

## **OUR WONDERFUL BIBLE**

### **JAMES 1:21-27**

**INTRO:** Recently in an interview I was asked what I thought was the number one cause to the moral and spiritual demise in America in the last generation. Without hesitation I said **THE REMOVAL OF THE BIBLE FROM SOCIETY AND FROM THE LIVES OF NON-CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS ALIKE.** HOW DO I KNOW THE BIBLE HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM SOCIETY?

- 1) It is not allowed to be read in certain public places.
- 2) Survey's show the Bible is not too well read.
- 3) The unspiritual lives of people, Christian and non-Christian alike.

**THE BIBLE IS THE MOST WONDERFUL BOOK EVER WRITTEN! IT IS AN ETERNAL BOOK THAT WILL NEVER GO OUT OF EXISTENCE. THE BIBLE SHOULD BE THE NUMBER ONE BOOK READ AND STUDIED BY EVERY PERSON ON EARTH.**

**QUESTION: WHAT IS YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE BIBLE?**

- 1) How often do you read the Bible?
- 2) How often do you study the Bible?
- 3) How often do you memorize the Bible?
- 4) How often do you search the Bible for answers in life?

Today let's consider OUR WONDERFUL BIBLE.

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**CONSIDER THIS QUESTION: IS THE BIBLE MY PRIORITY OR MY LAST RESORT?**

#### **I. THE AUTHORSHIP OF THE BIBLE**

**God is the author of the Bible and went to great measures to get it to us!**

- A. God Authored the Bible – It is the WORD OF GOD – Psalm 119:89;105
- B. God Used Human Authors to Record the Bible – Over 40 of them over a span of 1600 years.
- C. God Inspired the Bible – 2 Timothy 3:16
  1. The Meaning of Inspiration – “GOD BREATHED.”
  2. The Process of Inspiration
    - a. “Inspiration” – God kept His Word FREE from ERROR.
    - b. “Revelation” – God revealed His Word to the Human Authors.
    - c. “Illumination” – God teaches His Word to those who read it.

ILLUSTRATION:

#### **II. THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE BIBLE**

A. Is the Bible Believable? **YES!**

1. It is NEVER been Proven Wrong
  - a. Archeology – No finding ever discredited the Bible
  - b. Scientifically – Science has proven the Bible to be Correct
    - 1) Consider Genesis 3:14
    - 2) Consider Isaiah 40:22
2. It has Fulfilled All Prophecies Literally
  - a. Isaiah 7:14 cp. Matthew 1:22,23
  - b. Isaiah 40:3,4 cp. John 1:19-23

B. Is the Bible Relevant? **YES!**

**NOTE: The Bible has principles to govern every aspect of life if people will only recognize its relevancy.**

1. The 10 Commandments – Exodus 20
2. The Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5,6,7
3. The Words of Paul – 2 Timothy 3:16

C. Is the Bible Effective? **YES!**

1. It saves souls – Romans 10:13; 2 Timothy 3:15
2. It changes lives – 1 Thessalonians 2:13
3. It brings hope – Romans 15:4

D. Is the Bible Reliable? **YES!**

1. It has no errors or contradictions
2. It is unchangeable

3. It is eternally preserved in heaven  
ILLUSTRATION:

### **III. THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE**

- A. It comes Directly from God – 2 Peter 1:20,21
- B. It is Absolute Truth – John 17:17
- C. It will Never Change – Isaiah 40:8

ILLUSTRATION:

### **IV. THE APPROACH TO THE BIBLE**

How can/must we approach the Bible to experience its benefits?

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- A. Look into the Bible (Read, study, meditate, memorize)
- B. Continue in the Bible (Day by Day)
- C. Obey the Bible (Apply it to daily routine)

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LESSONS:

- 1) Applying the Bible will bring sinners to Christ.
- 2) Applying the Bible will bring Christians to maturity.
- 3) Applying the Bible will enable Christians to reach the lost.
- 4) Applying the Bible impact society for godliness.