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The Bible: Trusting, Studying, Finding Truth & Reality

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In the face of the darkness that is increasingly overwhelming our nations, we must bring Light and Truth, for from the beginning light always overcomes darkness. We must rebuild the foundations of our faith and our nations. Therefore, this coming Sunday, I'll begin teaching a 12-week class that endeavors to rebuild spiritual, moral, intellectual, and truth foundations that are essential for personal, family, church, community and national restoration, and restoration of the sanctity of human life and cultures of life. The course is titled: "Biblical, Judeo-Christian & Truth Foundations for Life." I thought you would benefit if I shared some excerpts of what I'll be teaching in each lesson, each week.

Even though I was raised in the church, graduated from Bible college and then a Christian college, I did not know if there was absolute truth, if the Bible was truly God's Word and Truth, and how to know truth with certainty in any area of life. These lessons in some ways parallel my life journey. So the first lesson is: "The Bible: Trusting, Studying, Finding Truth & Reality."

What is the Bible?

- The BIBLE is "the word of GOD," recording His words to mankind. "The word of God came to Nathan, saying . . ." (1 Chronicles 17:3). "The word of God kept on spreading . . ." (Acts 6:7).
- In 2,600 verses, the BIBLE records that "GOD said," "The LORD said," "Jesus said," or spoke, commanded, answered; or "thus declares the LORD," or "word of the LORD."
- The BIBLE claims to be the inspired Word of GOD. "All Scripture is inspired by GOD and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16).
- The BIBLE contains many prophecies given by the Spirit of GOD. "But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is *a matter* of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God" (2 Peter 1:20-21).
- The BIBLE documents that Jesus fulfilled every prophecy spoken about Him.
- The BIBLE contains the Truth: "The sum of Your word is Truth" (Psalm 119:160).



- The Word of GOD is alive and the Holy Spirit uses it to pierce hearts and minds. “For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12).

How do we know we have the original text? (some examples)

- The Silver Ketef Hinnom Scrolls, containing the Numbers 6:24-26 benediction spoken by the priests, dated to 7th century B.C.
- Dead Sea Scrolls (900 manuscripts; all of the Old Testament books except Nehemiah and Esther), written between 250 B.C. and A.D. 70;
- Septuagint: Greek translation of the Old Testament, 3rd & 2nd centuries B.C.;
- The Nash Papyrus containing the 10 Commandments, 2nd century B.C.;
- Latin Vulgate, translated mostly by Jerome, 4th century A.D.;
- Masoretic Text: 24 books of the Hebrew Bible, 7th – 10th centuries A.D.;
- The Leningrad Codex (complete Old Testament), dated A.D. 1008 – faithfully consistent with the Dead Sea Scroll manuscripts;
- Old Testament manuscripts or fragments: all of the above, including 360 of the Dead Sea Scrolls;
- New Testament manuscripts or fragments: 5,800 Greek; 10,000 Latin; 9,300 other.

No other book in all of history has so many partial or full ancient manuscripts!

Pray that the BIBLE – and corresponding Truth in all of GOD’s creation – will be restored as the foundation for true Truth in every area of life.

For the LORD, the sacred gift of life, and remembrance of the babies,

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