



THE BIBLE STANDS

*The Bible stands though the hills may tumble,
It will firmly stand when the earth shall crumble;
I will plant my feet on its firm foundation,
For the Bible stands.*

Lesson 06: CAN WE KNOW WHAT LIES AHEAD?

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1. Who is in control of the events on earth? Daniel 2:20, 21.

"Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are His: 21 And He changeth the times and the seasons: He removeth kings, and setteth up kings: He giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:"

"Above the distractions of the earth He sits enthroned; all things are open to His divine survey; and from His great and calm eternity He orders that which His providence sees best." Ministry of Healing 417.

And God has not kept His plans secret:

"Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets." Amos 3:7.

2. When did God reveal His plans? Isaiah 46:10.

"Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure:"

3. Where did the prophets of God get their information? 2 Peter 1:21.

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

4. Can we have confidence that God's word is still truth today? Psalm 12:6, 7.

"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, Thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever."

The apostle Peter expressed his confidence in the ancient prophecies and their importance for us today:

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts." 2 Peter 1:19.

The Bereans certainly took heed to the sure word of prophecy:

"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily whether those things were so." Acts 17:11.

5. By what should we live our lives? Matthew 4:4.

"But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15.

6. Can we interpret the prophecies of the Bible without Divine aid? 2 Peter 1:20.

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation."

"Do not interpretations belong to God?" Genesis 40:8.

Everyone interprets the Bible differently. That's why it is not safe to rely on anyone's interpretation, not even your own. Do not interpret the Bible; let the Bible interpret itself. When you read something in the Bible that you do not understand, instead of trusting your own ideas, look for other Bible verses that will explain the meaning of the more difficult passage.

The Bible itself tells us how it is to be studied: "For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little." Isaiah 28:10. Thus "comparing spiritual things with spiritual," Scripture with Scripture, we allow the Bible to explain itself.

"Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual." 1 Corinthians 2:13.

We may be tempted to think that we have a natural ability to understand God's word, but we do not:

"The natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them." 1 Corinthians 2:14.

7. Sometimes God hides things from the so-called wise, and reveals them unto who? Matthew 11:25. "At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes."

8. Who has God given to teach us? John 14:26.

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

Whenever we study the Bible we should always pray that the Holy Spirit will direct our thoughts and help us to understand His word.

9. Is it safe to follow what we think is right? Proverbs 14:12.

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

10. How are the last days described? 2 Timothy 3:1.

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come."

11. Evil men and seducers will be numerous, doing what? 2 Timothy 3:13.

"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."

12. False prophets shall arise and do what? Matthew 24:24.

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13. The false prophet's miracles are intended to deceive who? Matthew 24:24.

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14. To prevent deception, what are we to do with all our ideas? 1 Thessalonians 5:21.

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

15. What can we safely use to test all things? Isaiah 8:20.

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

16. In order to accept the words of Jesus, we must also believe in what? John 5:46, 47.

"For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed Me: for he wrote of Me. 47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe My words?"

"If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." Luke 16:31.

The apostles regarded the Old Testament as "the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 3:15.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Timothy 3:16, 17.

17. What is destroying the lives of people today? Hosea 4:6.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children."

18. What is God's word to us? Psalm 119:105.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

19. What are we to do with the light God gives us? John 12:35, 36.

"Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. 36 While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide Himself from them."

20. What must we do to know if a doctrine is of God or not? John 7:17.

"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of Myself."

"The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and He will shew them His covenant." Psalm 25:14.

21. What does God want to show us? Jeremiah 33:3.

"Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

"Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God." Proverbs 2:3-5.

Thought Summary:

The entire Bible is the word of God, wholly reliable, and the test of all things. We are blest if we diligently study the word of God, and allow it to direct every aspect of our life.