

Is The Bible Relevant For Today?

Psalm 19: 7-14

Introduction: Why bother with the Bible?

Because the Bible is about God and us.



Two Critical Questions

I. What is the Bible?

- * The Bible is about God's plan of salvation in Jesus

John 5:39-40 You search the scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of me. But you are not willing to come to me that you may have life.

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Luke 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded to them and all the Scriptures, the things concerning Himself.

Jesus is In the Old Testament

The Need for Jesus: Creation, fall, flood

The Foundation for Jesus: Giving of the Law

Preparation for Jesus: Land, Kings, David

The Longing for Jesus: Wisdom & Psalms

The Expectation of Jesus: The Prophets

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* The Bible, God's Word is your very life

Genesis 1:3 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Eight Ways the Bible Describes Itself:

1. God's Word is Fire

Jer. 5:14 Therefore thus says the Lord God of hosts: "Because you speak this word, Behold, I will make My words in your mouth fire, And this people wood, And it shall devour them."

Eight Ways the Bible Describes Itself:

1. God's Word is Fire

2. God's Word is a Sword

Heb. 4:12 for the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intense of the heart.

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Jer. 23:29 “Is not My word like a fire?”
says the Lord, “And like a hammer that
breaks the rock in pieces?”

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1 Pet. 2:2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

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Heb. 5:12b-13 ...and you have
come to need milk and not solid
food. **13** For everyone who partakes
only of milk is unskilled in the word of
righteousness, for he is a babe.

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Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp
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8. God's Word is a Mirror

James 1:23-25 ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Deut. 32:47 For it is not a futile thing for you, because it is your life, and by this word you shall prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess.

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I. What is the Bible?

II. What will it do for you?

Psa. 19:7-11

v. 7a The law of the Lord is perfect,
converting the soul.

v. 7b The testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple.

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v. 8a The statues of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart.

v. 8b The commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the eyes.

v. 9a The fear of the Lord is clean,
enduring forever.

v. 9b The judgments of the Lord are true,
and righteous altogether.

Summary: Psa. 19:10-11

- 9 More desired are they than gold,
Yea, than much fine gold; sweeter
also than honey and the honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover by them Your servant is
warned, and in keeping them there is
great reward.

Six Reasons to Explore the Book

1. God's Word Changes Lives

1 Pet. 1:23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.

2. God's Word Gives Wisdom

Prov. 2:6 For the Lord gives wisdom, from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.

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3. God's Word Produces Joyful Security

Jer. 15:16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and the word to me was the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O Lord God of Host.

4. God's Word Provides Guidance and Direction

Psa. 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

5. God's Revelation Demands a Relational Response

Heb. 4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

6. God's Word is the Absolute Truth

John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

Conclusion: How are we to respond to God's Word?

Psa. 19:12-14 ¹² Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. ¹³ Keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

