

- The Bible is the world's most fascinating book. It is the best-selling book of all time and is widely considered to be some of the finest literature ever written. It has been translated into thousands of languages - it is the foundation of modern laws and ethics. It guides us through difficult circumstances, gives us wisdom, and has been the foundation of faith for believers for thousands of years.
- The Bible is the very Word of God and makes clear the ways to peace, hope, and salvation. It tells us how the world began, how it will end, and how we are to live in the meantime.

Psalms 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible.

- It's organized according to the Hebrew Alphabet.
- **Aleph, Beth, Gimel** –
- Hebrew is read from right to left, not left to right as Greek and English.

- Psalms 119:9-16 **BETH** - 9 *How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your **WORD**.* 10 *With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your **COMMANDMENTS**!* 11 *I have stored up your **WORD** in my heart, that I might not sin against you.* 12 *Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your **STATUTES**!* 13 *With my lips I declare all the **RULES** of your mouth.* 14 *In the way of your **TESTIMONIES** I delight as much as in all riches.* 15 *I will meditate on your **PRECEPTS** and fix my eyes on your ways.* 16 *I will delight in your **STATUTES**; I will not forget your **word**.* ESV
- Psalm 119:9–16 (LBLA) — 9 ¿Cómo puede el joven guardar puro su camino? Guardando tu palabra. 10 Con todo mi corazón te he buscado; no dejes que me desvíe de tus mandamientos. 11 En mi corazón he atesorado tu palabra, para no pecar contra ti. 12 Bendito tú, oh Señor; enséñame tus estatutos. 13 He contado con mis labios de todas las ordenanzas de tu boca. 14 Me he gozado en el camino de tus testimonios, más que en todas las riquezas. 15 Meditaré en tus preceptos, y consideraré tus caminos. 16 Me deleitaré en tus estatutos, y no olvidaré tu palabra.

- **Law** – *Torah* – Teaching/Instruction
- **Testimonies** – *‘edot* – what God solemnly testifies to be His will.
- **Precepts** – *piqqudim*- What God has appointed to be done.
- **Statutes** – *khuqqim/khuqqot* - what the divine law giver has laid down
 - *12 Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your **statutes!***
- **Commandments** – *mitswot* – What God has commanded.
- **Rules** – *mishpatim* – what the Divine judge has ruled to be right.
 - *James 4:17 - 17 Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin. NASU*
 - *James 4:17 (LBLA) — 17 A aquel, pues, que sabe hacer lo bueno y no lo hace, le es pecado.*
- **Word** – *‘imrah, dabar* – what God has spoken.

**TURNING BACK TO THE
SCRIPTURES WILL PROVIDE
SOMETHING THAT NOTHING
ELSE WILL PROVIDE.**

THREE WORDS

- REVELATION
- INSPIRATION
- ILLUMINATION.

- God gave his truth – THAT'S REVELATION.
Men received it and wrote it down.
- INSPIRATION – when men received and recorded his truth. They wrote his truth by INSPIRATION
- Today WHEN WE UNDERSTAND AND APPLY HIS TRUTH – That's ILLUMINATION.

- **REVELATION HAS CEASED.**
- Jude 3 (NASB95) — *3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.*
- Jude 3 (LBLA) — *3 Amados, por el gran empeño que tenía en escribiros acerca de nuestra común salvación, he sentido la necesidad de escribiros exhortándoos a contender ardientemente por la fe que de una vez para siempre fue entregada a los santos.*

- INSPIRATION HAS CEASED.
- Because Revelation has ceased.
- The need for Inspiration has ceased.
 - God has given us his word.

ILLUMINATION IS ON GOING

- Right now, the Holy Spirit is working-
instructing you and challenging you
and **warning you and thrilling you** and
affirming you and giving you hope and
direction...
- This is why it's not just men writing it,
creating it... it is the **INSPIRED WORD OF**
GOD – INSPIRATION

AND THIS IS WHERE THE CRITICS ATTACK –

The Critical Point of our confidence in the Bible is Inspiration.

- *2 Timothy 3:14–17 (NASB95) — 14 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*
- *2 Timothy 3:14–17 (LBLA) — 14 Tú, sin embargo, persiste en las cosas que has aprendido y de las cuales te convenciste, sabiendo de quiénes las has aprendido; 15 y que desde la niñez has sabido las Sagradas Escrituras, las cuales te pueden dar la sabiduría que lleva a la salvación mediante la fe en Cristo Jesús. 16 Toda Escritura es inspirada por Dios y útil para enseñar, para reprender, para corregir, para instruir en justicia, 17 a fin de que el hombre de Dios sea perfecto, equipado para toda buena obra.*

NIV – God breathed.

Vs 16 – “All scripture is God
Breathed”.

All scripture is God Breathed.

All scripture is breathed out by
God.

- 2 Peter 1:19–21 (NASB95) — *19 So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. 20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*
- 2 Peter 1:19–21 (LBLA) — *19 Y así tenemos la palabra profética más segura, a la cual hacéis bien en prestar atención como a una lámpara que brilla en el lugar oscuro, hasta que el día despunte y el lucero de la mañana aparezca en vuestros corazones. 20 Pero ante todo sabed esto, que ninguna profecía de la Escritura es asunto de interpretación personal, 21 pues ninguna profecía fue dada jamás por un acto de voluntad humana, sino que hombres inspirados por el Espíritu Santo hablaron de parte de Dios.*

Vs 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will –

- *“but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”*
- *This is a nautical term. It’s used in Acts 26 and 27 of Paul’s ship when wrecked in the storm.*

Professor Paul Feinberg wrote

“Inerrancy means that when all facts are known, the Scriptures in their original autographs and properly interpreted will be shown to be wholly true in everything that they affirm, whether that has to do with doctrine or morality or with the social, physical, or life sciences.”

CAN I RELY ON IT?

- There is one theme throughout this great Psalm 119. *“I rely on thy Word, O God.”*
- A.T. ROBERTSON preacher and biblical scholar whose work focused on the New Testament and Koine Greek.
- *“Evidence of the inspiration of scripture is that it has withstood so many years of poor preaching.”*

THREE WONDERFUL BENEFITS WE EXPERIENCE WHEN WE RELY ON THE WORD OF GOD.

- Psalm 119:98–100 (NASB95) — *98 Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, For they are ever mine. 99 I have more insight than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation. 100 I understand more than the aged, Because I have observed Your precepts.*
- Psalm 119:98–100 (LBLA) — *98 Tus mandamientos me hacen más sabio que mis enemigos, porque son míos para siempre. 99 Tengo más discernimiento que todos mis maestros, porque tus testimonios son mi meditación. 100 Entiendo más que los ancianos, porque tus preceptos he guardado.*

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OFTEN IT IS THE SIMPLEST
TRUTHS THAT HOLD YOU
TOGETHER IN THE MOST
COMPLEX OF SITUATIONS.

- “Doctor Barth, what are some of the most profound thoughts that you’ve had on all of your trip?”
- With a twinkle in his eye he replied, “Hmmm... The most profound thought?”
- And said, “Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.”

**“IF IT WEREN’T FOR THIS BOOK, I
WOULDN’T KNOW THAT JESUS
LOVES ME.”**

AND NEITHER WOULD YOU...

AND THAT IS PROFOUND.

AND THAT IS THE TRUTH.