

The Bible our most Prized Possession Pt 8

1 Peter 1:24-25

- We are at the end of our series where we've covered > **where the Bible comes from** "God", **what it produces** "people who can discern what is good or bad according to God, **why its so important** "it changes us from being self centered to becoming God centered", to **when does it begin to work** "immediately as we apply it to every area of our lives".
- Finally, we're going to discuss how long does it last? The fear of any of us concerning things that are good in our lives is will it last, as we live in a world that good things often are only for a season. Such as "**relationships**" as great as they are not meant to last but so long on this side of eternity, "**Kids**" first their babies, next toddlers, pre-teens, teenagers, young adults, middle age, where did the time go? "**foods**" crabs and fruits are seasonal before they go away until next season, "**sports**" are played during a certain period and afterward you have to wait for next yr
- We are used to things not lasting or going away for a period of time, but folks that is not the case when it comes to the Word of God. In fact its the only thing scripture says will last both here and in eternity > **1Pet 1:24-25, Is 40:6-8**. The message is the frailty of man, Isaiah in thinking of the beautiful green grass covering the hills of Judah after the winter rains, but afterward when the season ends how quickly the grass dies, and the hills are left brown-barren.
- This is how frail and weak man is, for even the beauty of youth is fleeting and passes quickly as spring wildflowers and it goes back to where it sprang from the earth. When scripture says "**because the breath of the Lord blows upon it**" > that man is in this frail state at the pleasure of God, for it is to God's glory and according to His plan that man is frail, because if man's glory doesn't flee then he will grow in his pride of himself and eventually walk away from God.
- > **Math 24:24**- false teachers and teachings Satan will raise up to deceive even us, but God intervenes and protects us so that nothing can pluck us from His Hand > **Jn 10:27-28**. This promise comes from The Word of God which here in **V8** says "**will stand forever**" this speaks of the permanence of God and His Word, in contrast to the frailty and fleeting glory of man, and creation (the grass withers, and the flower fades) but the Word of our God endures.
- The Word of God has endured all that this world has to offer, from the attacks of Satan and man, its survived transcription as its been translated into countless languages and dialects, persecution and ever changing philosophies, critics, and misinterpretations both in the pulpit and pew, as well as man's natural doubt and unbelief, and through it all still "**The Word of our God stands forever**". An example in **A.D. 303** The **Roman Emperor Diocletian** demanded that every copy of the scriptures in the Roman Empire be burned and destroyed.

- The famous French Philosopher “**Voltaire**” once said in the **18th** century that in a hundred years there will not be a bible on earth except one that is looked upon by people who are merely curious as it will have been declared antiquarian. What is amazing about this is **50** years after his death the very house in which he lived and wrote this was taken over by the Evangelical Society of Geneva as a storehouse for bibles and gospel tracts and printing presses to print bibles.
- **Jer 36:2-6, 11-19, 20-32**, > God gave Jeremiah a Word to speak, the people heard it and it penetrated their hearts, but the King rejected it and tried to destroy the Word, but God sends Jeremiah another Word to write upon the scrolls to replace the burned one. Man cannot destroy, replace, or remove, what God has put in place to draw us unto Himself, in **Ex 31:18** God wrote the first Ten Commandments, **Ex 32:19**, Moses smashed them in anger toward the children of Israel for corrupting themselves with the golden calf, **Ex 34:1**- God rewrote them.
- When getting rid of the scriptures didn’t work Satan used man to try and get rid of God’s People > **Est 3:3-6**- Haman an Agagite coming from the Amalekites a type of the flesh, who hated the Jews and he plotted to not only get Mordecai but to destroy the entire Jewish population. In the end the plot that Haman meant for Mordecai ended up as his downfall for the gallows from which he hoped to see all the Jews hang from he himself was the one swinging from it in the end
- Hitler in the **1930’s** declared the same thing vowing to destroy the Jews killing an estimated 6 million but in the end he ended up committing suicide and the Jews surviving the Holocaust. When getting rid of the scriptures or getting rid of the people didn’t work Satan tried let’s get rid of the Savior > **Math 2:1-8, 9-16**, Herod so jealous of Jesus being King killed all the male children he could find in an effort to eradicate the Lord before He could fulfill His promise to us.
- Despite all these attempts to stop “**The Word of God**” it still remains changing hearts and minds and enlightening souls so that we do not have to remain in darkness but come into His everlasting light. I want to share some things with you that you may or may not know but it helps to truly understand how special “**The Word of God**” is. These **66** books were written in **3** languages Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic, over a span of over **1,500** years, from **1405 B.C.** to **A.D. 95**, and passed down since for over **2,000** years, and translated into thousands of languages.
- It contains **1,189** chapters, **31,173** Verses, **774,746** words, written by **40** writers, and none of the scriptures or history contradict each other, in fact when they found the “dead sea scrolls” in **1947** and when they tested the manuscript to see the age of the scroll it was almost **2,000** yrs old. If that’s not amazing enough when they looked at the book of Isaiah and tested it with the book of Isaiah that we have today it was **96%** accurate, the only reason it wasn’t **100%** is that in our language words often change their meanings like the word “**Leech**” used to mean doctor or healer it means blood sucking insect, or “**silly**” worthy or bless, now someone who lacks reason.
- The point of all this is **Satan, Man, Society, Culture, Philosophy, Science, Higher learning, immorality**, and **Kings, Government, Rulers**, have since the beginning of time attempted to stamp out “**The Word of God**” to no avail. for it is a reminder for all to see that we need something and someone greater than ourselves and that is “**The Lord and His Word**”. Amen!