

GREATEST OF ALL BOOKS

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"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever, the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb." Psa. 19:7-10.

The Bible is without a doubt the greatest of all books, because it is God's book for all mankind. It accurately records the history of the world's creation, and the events of the past, and even the future. Though many men penned the words, the message was infallibly and perfectly given by God Himself. The Holy Spirit has preserved it for us, and it supplies all we need for every moment of our life. It contains no errors, and strict obedience to its precepts leads to sure victory for every believer. In the many years I traveled among teens, I liked to make easy to understand charts for teaching. Often I used letters to help their understanding, so I want to use the letter D to list words that prove the eternal greatness of this book, the Bible. If you are a true believer you know the Bible to be many things. **(1). A Delicious Book:** *"How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth." Psa 119:103.* A number of Bible verses refer to joy and rejoicing produced by reading the Word. Everyone is urged to *"Taste and see that the Lord is good."* Psm. 34:8a. The Bible improves with age and gets tastier as the years pass. Christians are urged to *"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."* Psm. 37:4. While millions of sinners seem to delight in the filth of the world, we who love Jesus delight in daily conversation with our Father. We pick up

the fork and enjoy sweet food when we read His book. R. G. Lee put it this way. "Why do you insist on eating the Devil's garbage when you can have God's chocolate cake?" The Bible is one sweet that won't lead to cavities in your teeth. The Bible is a sweet that never changes. **(2). A Delightful Book:** *"I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.."* Psa. 119:16. The book of Psalms is an exciting book, and chapter 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible. The Psalmist writes of the delights of the Bible, and how it is the best of counselors. I find as my eyesight dims and my life is climaxing, I can find great delight in daily study of God's eternal Word. Nothing feeds the soul, and delights the Spirit, like digging into the treasure chest of the Bible. **(3). A Different Book:** *"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."* Heb. 4:12. I could list all the books of religious faiths today, and all are false, misleading road maps to destruction. They all fall short of God's given, authoritative, eternal, proven Word of God. Open it daily with faith and affection and it will fill your need as no other book. Today it is imitated, rewritten, tampered with, lied about, misquoted, despised by lost humanity while we saved ones adore it beyond words. It is the greatest literature of all time, filled with the living breathing words of our Holy God. With great accuracy it is scientifically correct, psychologistly sound, and in every area without error. It could only be from the hand of God who knows all. **(4). A Designed Book:** *"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."* John 5:39. Everything you need to know of the Lord and His Son, Jesus Christ, is clearly declared by the Bible. From Genesis to Revelation, Jesus Christ is pictured as the hope of the world. Humanly speaking it was

written by 40 writers, covering hundreds of years, compiling 66 books into one volume with no mistakes or errors. They all fit perfectly together, in errorless design and accurately showing man's sin and God's plan of redemption. Of all the books, only the Bible can claim *"All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God."* II Tim. 3:16a. Remember the main purpose of the Bible is to show the awful sinfulness of man, and the precious gift of salvation provided by the Father Himself. Recite or look up John 3:16 and you will find it all in a nutshell. This great plan will never be changed for Jesus *"Jesus said, I am the way, the truth and the life."* John 14:6. Remember the Word is infallible, and those who reject it refuse the greatest gift ever offered. The King James Version is without a doubt the most accurate version that has brought from the Hebrew and Greek wonderful news from God. **(5). A Dependable Book:** *"Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth."* John 17:17. David cried *"thy testimonies are very sure."* Psm. 93:5a. Every word of the Lord is saturated in the wisdom of the Creator. What it says you must believe for there is none greater. Our news media is not dependable, and even the pronouncements of our president are flawed. Our government suffers from much corruption which has brought financial crisis. Following the Bible would solve the gay crisis with its aids penalty. Same sex marriage is the result of rejecting one man and one woman; marriage as God planned it. Womens' Lib and unisex philosophy would have never begun if the Bible was believed, and followed. The Bible exposes the racial mess as sin and not skin. We could go on and on, but diligent obedience of God's Book would result in a wonderful, Godly outlook. **(6). A Directional Book:** *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."* Psm. 119:105. If we acknowledge Him in all our ways *"he shall direct thy paths."* Prov. 3:6b. No one has ever received bad directions from the Lord. His

Word is our road map, our personal guide, and the more you memorize and obey it, a lasting happy life will be yours. Follow it closely, and your eternal destiny will be with the Lord. There is no misdirection in the Word of God, and its instruction will never be out of date. **(7). A Desirable Book:** *"More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold."* Psa. 19:10a. The Word promises *"No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."* Psm. 84:11b. No other book ever written, rewards such great blessings to those who read it. Reading the Bible will help you yearn after God, and your hunger will always be satisfied. Read it with believing hunger in your heart, and you will be blessed beyond words. God meant His Word to be read, and believed by everyone, for He is not willing for any to perish. If you desire a happy fulfilled life and a guaranteed joyful eternity, then the Bible should be your favorite book. **(8). A Divine Book:** *"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 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."* II Pet. 1:20&21. The Bible is not a book of theory or conjecture, but God's instruction for life itself. The words of God are sacred, and He even considers them above his name. His words give clearly the way of salvation in many places. *"Verily, verily I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."* John 5:24. The very core of the Bible, and its everlasting message, is the news that God loves all mankind. Since all of us were born in sin, there must be a Redeemer. That is why in love He gave His Son to die for you and me. The rest of the Bible presents God's dealing with His creation. It promises eternal life and everlasting joy to anyone who will believe. Hug your Bible to your bosom.