

The background of the cover is a photograph of a library or study. In the center, an open Bible with yellowed pages lies on a dark wooden table. To the right of the Bible, a large, ornate metal key rests on the table. In the background, a window with colorful stained glass panes is visible, and bookshelves filled with books line the walls. The lighting is warm and focused on the Bible and key.

THE WORD OF GOD

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Preface - The Word of God

The Bible is not just another book—it is the very voice of God, living and active, speaking directly to human hearts (Hebrews 4:12). Through its sacred pages, countless men and women across the centuries have found comfort in sorrow, strength in weakness, wisdom for daily life, and the hope of eternal salvation.

This book, *The Word of God*, is written with a single purpose: to help you believe that the Bible was truly inspired by God. In a world where human wisdom is exalted above divine revelation, education often denies the Creator, and entertainment drowns out the still, small voice of conscience, we desperately need to return to the Scriptures.

Across the chapters of this book, you will discover:

- Why the Word of God gives true meaning and joy to life
- How the Bible was written under the direct inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
- Ten powerful pieces of evidence that prove the Bible is divinely inspired.
- How the Bible answers life's greatest questions and reveals Jesus Christ, the living Word.
- The Holy Spirit of God personally invites every reader to listen, believe, and live by its teachings.
- This book helps the reader to understand why people see contradictions in the Bible when there are none.
- It talks about how we could make the Bible an integral part of life.

As you read the book, it is my sincere prayer that may the Holy Spirit of God open your heart to hear him speak directly to you from his word. Like millions who have experienced its power, may you too discover that the Bible is not a dead book, but *the living Word of God*.

Chapter 1 – Need And Importance of God’s Word

In the beginning, when God created humans, our first parents Adam and Eve spoke with Jesus face to face. Angels visited humans from heaven to guide them and to be their companions. Jesus was their God, teacher and a dearest friend. Then there was no need for prophets nor a need for physical books such as the Bible. But the entrance of sin changed this beautiful world and the relationship we had with our maker.

Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”— therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life. Genesis 3:22-24

Thereafter, every Sabbath day, Adam, Eve and their children came to worship their creator, but because of the flaming sword around the garden of Eden they could no longer enter their original home and live in the presence of God. Sin caused such a separation that humans lost their privilege of having face-to-face communication with their creator. For hundreds of years humans have met, worshiped and communicated with God this way. But just before the flood during Noah's time, the garden of Eden was taken to heaven to save it from destruction. (Ref: Patriarchs and Prophets, page 62)

In the initial years of human history, we humans lived for close to a thousand years (Genesis 5:27). The human family was ten times more vibrant and strong, both physically and mentally compared to today. Therefore, all spiritual understanding from God was efficiently communicated from person to person and well retained. But as humans evolved in their sinful way of life, they began to lose their stature and the brilliance of mental power gradually. They soon reached a point where God thought it wise and important to give them all the spiritual understanding in a book. So starting from Moses to all the way to the last day prophets such as Ellen G white, God had appointed people in various ages who wrote as he instructed them to write.

God in his wisdom knew that as the world progresses in its evil, in every age there will be individuals like you and me who will come in search of truth. He knew we would come looking for answers to some of the most troubling questions of life. Therefore, thank God, in His mercy, he did not leave us to wander blindly. He gave us His Word—the Bible—as our compass, our food, our light, and our guide.

But written words were never enough for us to fully understand who God truly is. So, in His mercy, God gave His only begotten Son — the living Word of God. There

were many deep misunderstandings about God's character which only His son who was in the bosom of the father could clear forever. So Jesus descended and became one of us so that through His teachings, His compassion, and His very life, He could reveal how deeply God loves humanity.

Jesus is also called the Word of God because the entire Bible, from beginning to end, points to Him. For ages, humans only read the written Word — but two thousand years ago, they even saw the Word of God becoming flesh and dwelling among them.

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory (character), glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” — John 1:14

The Bible —The word of God gives us direction. The Psalmist testified: *“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path”* (Psalm 119:105). In a world filled with moral darkness, the Bible shines as the only reliable light. It shows us the way when decisions are difficult and provides clarity when confusion surrounds us.

This is the Lord's promise to you and me: *“Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it.’* Isaiah 30:21. This voice never contradicts what is already being communicated in the Bible. For the Bible is written confirmation of God's will for us. Through His Word, God guides us step by step, leading us safely through life's challenges.

Also reading the Bible strengthens our faith because it reminds us of God's promises, reveals His character, and shows us how He has been faithful throughout history. As we read and reflect on His Word, our trust in Him grows and we gain the courage to face life's challenges with confidence. The Bible teaches that “faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17, NKJV), showing that immersing ourselves in Scripture is the foundation for a deep and living faith.

The word of God is life-giving. Jesus declared: *“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God”* (Matthew 4:4). Just as our bodies need food daily, our souls need the nourishment of God's Word. The Bible is spiritual bread that strengthens us to overcome temptation, grow in faith, and experience eternal life.

The apostle Peter wrote: *“As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby”* (1 Peter 2:2). Without the Scriptures, the soul becomes weak, but with them, we grow in grace and truth.

The Bible is not just a set of stories or mere instructions. It is heart and mind transforming. It is a living word. Hebrews 4:12 declares: *“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword... and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”* When you open the Bible with humility, God Himself speaks to you, giving wisdom, strength, and hope.

Most importantly, the Word of God brings peace in trouble, hope in despair, and joy in sorrow. Unlike the temporary pleasures of the world, the joy it offers is eternal, rooted in God's promises. Saint Paul says: And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: 1 Thessalonians 1:6

We search for meaning in philosophies, religions, or modern ideologies, yet remain unsatisfied. True meaning, purpose, and heavenly joy are found only in the Word of God.

The word of God is sanctifying. Therefore Jesus prayed: "*Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth*" (John 17:17). Only God's Word can purify the heart and anchor us in truth.

Above all, the Bible reveals the greatest truth—the love of God. From Genesis to Revelation, it tells the story of a God who longs to save His children, even at the cost of His own Son. "*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life*" (John 3:16).

Through His Word, we see God's character—His justice, mercy, patience, and compassion. Without the Bible, humanity would never understand the depth of God's love or the hope of salvation.

Dear reader, the whole Bible is the expression of God's thoughts towards you and me. The spirit of Jesus Christ inspired every writer of the Bible. Jesus says: The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. John 6:63.

When we are reading the Bible we are actually encountering the very Spirit of Jesus. If God's Word is so vital, we must ask: *Where did it come from? Who wrote it, and how do we know it is from God?* Let us explore these questions in the next chapter.

Chapter 2 – Who Wrote the Bible?

The Bible is not like any other book. It is not simply the work of men, though men held the pen. From beginning to end, the Bible testifies of itself that it is the Word of God, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit of God.

The Bible was written by over forty different men, across centuries, in different lands and languages. They came from all walks of life—Moses, a shepherd-turned-leader; David, a king; Amos, a farmer; Daniel, a government official; Luke, a physician; Paul, a tentmaker and scholar; Peter, a fisherman.

Yet although their backgrounds, cultures, and circumstances were so different, each man wrote under the same influence: the Spirit of God.

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

The Greek word for “inspiration” here literally means “*God-breathed*.” Every verse of the Bible carries the breath of God—divine truth communicated through human language.

Peter adds: *“For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit” (2 Peter 1:21).*

This means that the Bible is not the result of human imagination, but God’s revelation. Men were not the authors—they were the instruments. The Author is God Himself.

How the Writers Received God’s Word

Post-human exit from the garden of Eden, at times, God spoke directly: *“And God spoke all these words, saying...” (Exodus 20:1).*

At other times, the Holy Spirit impressed visions or dreams upon His messengers (Daniel 7:1; Acts 10:10 11). And sometimes, God inspired the thoughts, while the writers expressed them in their own words, culture, and style.

Ellen G. White explains this balance beautifully:

“The Bible is written by inspired men, but it is not God’s mode of thought and expression. It is that of humanity. God, as a writer, is not represented. The writers of the Bible were God’s penmen, not His pen.” (Selected Messages, Book 1, p. 21).

This shows the miracle of Scripture—it is fully divine yet expressed in human words, so that every generation can understand God’s voice.

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible carries one consistent theme: God's love for humanity and His plan of salvation through Jesus Christ. This consistency proves that the Bible is not the product of human genius but of divine design.

Jesus Himself confirmed this when He said: *"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth"* (John 17:17).

But here is the challenge. While the Bible claims to be God's inspired Word, many today find it hard to believe it. In our modern age, education under anti-Christ agendas often undermines faith. Schools and universities exalt human reason above divine revelation. The philosophies of the 21st century, shaped by satanic culture, dismiss even the existence of God.

The enemy of souls has worked tirelessly to plant seeds of doubt, making people wonder: *Can the Bible really be trusted? Is it truly the Word of God, or just another ancient fable?*

Though the Bible is divinely inspired, our faith is constantly challenged by doubt and deception. That is why, in the chapters ahead, we will examine **ten powerful pieces of evidence** that will strengthen your faith and confirm that the Bible is truly the Word of God.

Chapter 3 – The Unity In the Bible

The Bible is a compilation of sixty-six books written by approximately 40 different authors. People who came from various cultural and professional backgrounds — Kings, prophets, farmers, shepherds, fishermen, priests, doctors, and scholars all contributed in writing the bible. The Bible was written in Asia, Africa, and Europe—the three known continents of the ancient world

It was written in three languages: Hebrew (most of the Old Testament), Aramaic (parts of Daniel and Ezra), and Greek (the New Testament). The Bible was not written in a single person's lifetime, or even in a single century. It was written over a period of about 1,500 years. That means when the last writer wrote, more than a millennium had passed since the first words were penned. Yet when all sixty-six books are brought together, they fit like pieces of a perfectly designed puzzle.

Despite its diversity of writers, places, culture, languages, and times, it speaks of one message of love and plan of redemption from sins. This unity between the Bible authors is one of the strongest proofs that the Bible is not of human origin, but of divine inspiration.

The authors did not meet one another. Many lived centuries apart. Some were rich, like Solomon; others were poor, like Amos. Some wrote from palaces, others from prisons. Despite this, their writings combine into one consistent message: God's plan to save humanity through His Son, Jesus Christ.

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible tells one unified story of God's relationship with humanity. It begins with creation and God's good design, moves through humanity's fall into sin, and unfolds God's plan to redeem the world through His covenant people, Israel. This story reaches its center in Jesus Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection bring salvation. Revelation then looks forward to the final restoration, where God fully renews creation and dwells with His people forever. Bible's every book, every prophecy, and every promise points to Jesus.

Jesus Himself said: *"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me"* (John 5:39).

The prophets of the Old Testament foretold His coming. The Gospels describe His life, death, and resurrection. The letters of the apostles explain His sacrifice and call us to faith. Revelation declares His return and eternal kingdom. The Bible, though written by many hands, is one book with one theme: *the love of God revealed in Christ for the salvation of mankind.*

John 3:16 summarises it: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*

Think of it—forty different authors, writing sixty six books in different times and cultures, in three different languages and continents, writing these books over the span of 1,500 years, without coordination or collaboration, yet their writings agree. This kind of harmony is humanly impossible.

This is strong evidence that the Bible's true Author is not man, but God. The Holy Spirit guided each writer, ensuring that their words would fit together into one perfect revelation of God's will.

The unity of Scripture was so convincing that countless men and women throughout history were willing to die for it. The prophets of old suffered persecution for speaking God's word. The apostles were beaten, imprisoned, and even martyred because they refused to deny the truth they had received in these sixty six books of the Bible. Millions of Christians since then have given their lives, holding fast to the inspired Word of God.

This shows the power of the Bible—not only that it is unified in its message, but that it transforms lives and gives courage even in the face of death.

The unity of the Bible proves that it is more than a human book. But unity alone is not the only evidence. The next proof we will explore is the **amazing accuracy of Bible prophecy**—events written centuries in advance that were fulfilled with stunning precision. Only God, who knows the end from the beginning, could inspire such writings.

Chapter 4 – The Prophecies

The Bible prophecies are one of the clearest proofs that the Bible is inspired by God. Unlike any other book, the Bible dares to predict the future in detail—and its predictions always come true. If the Bible were merely a human book, its prophecies would have failed one after another. Instead, history confirms them again and again.

The heart of the Bible’s prophecy is Jesus Christ. Hundreds of years before His birth, the Old Testament described His life, ministry, death, and resurrection. Consider just a few prophecies about him.

- **His Birthplace** – *“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel”* (Micah 5:2). Fulfilled in Matthew 2:1, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
- **His Betrayal** – *“So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver”* (Zechariah 11:12). Fulfilled in Matthew 26:15 when Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver.
- **His Crucifixion** – *“They pierced My hands and My feet”* (Psalm 22:16). Written hundreds of years before crucifixion was even invented, fulfilled at the cross (John 19:18).
- **His Resurrection** – *“For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption”* (Psalm 16:10). Fulfilled in Acts 2:31 when Peter declared that Jesus had risen.

Scholars estimate that more than **300 prophecies about the Messiah** were fulfilled in Jesus’ first coming. The probability of even a handful of these coming true by chance is mathematically impossible.

The Bible also contains prophecies about world events and kingdoms. For example:

- **Daniel’s Prophecies** – Daniel 2 and 7 outline the rise and fall of empires: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome—accurately fulfilled across centuries.
- **The Fall of Tyre** – Ezekiel 26 foretold that Tyre would be destroyed and scraped bare like a rock. Alexander the Great fulfilled this prophecy when he built a causeway with Tyre’s ruins.
- **Cyrus Named Before Birth** – Isaiah 44:28–45:1 names Cyrus, king of Persia, who would let Israel return from captivity—written over 100 years before

Cyrus was born.

Not only were prophecies fulfilled in the past, but many are unfolding before our eyes.

- **Increase of Knowledge** – *“But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase”* (Daniel 12:4). Our age of global travel and increase of technological knowledge fits this prophecy exactly.
- **Moral Decline** – Paul warned: *“In the last days perilous times will come. For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers...”* (2 Timothy 3:1-2). Our modern, selfish, proud and boastful culture reflects this moral breakdown.
- **Global Gospel Preaching** – *“This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come”* (Matthew 24:14). With modern media and missions, the gospel is reaching nearly every nation today.

The Bible also speaks of the future—the return of Jesus Christ, the resurrection of the dead, the judgment, and the creation of a new heaven and new earth (Revelation 21). These prophecies give us hope, reminding us that God is in control of history and the future.

Prophecy is God’s signature on Scripture. Only God can declare the end from the beginning: *“I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done”* (Isaiah 46:9-10).

No other book in human history has this kind of prophetic accuracy. This is another reason we can believe with confidence that the Bible is the inspired Word of God.

Prophecy is powerful proof that the Bible comes from God, but there is more. The Bible is also a record of history—real places, real people, and real events confirmed by archaeology and secular historians. In the next chapter, we will explore the **historical reliability of the Bible** and see how its pages align with the history of the world.

Chapter 5 – The Historical Reliability

When people think about the Bible, some assume it is just a collection of myths, legends, or religious stories. But the evidence of history tells us otherwise. The Bible is not a book of fables—it is rooted in real events, real people, and real places. Even historians who do not confess faith in God recognise the Bible's immense historical value.

No other figure in history has marked the timeline of the world like Jesus Christ. Time itself is divided into **B.C. (Before Christ)** and **A.D. (Anno Domini, in the year of our Lord)**. This division, accepted globally, shows that the impact of Christ and the Bible cannot be erased from human history. As H. G. Wells, a secular historian, once said: *“I am a historian, I am not a believer, but I must confess as a historian that this penniless preacher from Nazareth is irrevocably the very centre of history.”*

Archaeological Confirmation

Archaeology has continually confirmed the historical reliability of the Bible. Here are just a few examples:

- **Wall of Jericho** – Excavations revealed the fallen walls of Jericho, just as the book of Joshua describes (Joshua 6). The ancient walls of Jericho were discovered and excavated by several archaeologists, most notably John Garstang, who in the 1930s found collapsed walls matching biblical descriptions and dated them around 1400 BC, and Kathleen Kenyon, who in the 1950s re-excavated the site, determining the walls actually fell much earlier (around 1550 BC), challenging Garstang's biblical timeline but confirming the existence of massive fortifications and a destruction event.
- **Nineveh** – Once thought to be a mythical city, its ruins were discovered in the 19th century, confirming the book of Jonah. The ruins of Nineveh were primarily uncovered by British archaeologist Sir Austen Henry Layard in the mid-1840s, starting with excavations at Nimrud and then moving to the main site at Kouyunjik, where he found the grand palaces and Ashurbanipal's library, confirming Nineveh as a real, magnificent ancient city.
- **The Pool of Bethesda** – John 5 mentions this pool where Jesus healed a lame man. Archaeologists uncovered it in Jerusalem with its five porticoes, exactly as John described. The Pool of Bethesda was archaeologically uncovered, primarily by German architect and archaeologist Conrad Schick in the late 1880s, who identified large tanks near St. Anne's Church as the biblical site, with later excavations in the 1960s revealing its complex structure, including multiple pools and porticoes matching the Gospel of John's description.

- **King David** – King David's existence was historically supported by the Bible, but concrete archaeological proof came with the discovery of the Tel Dan Stele in 1993 by a team led by Israeli archaeologist Avraham Biran, which contained the first extra-biblical mention of the "House of David" (BYT DWD) dating to the 9th century BCE, confirming a Davidic dynasty existed.
- **Pontius Pilate** – For centuries, sceptics claimed Pilate was a fictional character. However, Pilate's existence was well-documented by ancient historians like Flavius Josephus and Philo of Alexandria, but without any physical artifact bearing his name. In 1961 Italian archaeologists, led by Antonio Frova, discovered the "Pilate Stone" at Caesarea Maritima, an inscribed limestone block naming him "Prefect of Judea". This provided crucial physical proof to back the all ancient historians' writings.

Every spade of the archaeologist's shovel continues to affirm what the Bible recorded thousands of years ago.

Testimony of Historians

The Bible's reliability is also supported by historians outside the faith. Josephus, a Jewish historian of the first century, wrote extensively about Jesus and early Christianity. He noted in *Antiquities of the Jews*:

"Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man... He was [the] Christ; and when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him."

The Roman historian Tacitus, writing in A.D. 116, confirmed Christ's execution under Pontius Pilate and the spread of Christianity in Rome, calling it a "pernicious superstition" but acknowledging its undeniable growth.

Christianity's Historical Reach

From its humble beginnings in Jerusalem, Christianity has become the most travelled and global faith in history. The Bible has gone into every nation, translated into more than 3,500 languages, leaving traces of Christian history across every continent. This is not the work of human planning but the power of God carrying His Word throughout the earth.

If the Bible were not inspired by God, we would not see such a vast and verifiable historical witness. Myths fade into obscurity, but the Bible endures because it is built on the truth that sets us free.

We have seen that history confirms the Bible again and again. But the Bible is not just historically accurate—it also contains knowledge far ahead of its time. In the next chapter, we will explore how the Scriptures reveal **scientific insights centuries before modern science discovered them**, proving once more that their Author is God Himself.

Chapter 6 – Scientific Insights

The Bible was never written as a textbook of science. Its purpose is to reveal God and His plan of salvation. Yet, when it touches on the natural world, it speaks with a precision and depth that astonishes even scientists today. Long before telescopes, microscopes, or satellites, the Bible revealed truths that human understanding only caught up with centuries later. This shows us that its Author is none other than the Creator of heaven and earth. Let's see some scientific examples in the Bible.

The Earth Is Suspended in Space

In the ancient world, many cultures believed the Earth rested on a giant animal, a mountain, or pillars. Yet the book of Job, written thousands of years ago, states:

“He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs the earth on nothing” (Job 26:7).

At a time when the idea of gravity was unknown, this description matches what we now understand: the Earth is suspended in space, held in place not by physical supports but by gravitational forces.

Life Is in the Blood

For centuries, doctors practised bloodletting, believing that draining “bad blood” could cure illness. This practice harmed more than it helped. But the Bible had already revealed:

“For the life of the flesh is in the blood” (Leviticus 17:11).

Modern medical science now recognises that blood carries oxygen, nutrients, and immune cells that sustain life. Without blood, there is no life.

The Stars Are Innumerable

Ancient astronomers believed they could count the stars—some catalogued only a few thousand. But God told Abraham:

“Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you can number them... So shall your descendants be” (Genesis 15:5).

With modern telescopes, we now know there are billions of galaxies, each containing billions of stars—just as the Bible implied.

Other Scientific Insights in Scripture

- **The Water Cycle** — Ancient civilizations often viewed rain as mysterious or controlled by gods without understanding its process. The Bible, however,

describes a continuous cycle of evaporation and precipitation: “All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full... to the place from which the rivers come, there they return again” (Ecclesiastes 1:7). “He draws up the drops of water, which distill as rain from the mist” (Job 36:27). These verses reflect the basic stages of the water cycle—evaporation, condensation, and rainfall—long before meteorology existed.

- **Ocean Currents** – Psalm 8:8 refers to “the paths of the seas.” Matthew Maury, known as the “Father of Oceanography,” read this verse and went on to discover ocean currents, revolutionising naval science.
- **Hydrological Cycle** – Ecclesiastes 1:7 notes: “*All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full; to the place from which the rivers come, there they return.*” This perfectly describes the water cycle, which science only explained centuries later.
- **Quarantine and Hygiene Laws** – Leviticus gives instructions about isolating the sick, washing hands, and disposing of waste. These principles, long mocked as ritual laws, were rediscovered during modern plagues as essential for public health.

The Testimony of Scientists

Far from opposing the Bible, many great scientists saw it as the foundation of truth. Sir Isaac Newton, one of the greatest minds in history, said: “*I have a fundamental belief in the Bible as the Word of God, written by men who were inspired.*”

Johannes Kepler, the father of modern astronomy, described his discoveries as “thinking God’s thoughts after Him.” These men recognised that the God who authored the Bible also authored the universe.

If the Bible were merely a human book, it would have contained the errors of its time—but instead, it revealed truths that science only later confirmed. This shows that the Bible is inspired by the One who created both nature and Scripture.

“*The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever*” (Isaiah 40:8).

The Bible not only reveals truths of science long before their discovery but also demonstrates an indestructible nature. Empires, kings, and regimes have tried to burn it, ban it, and bury it—but it remains the most read, printed, and translated book in history. In the next chapter, we will see how the **indestructibility of the Bible** proves that its words are eternal and divinely inspired.

Chapter 7 – The Indestructibility of the Bible

The Bible is not only inspired—it is indestructible. From the moment God’s Word was spoken and written, the forces of darkness have tried to destroy and silence it. Kings, emperors, philosophers, and regimes have banned it, burned it, and mocked it. Yet the Bible remains the most widely read, translated, and distributed book in the history of the world. Its survival is nothing short of a miracle.

Throughout history, powerful rulers sought to wipe the Scriptures from existence.

- **Ancient Persecutions** – In the third century A.D., the Roman emperor Diocletian ordered that every copy of the Scriptures be destroyed. He even built a monument claiming the Bible was extinct. Yet within just a few years, Constantine, the next emperor, ordered fifty copies of the Bible to be produced at government expense.
- **Medieval Suppression** – For centuries, the Bible was locked away from the common people. Those who translated or distributed it, like John Wycliffe and William Tyndale, were persecuted. Tyndale was strangled and burned at the stake, but his dying prayer was, “Lord, open the King of England’s eyes!” Shortly after, the English Bible began to circulate widely.
- **Voltaire’s Boast** – The French philosopher Voltaire once claimed, “A hundred years from my death, the Bible will be a museum piece.” Ironically, a hundred years after his death, his very house was used by the Geneva Bible Society to print and distribute Bibles.

The French Revolution and the Bible

The French Revolution (1789–1799) provides a striking example of humanity’s attempt to erase God’s Word. Revolutionaries declared that God was dead and banned the Bible. Churches were closed, and a “Goddess of Reason” was enthroned in Notre Dame Cathedral.

But what was the result? France plunged into chaos, bloodshed, and moral collapse. The ban on the Bible did not bring freedom—it brought destruction. Within a short time, the Bible returned, and the Revolution itself became a warning to the world of what happens when nations reject God’s Word.

Revelation 11:7-11 prophetically described this very event, symbolising the Bible as “two witnesses” lying dead in the streets, only to rise again in power. And indeed, after the Revolution, the Bible societies of the 19th century began to flood the world with God’s Word like never before.

Why has the Bible endured? Because it is not a mere human book—it is the Word of the living God. Jesus said:

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away”
(Matthew 24:35).

Nations rise and fall. Empires crumble. Philosophies fade. But the Bible remains. Today it is translated into over **3,500 languages** and continues to be printed in the billions. No other book has ever survived such opposition and flourished.

Even in modern times, hostile governments still try to restrict access to Scripture. Yet underground churches, secret networks, and digital Bibles continue to bring God’s Word to millions, proving again that no power on earth can silence it.

The Bible tells us that before the end of time, the antichrist will once more attempt to destroy the people who live by God’s Word. Revelation 12:17 warns: *“The dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”*

But just as in the past, these efforts will fail. God’s Word will triumph, and those who remain faithful will overcome the devil by the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 12:11).

If the Bible were a human invention, it would have been destroyed long ago. No other book has faced such relentless opposition and survived, let alone thrived. Its indestructibility is a living testimony that it is indeed the Word of God.

We have seen how the Bible cannot be silenced or destroyed. But more than its survival in history, its true power is shown in how it changes lives. In the next chapter, we will see the **transforming power of the Bible**—how it brings freedom, healing, and new life to everyone who receives it with faith.

Chapter 8 – The Transforming Power

The Bible is not just a book of words; it is the living Word of God. When received humbly, it transforms hearts, minds, and lives. Hebrews 4:12 tells us: *“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”*

Across the centuries, millions of people testify that the Bible changed them. Addicts have found freedom, criminals have turned into servants of Christ, and broken families have been restored. Ordinary believers have discovered peace, hope, joy, and purpose through Scripture.

No philosophy, psychology, or human wisdom has ever produced such a consistent and dramatic transformation. Only the living Word of God.

In much of the Western world, and increasingly in Eastern nations under anti-Christ influence, schools and universities subtly discourage young people from reading the Bible. They often dismiss it as “outdated” or “mythology,” replacing it with secular and humanist ideologies.

And yet, notice the contradiction: when people end up in prison, rehabilitation centres, hospitals, or even mental institutions—where hope is gone and human wisdom has failed—what book do they encourage patients and inmates to read? The Bible.

Why? Because no other book has the power to comfort the dying, heal the brokenhearted, give peace to the tormented, and inspire a brand-new start. Society rejects it in the classroom but runs to it in a crisis. This in itself is proof that the Bible is not just a book—it is the voice of God reaching into the darkest corners of life.

Great Examples of Transformation

History offers us striking examples of individuals changed by God’s Word:

- William Miller (1782-1849) was a deist who denied the divinity of Christ and rejected the Bible as inspired. He began to study the Bible out of curiosity and found it internally consistent and prophetically accurate. He said “The Scriptures became my delight and in Jesus I found a friend.” Converted to Christianity, he became a powerful preacher and led the **Second Great Awakening** in America, with thousands turning to Christ through his study of prophecy.

- **John Bunyan** – Once a profane and reckless man, he was transformed by the power of Lord’s Scripture during imprisonment and went on to write *The Pilgrim’s Progress*, a Christian classic book that has shaped millions.
- **Martin Luther (1483-1546)**: A terrified monk who lived in guilt, trying to earn salvation through works, penance, and self-punishment. While studying the Bible as a professor, Luther read **Romans 1:17**: “The righteous shall live by faith.”
This verse opened his eyes to the truth of justification by faith. He became the leading figure of the **Protestant Reformation**, boldly challenging church corruption and emphasising salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone.

**Jesus said: “You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:32).
The Bible is that truth.**

No human book can claim such power. Self-help manuals may inspire, political manifestos may stir action, and philosophies may challenge the mind. But only the Bible penetrates to the depths of the human soul, bringing genuine new life.

The apostle Paul reminded Timothy of this very truth: “*From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus*” (2 Timothy 3:15).

If the Bible were not God’s Word, it would not have the power to change men and women so radically and consistently across centuries and cultures. Its transforming effect on millions of lives is living proof that it is truly inspired by God.

We have seen how the Bible not only survives opposition but also transforms lives. But one more undeniable proof remains: the Bible’s **moral and ethical excellence**. In the next chapter, we will see how its teachings rise above all human wisdom and stand as the perfect moral law for all nations.

Chapter 9 – High Moral Standard

The Bible is not merely a collection of religious stories or moral advice—it is the ultimate source of moral law and spiritual authority. Its teachings establish standards of right and wrong, justice and mercy, that are far above human invention. Without the Bible, the world would have no firm foundation for morality.

From the very beginning, God’s law provided us a clear framework for how humans should live. The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1–17) lay down principles that remain relevant across all cultures: Reverence for God, respect for parents, protection of life, property, and truth, honesty and integrity in every relationship

These commandments are not arbitrary rules—they are the divine blueprint for a just and righteous society. Without them, cultures and governments would struggle to define right and wrong, just and unjust. Human laws alone are insufficient; they often fail to restrain sin or promote true goodness.

The Bible does more than establish rules—it sets the highest standard of love. Jesus summarised the law in two commands: *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself”* (Matthew 22:37–39).

The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7) further elevates these standards. Jesus called His followers to: Forgive enemies (Matthew 5:44), Avoid revenge and hatred, and to practice humility, mercy, and purity of heart.

These teachings go beyond what any human philosophy could invent. They set a standard for behaviour and love that remains unsurpassed.

Even in societies far removed from Biblical tradition, these principles resonate. People of conscience naturally recognise the value of honesty, compassion, and forgiveness. History shows that great leaders, revolutionaries, and reformers have drawn directly from the Bible:

- **Mahatma Gandhi** attributed his commitment to non-violence and love of enemies to the teachings of Jesus.
- **Martin Luther King Jr.** derived his principles of justice and equality from Biblical ethics.
- Many other leaders of social reform, humanitarian work, and peace movements have echoed the Bible’s moral standards, often unknowingly repeating its timeless wisdom.

The Bible not only guides behaviour; it also speaks with spiritual authority. Its words define the relationship between God and humanity, offering guidance, correction, and hope. As the apostle Paul wrote: *“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness”* (2 Timothy 3:16).

Its authority is recognised not because of human power, but because the Holy Spirit breathes life into every page. The moral and ethical principles of Scripture remain relevant in every generation because they reflect God’s unchanging character.

Without divine inspiration, the Bible could never have set such high standards consistently across centuries, cultures, and nations. Its ethical teachings surpass human wisdom and remain unmatched in the annals of history. Only the living Word of God could produce such authority and enduring moral impact.

The Bible not only sets the highest standards of morality and love but also answers the deepest questions about life itself. In the next chapter, we will explore how **the Bible unfolds the mysteries of life**, explaining the purpose of creation, the origin of sin, and the ultimate destiny of humanity.

Chapter 10 – Meaning To Life

Life is filled with questions that have perplexed humanity for centuries: Who created us? Why are we here? Where did sin come from? Why do we experience suffering, joy, and love? What is the purpose of life, and what does the future hold for humanity? For centuries, philosophers, scholars, and great thinkers have tried to answer these questions, yet without divine guidance, their answers often fall short. The Bible, however, provides clarity and understanding, revealing mysteries that no human wisdom could uncover.

The Bible begins with a profound declaration: *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”* (Genesis 1:1). It tells us that we are not accidents of evolution or the products of random chance. We were intentionally created by a loving God, each of us designed with a purpose. Psalms 139:13–14 explains: *“For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”*

Through Scripture, we understand that God created us so that he could love us eternally, for the exact reason our parents desired to have us in this world. In fact he created us in his image that we may know Him, love Him for who he is, and willingly reflect His character. Just as any good parent would want their children to reflect their good qualities. When we see things this way, life means beyond survival or material gain.

The Bible also answers the age-old question: why does evil exist? It explains that sin entered our world through human choice (Genesis 3), separating humanity from God and bringing suffering into creation. But it does not stop there. It explains how sin originated in heaven with the rebellion of Lucifer (Satan) and other angels, who became prideful and desired to be like God, leading to their expulsion from heaven before Adam and Eve sinned on Earth.

Yet even in this fallen world, the Bible offers hope. Romans 5:8 reminds us: *“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

Through the Word of God, we understand that suffering is temporary, and God plans to restore all things to perfection. Without Scripture, humanity would struggle to make sense of pain, injustice, and evil.

What is death and what happens after death is beautifully explained in the Bible. Many who find this truth that is clearly and in the most sincere way shared in the Bible find blessed hope for themselves and to see their loved ones again. The fear, anxiety, and hopelessness the death of our loved ones cause is taken away by Lord Jesus.

While our loved ones are alive we sometimes wonder "Why does God give us parents, siblings, and life partners?" Scripture explains that we are created for and with a need of companionship. God has given us life and put us in a world full of people, where various types of relationships exist to teach us love, responsibility, repentance and forgiveness. But with this, there are other things we understand from Scripture. For Example, as follows:

"The parent-child relationship is a powerful reflection of the relationship we are invited to have with our Heavenly Father. When we consider how deeply our earthly parents—though imperfect, finite, and flawed—can love us, protect us, and long for our good, it gives us just a glimpse of the far greater, perfect love of God. If sinful, mortal parents can love so sacrificially, how much more does our Heavenly Father— who is eternal, holy, and full of mercy—love us? And how much more does Jesus, who laid down His life for us, desire an intimate, life-giving relationship with each of His children?"

God gave us siblings as a reflection of community, companionship, and shared growth. In the family unit, siblings teach us how to love, forgive, share, and even endure conflict—skills essential for life and for walking in the body of Christ (the church). Siblings are often our first friends, our first rivals, and our lifelong mirrors. Through them, we learn what it means to live not only for ourselves but with and for others.

"God gave us the gift of a life partner not only for companionship and love but as a living parable—a sacred mirror of divine truth about Godhead identity. Scripture tell us initially God created Man and woman in his own image (Genesis 1:27). In their union, we see a reflection of the eternal relationship between the Father and the Son—distinct persons, yet perfectly one in love, purpose, and their Holy Spirit.

The scripture identifies God the Father, the eternal **SOURCE** and head of all things including Jesus. (1 Corinthians 8:6, 11:3). With that it also identifies Jesus as the **CHANNEL** through whom all the blessings of father flows to all the creation and created worlds (1 Corinthians 8:6, John 1:3, Hebrew 1:2,3) The **SOURCE** and **CHANNEL** relationship between the God the Father and his beloved son is beautifully and naturally brought out in the marriage covenant:

Source — God the Father = Man

Channel — Jesus = Woman

The man is called the head—not as a tyrant, but as a reflection of God the Father, the eternal Source and head of all things including Jesus. (1 Corinthians 8:6, 11:3). As the father is the source of life, and is also a loving planner, and protector, so is the man is also recognised as the source of reproduction due to his ability to initiate procreation by giving seed to the woman and also as protector, planner and provider for the family.

The woman, far from being lesser, is recognised as the glory of the man (1 Corinthians 11:7), a perfect picture of Jesus Christ—the Beloved Son who is the glory of the father and joyfully submits to the Father and becomes the channel through whom all blessings flow to creation (John 1:3-5,14; 1 Corinthians 11:3). Just as Jesus creates, sustains (cares) and educates us about fathers character, in the same way the woman is the channel of procreation, nurturing (sustaining), and educating children of fathers (God and also her husband's love) plans for them (Genesis 3:20). Just like Jesus, she is willing to bear tremendous pain and even die for the baby to be delivered safely on the operating table.

Just as Jesus is 'the way' to the Father and the visible expression of His invisible nature, so too does the wife carry, nurture, and manifest the love, vision, and legacy of her husband. She is responsible and capable of connecting her children to their father and helping them understand his heart. In this divine mystery, man and woman become 'one flesh' (Genesis 2:24)—a unity not of sameness, but of harmony and mutual dependence, echoing the holy unity of the Father and the Son, who share one Spirit and one will.

Marriage, then, is not merely a social contract—it is a sacred covenant designed by God to reveal something of Himself. In the self-giving love, mutual honour, and sacrificial unity of husband and wife, we see a glimpse of heaven on earth.

Ecclesiastes 4:9–10 emphasises the importance of support: *“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion.”*

Through these relationships, we learn God's values and experience His love in tangible ways. Without understanding these divine relations, human life would seem chaotic and meaningless.

The Bible reveals that life is more than work, pleasure, or survival. We are called to know God and willingly glorify God, love others, and live in harmony with His will. Ephesians 2:10 tells us: *“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”*

Furthermore, the Bible provides assurance about the future. It tells us that sin and suffering will not last forever. Revelation 21:4 promises: *“God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain.”* This hope transforms the way we live today, giving meaning to trials and direction to our actions.

Without God's Word, life and all the relationships we share would remain a mystery. We might wander aimlessly, guided only by instinct or fleeting desires. Perhaps, as Scripture suggests, humanity would live like animals, unaware of our higher purpose, moral responsibilities, or eternal destiny. The Bible lights the path, showing us why we exist, how to live, and what awaits beyond this world.

The Bible does not merely explain life—it also presents history and reality as true, not imaginary. In the next chapter, we will explore **how the Bible is not a collection of myths but the truest revelation of God**, centred on Jesus Christ as the living Word of God. Through Him, all the mysteries of life find their ultimate answer.

Chapter 11 – True Theology, Not Imagination

Many people wonder if the Bible is simply a collection of myths, fables, or imaginary stories written to entertain or teach moral lessons. Yet, unlike any other book in human history, the Bible is considered authentic theology—the highest expression of divine truth.

The largest monotheistic faiths such as **Judaism, Christianity**, faith deeply rooted in the Bible. The **Islam** religion claims its connection with the Bible truths.

Bahá'í Faith, founded in the 19th century, recognizes its descent from Abraham and is often classified as Abrahamic, though it has its own distinct scriptures.

Druze Faith: Emerging from Islam in the 11th century, the Druze faith incorporates elements from various philosophical and religious beliefs, including parts of the Old and New Testaments, and venerates figures like Jesus and John the Baptist.

Rastafari Movement: This Afrocentric religion, which emerged in 1930s Jamaica, uses the Bible (specifically the King James Version) as a primary sacred text and is sometimes classified as an Abrahamic religion due to its monotheism.

Latter Day Saint Movement (Mormonism): The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and related groups use the Bible in addition to other canonical texts, such as the Book of Mormon.

So many religions finding their roots in the Bible is an alternative and clear reason to believe the Bible is the revelation from God himself, unfolding His plan from the creation of heaven and earth to the redemption of humanity at Christ's second coming.

From Genesis to Revelation, the central figure of Scripture is Jesus Christ. Though the Bible contains accounts of patriarchs, prophets, kings, and rulers, all these men wrote about Him under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the living thread that connects the entire narrative of Scripture.

John 1:1–3 declares: *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”*

Jesus is called the **Word of God** because He is God's ultimate communication to humanity—revealing His nature, His love, and His plan of salvation. Every prophecy, every story, every teaching in the Bible points to Him.

The Bible is not a product of human imagination; it speaks of a God who is real, present, and active in history. So real is this God that He became flesh (Jesus Christ) to dwell among us: *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth”* (John 1:14).

Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection are the clearest evidence that the Bible is divinely inspired. If the Bible were merely a human invention, Jesus would be a fictitious figure—a story told to inspire or manipulate. But history, archaeology, fulfilled prophecy, and countless witnesses confirm His existence and divine mission.

Throughout history, there have been countless individuals—humans who claimed to ascend into godhood, gradually elevating themselves through power, wisdom, or worship. But Jesus Christ stands utterly alone. He is the only one in all of history who was fully God from the beginning, yet chose to become fully human. Unlike others who claimed to become divine, He was divine and became human—and He remains both God and Man forever.

This mystery of the Incarnation is not a temporary act, but an eternal union. Even now, the glorified Christ retains His humanity. The Bible begins with God creating the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1) and ends with the promise of a new heaven and new earth, where the saints will live with Jesus in flesh forever as revealed here: *“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.”* (Revelation 21:3, NKJV)

In Christ, God’s dwelling with humanity is not only a promise—it is a person. He is Emmanuel, God with us, now and forever.

Without divine inspiration, the Bible could not have produced the historical, moral, and prophetic accuracy it does. Jesus would be just a legendary figure, moral teachings would be inconsistent, and the unfolding story of redemption would be unreliable. Yet Scripture has endured, and Jesus’ life and work remain verifiable, transforming history and millions of lives.

The Bible is real. God is real. Jesus, the Word made flesh, is real. And yet, God’s communication does not stop at the written page. In the next chapter, we will explore how **the Holy Spirit continues to speak to every person**, guiding, convicting, and comforting us as we read and live by the Word of God or don’t know anything about God at all.

Chapter 12 – The Holy Spirit and the Bible

The Bible is not only a historical record or a moral guide—it is a living book, alive through the presence of the Holy Spirit. Every time we read it with an open heart, God speaks directly to us. Meaning His Holy Spirit illuminates the Scriptures, bringing understanding, conviction, comfort, and guidance. Without the Spirit, the Bible remains mere words on paper; with the Spirit, it becomes God’s voice in our lives.

The apostle Paul reminds us:

“And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe” (Holy Spirit) (1 Thessalonians 2:13).

Through the Holy Spirit, the words of Scripture come alive. They convict us of sin, guide our decisions, reassure our hearts, and strengthen our faith. The Spirit helps us understand truths that would otherwise remain hidden or confusing.

Even when people do not consciously recognise Him, the Holy Spirit speaks to every person. Have you ever felt a still, gentle prompting in your heart to do what is right, to speak kindly, or to help someone in need? That is God’s Spirit guiding you, in accordance with His Word.

Romans 8:14 says: *“For those who are led by the **Spirit of God** are the children of God.”* This leading aligns perfectly with the Bible, showing that the Word is not just a book to read, but a lifeline connecting us to God.

Whether you’re an old Christian, a new believer or a stranger to the religion of Jesus. We all hear the voice of the holy spirit of God. Yes, the spirit speaks to each one of us. We all the time feel the need to deny that we hear the Holy Spirit of God in our conscience because that voice always tells us to do the right thing. It tells us to do exactly as per the perfect will of God which is expressed clearly in the Bible.

If you’re a seasoned believer, you already know the above truth—it’s the reality you live in daily. You’ve walked with God long enough to recognise His voice, His leading, and His presence. If you’re a new believer, you’ve likely begun to sense how clearly God speaks—through His Holy Spirit and through the living words of Scripture.

But if you’ve never read the Bible before, something remarkable awaits you. As you begin to read, you will come to a startling realization: the voice speaking through those pages is the same kind and lovely voice that’s been whispering to your heart all your life. It’s not a new voice—it’s the familiar one you’ve always longed to

understand. And in His Word, you'll see that it was Him all along who was speaking to you.

Moreover, when you develop the habit of reading the Bible prayerfully, the Holy Spirit will begin to transform your heart and you will experience the following:

1. **He Will Help You Recognise Truth**

The Holy Spirit helps you understand God's truth and your need for Jesus.

"When He comes, He will convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment."

— John 16:8

2. **He Will Give You New Life**

The Spirit gives you new spiritual life when you believe in Jesus. Which is known as being born again.

"Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.'" — John 3:5-6

"He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit." — Titus 3:5

3. **He Will Live in You**

When you believe, the Holy Spirit, Christ indeed comes to live inside you forever.

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you...?"

— 1 Corinthians 6:19

"If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ."

— Romans 8:9

4. **He Will Give You Confidence That You Belong to God**

The Spirit assures your heart that you are a child of God.

"The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children."

— Romans 8:16

5. **He Will Help You Understand the Bible**

The Spirit will open your eyes to understand God's Word.

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit... will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." — John 14:26

"The anointing you received from Him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you... His anointing teaches you about all things..." — 1 John 2:27

6. **He Will Give You Strength to Change**

The Holy Spirit empowers you to turn from sin and live a new life.

"If by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live."

— Romans 8:13

“So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”
— Galatians 5:16

7. He Will Grow Good Things in You (*Fruit of the Spirit*)

The Spirit will develop Christlike character in your life.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

— Galatians 5:22-23

8. He Will Show You Your Purpose and bless you with a gift.

The Spirit gives you gifts to serve and build others up.

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.”

— 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

“Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”

— 1 Corinthians 12:7

9. He Will Draw You Closer to God

The Spirit helps you experience deep fellowship with God.

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” — 2 Corinthians 13:14

10. He Will Assure You of a Hopeful Future

The Spirit is God’s guarantee that you belong to Him forever.

“When you believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance...” — Ephesians 1:13-14

As far as old believers go, Many believers testify that their most profound insights, breakthroughs, and comfort came while reading the Bible under the Spirit’s influence. This is why Scripture is more than a historical document—it is a living, breathing encounter with God Himself.

Without the Bible, the Holy Spirit would have no consistent, authoritative way to speak to humanity. It could have been like expecting your child to do exactly what you're thinking without prior explaining to them well through writing to them, giving them an example or by showing something they can relate to understand your thoughts. Without divine inspiration, we would be left guessing, relying solely on human wisdom, prone to error and confusion. But Scripture, alive through the Spirit, provides certainty, guidance, and eternal truth.

As Jesus promised: *“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth”* (John 16:13).

The Spirit brings the Bible alive, and its truth unfolds consistently. One remarkable aspect of Scripture is its **lack of contradictions**. Every question about God, salvation, morality, and life’s purpose finds a harmonious answer in its pages. In

the next chapter, we will explore **the unity and consistency of the Bible**, demonstrating that it is truly God's Word, flawless in its revelation.

Chapter 13 – No Contradictions

The Bible is often accused of being a book full of contradictions. People say, “One verse says this, another verse says that—surely, it cannot be trusted.” Yet, the truth is this: the Bible is not a book of contradictions; it is a book of revelation.

If this is so the question begs why people think there are contradictions in the Bible? The reason many people perceive contradictions in Scripture is not because God’s Word fails, but because of how humans read it. Here are some key reasons why they see contradictions.

1. **Lack of Context**

Many pull out a single verse, ignoring the surrounding passages, the historical background, or the cultural meaning. When Bible verses are taken out of context, they may appear to conflict with other Bible verses. We need to understand that every verse belongs within a larger passage, a chapter, a book, and the entire message of the Bible. Without seeing the context, one verse or even a chapter may look confusing. The Bible warns us to “handle the word of truth” correctly, which means we need to carefully pay attention to how God intended it to be read: “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15)

2. **“Different Perspectives, Not Contradictions**

The four Gospels sometimes record the same event with varied details. But this is not a contradiction. This is strange to look at first. However, we need to understand that the four authors are like four witnesses describing the same scene from different angles. The details they share complement one another rather than conflict. God inspired multiple writers to record His Word, each with their own personality, background, and worldview. These differences give us richness and depth. At times, one writer may emphasise one detail while another focuses on another. Together they form a complete picture. This diversity of voices is part of God’s wisdom. Far from being a weakness, it confirms the reliability of Scripture because truth is established through multiple witnesses.

“Every matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.” (2 Corinthians 13:1)

3. **Human Bias**

Sometimes what looks like a contradiction is really the result of our own hearts resisting the truth. People often come to the Bible with their own opinions and try to fit the text into their perspective, instead of submitting to God’s Word. When we read the Bible already holding on to personal preferences, cultural opinions, or sinful desires, we may twist or misread God’s Word. The prophet Jeremiah reminds us that our own hearts are not reliable guides. It has the power to deceive us very cunningly

“The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?” (Jeremiah 17:9)

4. **Spiritual Blindness**

The Bible is a spiritual book, and its deepest truths cannot be understood by human reasoning alone. Without the Holy Spirit, people read Scripture and find it confusing or contradictory. Only by the Spirit can we rightly understand. Only when our eyes are opened by the Spirit do we see the harmony of God’s Word. Paul explains that spiritual truths require spiritual discernment.

The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolish... they are discerned only through the Spirit.” (1 Corinthians 2:14) Even if we are not baptised, we need to pray honestly and humbly ask the Lord for His Holy Spirit for us to be able to understand the Bible.

If we want to avoid seeing contradictions, we must learn to study the Scriptures according to the Bible study principles. Below are sound Bible study principles that can help us do that. These principles also help us unlock deep truths from God’s words that are hidden from the world.

1. **Pray for Understanding**

As mentioned before, ask God for wisdom before and during your reading. Ask in the truest faith and believe that he hears your prayer. The scripture says:

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” (James 1:5)

2. **Compare Scripture with Scripture**

The Bible interprets itself. A difficult verse is often explained by another passage elsewhere. Sometimes putting 2, 4 or even full chapters together gives a big and clear view and understanding of what God is trying to tell us. This is how the word of the Lord was always studied even in the ancient world before Jesus came to this world.

“For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little.” Comparing spiritual things with spiritual (Isaiah 28:10, 1 Corinthians 2:13)

3. **Understand the Storyline**

The Bible is one continuous revelation of who and how God is at heart. From creation to Christ’s first advent and all the way to his second coming the picture of God’s character is becoming more glorious. Studying the big picture helps us place each verse, chapter, and book in its right setting. God is Love and he does not change. This is the most important and fundamental truth about God. Because He is Love and does not change, he has emptied the whole heaven in Jesus Christ to save you and me. This is the foundation of the salvation story. When we understand this then we begin to understand why and how Satan is eradicating God’s images of unchanging love by raising a great controversy against Him and his people. Thereon, we more fully begin to realise how far God was willing to go to save humanity and prove to us that he loves us. This unchanging love was communicated and bestowed upon us through his only begotten son Jesus who is the key and the hero of this story. This is the reason “Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.” (Luke 24:27) If we miss Jesus and his mission we misunderstand everything in the Bible.

4. **Be Humble and Teachable**

Approach the Word not to argue with it, but to be changed by it. We need to be humble and teachable when studying the Bible so we can learn, grow, and let God guide us. Pride closes our hearts, but humility opens us to truth and transformation. Truth that sanctifies us and saves us.

“Receive with meekness the implanted word, which can save your souls.”

(James 1:21)

The Bible is not a book of contradictions, but a divine revelation of truth. Through its pages, we come to know the reality of God's existence, the depth of His character, the purpose of life on earth, the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and the gift of salvation through faith.

Far from being contradictory, the Bible is a unified message of God's redemption, grace, and truth. Some truths in the Bible will challenge us deeply. They may convict us, confront our sin, and even unsettle our thinking. But God allowed His Word to contain such truths so that we may grow physically, mentally, and spiritually. This growth results in health, prosperity and beautiful relationships.

If the Bible has no contradictions and is trustworthy, the most important question remains: How do we apply it to our lives? How can the Word of God transform our daily decisions, empower our minds, and give us strength to live victoriously?

That is what we will explore in the next chapter: Empowering Life with God's Word.

Chapter 14 – Life & Bible

Reading the Bible is not just an act of habit—it is an invitation to encounter God personally. Throughout this book, we have explored why the Bible is inspired, truthful, and powerful. We have seen its moral authority, historical reliability, scientific insights, transforming power, and guidance for life. But now, the challenge is for each of us to experience these truths personally by approaching Scripture with faith, humility, and consistency.

So beside your will to read the Bible and gain all the blessings, what you need is discipline to read the Bible? If your goal is to finish reading the Bible and build a relationship with God, then it's equally important that you first build a discipline to read the Bible daily.

But how is the discipline of reading the Bible developed? Within a few minutes, I will show you how to build a discipline. So that you can become consistent in your walk with the Lord and know his will and ways. In fact, these principles of building discipline can be used to achieve other goals in your life too.

But wait first let's understand what discipline is. In a nutshell, discipline is the ability to control your actions, emotions, and habits to stay focused on what's important — especially when it's hard or inconvenient.

Now here are practical steps to build discipline for reading the Bible daily:

1. A Clear Why

It's important that you first find out why you want to read the Bible. A clear purpose fuels consistency. So your reason behind reading the Bible has to be emotionally and reasonably very strong. Because when life gets hard and you don't feel like reading the Bible, your reason you choose to read the Bible should encourage you to continue reading.

2. Start Small

Begin with a manageable goal — maybe 5–10 minutes a day or one chapter. Small steps prevent burnout. In fact, by spending a short time reading the Bible, you will develop a habit of reading the Bible. That is exactly what we want to do. The more consistent in reading the Bible the better you will understand it and enjoy reading it.

3. Pick a Fixed Time

Attach Bible reading to a routine event — e.g., right after waking up, before bed or while travelling in a quiet bus or train. Which routine event do you connect it with

that becomes like a trigger and reminder for you to read the Bible? Consistency builds habit.

4. Choose a Quiet Place

Find a peaceful spot free from distractions so you can focus and connect deeply. Bible reading definitely needs a quiet place. Because though it has true stories, it's a book that is designed by God to be studied. While reading the Bible you may end up with dozens of questions and will require a quiet space to reason and find answers within the scriptures.

5. Use a Reading Plan

Follow a structured plan to read the Bible. For example, focusing on reading the first five books of the bible or reading the four Gospels in a row. This removes guesswork about what to read next.

6. Pray Before Reading

Ask God for understanding and focus — it sets the tone and makes reading meaningful. After all it's God's word His Holy Spirit is your best teacher and guide.

7. Keep It Visible

Leave your Bible or Bible app where you can see it — visual cues remind you of your commitment. I used to keep my Bible beside my pillow and sometimes on my study table. Visual reminders make it easier to build the habit and reduce the “out of sight, out of mind” problem.

8. Reflect and Journal

Write down key verses or insights. Writing and reflection help the Word sink in and keep you engaged. Journaling helps you remember what you read and track your spiritual growth over time..

9. Find Accountability Partner

Share your goal with a trusted friend, mentor, or small group. Discussing what you're learning and encouraging each other helps you stay disciplined and deepens understanding.

10. Be Graceful, Not Guilty

If you miss a day, don't be hard on yourself. Just start again. Discipline is built through steady persistence, not perfection. God values a faithful heart more than flawless performance.

11. Find an Easy Bible to Read

Choose a translation that's clear and engaging for you — such as the NIV, NLT, or CSB. If the language feels approachable, you'll find reading more enjoyable and less like a task. Study Bibles with notes or devotional Bibles can also provide helpful context.

12. Share What You Read or Study

Talk about what you're learning with others — friends, family, or your church community. Sharing reinforces your understanding and encourages others in their faith, making your study more purposeful and alive.

While all the above principles of building a discipline to read the Bible daily are true, reading the Bible daily is not a mechanical exercise. It requires an honest heart, a willingness to obey, and a spirit of humbleness. As we seek God through His Word, He begins to reveal Himself personally. He addresses our struggles, speaks to our doubts, and brings clarity to life's mysteries.

History and personal testimonies confirm that the Bible changes lives. Addicts find freedom, hearts are healed, sinners are reconciled, and ordinary believers discover purpose, peace, and joy. Ellen G. White writes: "*The Word of God is the standard of character, the revealer of truth, the source of hope and comfort*" (*Education*, p. 126).

Through Scripture, God equips us to face challenges, resist temptation, forgive others, and live with love and integrity. Its transformative power is available to everyone who reads with faith, regardless of background, age, or circumstance.

In my own life, reading the Bible daily has been a source of direction and blessing. The Lord has spoken to me about personal decisions, family matters, work, ministry, and social life. Each page carries wisdom, encouragement, and practical guidance that cannot be found elsewhere. I write this book to share that same invitation with you: God is willing to do the same for every reader who approaches His Word with faith and is willing to receive more faith. As you continue, you will discover that the Bible is not just words on a page—it is God speaking to your heart, guiding your path, and shaping your character.

Dear reader, I pray that as you engage with God's Word, you will experience His presence, receive His guidance, and be filled with heavenly joy. Trust the voice you hear from Scripture, obey its wisdom, and you will know that the Bible is truly inspired by God. May the Lord bless you, reveal Himself to you, and lead you into a life of purpose, peace, and eternal hope.

