

*But be doers of the word,
and not hearers only,
deceiving yourselves.*

James 1:22

Store In My Heart

Psalm 119:10

With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!

Another verse from the Psalmist discourse in praise of the Word of God. This verse reminds there are two parts to being faithful to God.

First, if we are to be successful in being close to God, we must give our all in a diligent effort to draw near to Him. If we are not willing to give everything in our service, we will fail to achieve our goal. Being close to God is a lot of work.

Secondly, we must depend on the assistance God offers if we are to remain on the right path. This is not something we can do alone. We need God's help.

Work as if it all depends on me and pray as if it all depends on God is good advice. This verse supports that idea. Let us give our all to serve God and He will see us through.



My Favorite Book

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(The following was written by me as part of a homework assignment given by Rebekah's second grade teacher. She was instructed to ask one of her parents to write a book report about a favorite book. I have been reading for a long time. I remember learning "See Spot run.", though not in great detail. I have read from many different genres over the years. None of what I have read can compare to my Favorite though. The reason for writing this over 21 years ago may seem curious, yet I still find this to do a pretty good job describing my favorite book. Read on and see if you agree.)

My favorite book is actually a collection of many books contained in two major divisions. Although written by forty men who lived in diverse situations and different parts of the world over a period of about 1500 years there can be found no contradiction and one constant theme. Found within its pages are stories of history, romance, poetry, adventure, and mystery along with civil, criminal and religious laws and regulations. Of all the books that have been written this is the only one which contains all Truth. This book of books is of course The Bible which reveals the unerring Word of God Himself.

The first sentence of the Bible introduces us to the story. *"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth"* (**Genesis 1:1**) This one sentence gives us the who, what, when, and where necessary to understanding the story as it unfolds. Sometime between 6,000 and 10,000 years ago the story of the Earth and man began with this creation. From here Moses, God's history writer, tells us of the beginning of God's grand scheme for man. We read the story of Noah and the great deluge. (**Genesis 6**) This story

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For Our Information

The Laubach's are remaining isolated. David's should be released by next Wednesday.

Bill & Joyce Venable are both getting over a stomach bug.

Continue to include Jimmy & Annette's daughter-in-law, Angie Gray, and her family in your prayers. Her father, Bob Anders, passed away last Friday.

Classes on Sunday and Wednesday night are halted for now.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

reminds us God is in control and will hold us responsible for our actions. Continuing in Genesis we find the story of Abraham, the "friend of God" (**James 2:23**), and the beginning of God's special people, the Israelites. The books following Genesis tell the story of God fulfilling the promises He had made to Abraham. Abraham's descendants become a great nation and are given the land Abraham walked as a stranger. The first section of the Bible, the Old Testament, gives us this story and tells how the people of God and the world are prepared for the fulfillment of God's plan through His third promise to Abraham.

The second section of the Bible, the New Testament, completes the story by telling of the fulfillment of God's grand scheme of redemption for man. The first four books, the Gospels, tell the good news that Jesus, the Savior, has come. The rest of the New Testament tells of the completion of God's eternal plan in the church. Through the Scriptures God calls all people to Him. God no longer reserves His blessings for Abraham's children alone. Now through Jesus, the Christ, all peoples and nations can come to God and be blessed.

Why is the Bible my favorite book? In the Bible we have everything needed for life and godliness. (**2Peter 1:3**) In the pages of God's Holy Scriptures we can find everything needed to make us "*wise unto salvation*" and prepare us for all good works. (**2Timothy 3:15-17**) This one book contains everything anyone needs to live here on Earth and be prepared for the life after death. I can go to the Bible and read what God expects of me and since He is The Creator and I am the creature I want to please Him. I encourage everyone to spend time with my favorite book, the Bible - The Word of God.

Have you read the Bible lately? Jesus told the Jews "*the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.*" **John 12:48** Peter, when asked if he would leave Christ, stated "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." **John 6:68** Paul told Timothy "*the holy scriptures... are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*" **2Timothy 3:15** Take some time out of your day and read my favorite book. I guarantee it will help if you apply its teaching to your life.

(Reading will do nothing for us if we do not apply what we have read. Look in the Law and Do what it says! **James 1:25** Those who truly follow the Word will reap the reward. DLH)



We seek only to serve God according to His Will!