiah 15:16 Thy words were found,

and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts. (KJV)

D. **ITS GOD'S PRESCRIPTION: A**

DIVINE REMINDER -- It instructs us in going God's way 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. (KJV)

E. **ITS GOD'S ANTIBIOTICS: A**

DIVINE RESISTOR -- It provides us a sword for victory over sin and temptations Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: (KJV)

F. **ITS GOD'S EXERCISE**

PROGRAM: A DIVINE

REFINER -- It shapes us into a life that glorifies Him 1 Peter 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: 2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. (KJV)

G. **ITS GOD'S HEALTH SPA: A**

DIVINE REVIVER -- It drives us to prayerful dependence Psalm 119:25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word. (KJV) John 15:7-8 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye

bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. (KJV)

So THIS INDISPUTABLY proven book when taken by faith is powerful. This morning the question is do you let it change your life?

- Do you read the Word daily?
- Do you eat it by memorization?
- Do you seek God in His Word first? Or second after the newspaper, TV and so on?
- You can test your spiritual temperature by the entry level we give the Word in our daily life!