

The Bible Is the Word of God

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The Bible is the Word of God because of its unique character, remarkable abilities, fulfilled prophecies, and complete reliability.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher starts by sharing a story about a man in France who tore up the pages of the Bible but later acknowledged its value. He then mentions a professor from Yale University who emphasized the importance of the Bible as a divine revelation. The central theme of the Bible is revealed to be the cross, which is where redemption and salvation are found. The preacher also highlights the reliability, unity, and power of the Bible in his own life, emphasizing the importance of personal experience.

Transcript

Why I believe the battle to be the Word of God. I'm going to ask you, please, if you will just follow me very attentively. I may ask you one or two questions.

This is a young people's meeting, really. Although it's slightly adulterated, but it's a young people's meeting. And therefore I may be asking you one or two questions as time goes on.

Now, first of all, I wonder how many of us have brought our Bible. Hands up those who have their Bible. Some of you haven't.

You know, I'd never think of going to a meeting without my Bible. Shouldn't think of it. So will you perhaps remember that when you come to a meeting like this, always bring your Bible, because if you don't bring it, you can't follow what is being read.

So now, those of you who have your Bibles, would you please turn to 2 Timothy 3. First chapter of 2 Timothy, you will read from verse 10. Now, I'm going to read one verse. I'm going to ask you, please, to read the next verse.

Now read the following one and so on, until the end of the chapter. Chapter 3, verse 10. But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience.

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But continue thou in the things which thou hast done, and have been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them. For all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is fastable for adoption, for reproof, for collection, for instruction in righteousness.

Thank you. Well, you know, the Bible is a wonderful book. Some years ago, away in Africa, there were two men.

One was an ex-cannibal. You know what a cannibal is, don't you? I shouldn't like to meet one at midnight in Africa. But this cannibal, thank God, had been converted to Christ.

And the other man was a man from England, a white trader. Now, not far away was an ordinary native American. And the cannibal who had been converted to Christ was reading the Bible.

And the white man said to him, Why are you reading that silly book? That book is out of date. We white people never read that book nowadays. And the ex-cannibal, man who had been converted to Christ, you know, he pointed to that oven.

He said, Master, if I had not read this book, you would have been in that oven long before now. You know, the man was very pleased he had read it. It really saved his life.

Now, I tell you what I want to do. I want to give you some reasons, just a few reasons, why I believe the Bible to be the Word of God. Now, if I said to you, I believe the Bible to be God's Word, that would be quite satisfactory to me.

But it might not be satisfactory to you. And you might ask me, and quite rightly, Why do you believe the Bible to be God's Word? What reason, or what reasons have you? And, you know, I want to give you some reasons this evening. I hope you'll be able to remember some of them because they're very important.

Now, the first is this. I believe the Bible to be the Word of God because of its unique character. Now, that's the first.

You catch that? I believe the Bible to be the Word of God because of its unique character. Well, you know what the word unique means, don't you? It's outstanding. It's altogether different from anything else of its type.

And that's one reason why I believe the Bible to be the Word of God. Now, the Bible is different from every other book, and therefore it should be read differently. It should be studied differently.

And I'm going to advise you, dear young people here, I don't know how old you are perhaps, but while your memory is strong and vigorous, I'm going to advise you to commit Scripture to memory. You know, I did that when I was a boy, and I thank God for it. Before I was converted, I learned much of the Scriptures from my memory, and after I was converted, I learned from memory chapter after chapter, and almost book after book.

And you know, it has been a tremendous blessing ever since. Now, the Bible is different from every other book because of its circulation. Now, do you know how many Bibles have been circulated and printed right down to here? I can't tell you the exact number, of course.

But over, well over a thousand million copies of the Word of God have been printed and distributed, circulated. Over a hundred thousand million. Now, you young people, when you get time, you work out how long it will take you to count a million.

You take one every second, at least sixty-five seconds in the minute, and then multiply that and multiply that until you get a million. And I think you will find that it will take you twenty-seven hours, and more than twenty-seven hours, to count a million. That's over a day.

Now, I don't advise you to try it. Just work it out for yourself. Don't try it because I will take up all your school time, and all your bedtime and everything else.

But over a hundred thousand billion copies of the Bible. Think of it. No book in the world can approach anywhere near to it.

And then you know it's quite different from every other book because of its translation. The Bible has been translated into over twelve hundred languages and dialects. Twelve hundred.

Or perhaps you say, I never thought there were so many languages in the world. Well, there are many more than that, of course. But the Bible has been translated to over twelve hundred languages and dialects in all parts of the world.

And then, you know, there's one thing about the Bible which I like to remember, and it is this. It is such a wonderful book. Although it has been expounded, you know what that means, don't you? Although it has been spoken from tens of thousands of times, by tens of thousands of God's servants, in tens of thousands of ways, it is as fresh and it is as living today as ever it has been.

And, you know, I'm going to ask you a question now. All books in the world are human, except one. What is that? All books are, yes, yes, the Bible, of course.

All books in the world have been written by man. But this book, the Bible, has been written by God. And therefore we say that all books in the world are human, except the Bible, the word of God.

Now I'm going to move from there, and I'm going to ask you if you will try to remember that first reason because of its unique character, outstanding character. Now I want to come to the next. Because of its remarkable ability.

Now that's quite easy to understand, isn't it? In other words, because of what the Bible is able to do. Now we have read the passage from the second epistle to Timothy in chapter three. And Paul says to Timothy, Timothy, you continue what you have learned.

Continue what you've been assured of. And then he says, from a child you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation. Do you know, Timothy? I like to think of Timothy, he was a young man.

But Timothy, you know, was a greatly privileged young man. He had godly parents. And from those godly parents, his mind, his young mind, had been literally, what we call, saturated by the Scriptures, the Old Testament Scriptures.

He had learned them from his mother. And he had learned them from his godly grandmother. And I don't suppose Timothy was able to thank God proficiently that he had a godly home and had been brought up in

it.

Now you dear young people, I want to tell you this. If you are in a godly home, if you have a godly mother, godly father, thank God for it. You know, I was brought up in a home where the Bible wasn't read.

I was the only Christian in that home. I had no real spiritual encouragement. But by the grace of God, I stood my ground.

And I lived Christ, or thought to live Christ before me. But if you have godly parents, my dear young friend, thank God for it. Parents who have prayed for you, and parents who read the Word of God to you.

Now that is Timothy. He had godly parents, and he had learned the Holy Scriptures. Now, try to take this thing with you.

The Holy Scriptures, or the Bible, they were not printed at this time, in Timothy's day. Therefore, when we read that he knew the Holy Scriptures from his younger days, from his childhood, what does it mean? What were the Holy Scriptures? Oh, the Bible, of course, was not written then. It wasn't printed until afterwards.

What was the Holy Scriptures in time? Not the New Testament, of course. Not what? The Old Testament, of course. And so Timothy, his mind had been filled with the Old Testament Scriptures.

You know, I suppose that Timothy, he could repeat chapter after chapter from the Old Testament, those wonderful chapters we love so much, from Isaiah chapter 53 and Isaiah 26, and other wonderful chapters. He could just repeat them off easily from memory. Now, of course, as Timothy, these Scriptures you have learned from your childhood, they are able to make you wise unto salvation.

That's what the Bible is able to do. Now, no other book can do that. As we read the Word, and if I listen to Him, then I'm blessed.

There was one dear lady, and she was converted. She went home, and her husband wasn't converted. He had no use for that sort of thing.

And this lady, she began to read the Bible. And, oh, she made her husband so angry, that one day he said to her, Now, look here, you're reading that book. I don't want you to read it.

I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll read that book to you again and again. I'll read it so often until you're absolutely tired of it.

And so he began to read the Bible. And before long, he found that he was a sinner. And he needed salvation, and he needed his Savior, and he trusted Christ.

So he too was saved, and he began to love the Bible as well. Now, the Bible is able to make us wise unto salvation. Oh, I wonder how many young people here, boys and girls tonight.

I wonder if you know anything about God's salvation. About the Lord Jesus Christ dying for you. You know, I often wonder why Jesus came to this earth at all for me.

I wonder why He suffered on the cross for me. I wonder He loved me so much. I never deserved it.

I got my own way. But He did love me, and He died for me. And He brought me to a knowledge of Himself.

That's God's salvation. And so I now like what happened. Have you received God's salvation? Do you know Jesus as your Savior? Is He in your life? Wise unto salvation.

Now, there's something else which the Bible is able to do. I wonder if you will turn, those of you who have your Bibles, to the Acts of the Apostles and chapter 20 and verse 32. The 20th of Acts and the 32nd verse.

I wonder if we can all read this all together, shall we, this beautiful verse? Acts 20, verse 32. And now, I commend you to God, and to the Word in His lips, that He is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all men. Do you know just the Word which is able? We saw in Timothy, the Scriptures were able to make Timothy wise unto salvation.

Now, you have the same words here, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance. Now, you know, in our daily life, we always want to get to the top. A boy starts in the infant's class at school.

He doesn't want to stop there all his life. He wants to get higher. And when he gets into a higher grade, he wants to get higher still.

And when he gets into that grade, he wants to get higher still yet. And here, perhaps, he gets right to the top of the school. You know, it's exactly the same in business life.

Young men, they start at the bottom, and if they are what we call industrious, if they are willing to work, they rise higher and higher until perhaps they get right at the head of their company. It's the same in Parliament, you know. Away there in Parliament, in London, there are about 500 members, I suppose.

And, you know, they want to try to get to the top. They want to get Prime Minister, or what we call the Chancellor of the Exchequer. There's always this desire to get on and on and up and up and up.

It isn't wrong, you know, so long as we put God first. Now, the Word of God is able to build you up, make you a strong, healthy Christian. No other book can do that, you know, but the Word of God can.

Do you know about Joshua? Do you remember reading about Joshua? Whom did Joshua follow? Can you tell me? Who did he follow? Well, he took the place of man-name, began with N, and then O. Why, of course, he followed Moses. And Joshua, when he took over the responsibility from Moses, God said to him, Joshua, this book of the Lord, that is the Bible he had there, shall not depart out of your mouth. You must meditate therein, you must read it, and think about it day and night.

Because then shall thou make thy way prosperous, and then shall thou have good things. Now, Joshua, how many books did he have? He hadn't a Bible, you know, but we have had it. Joshua had only five books.

And that is to say of what we call the, what? Empty books. Five books for Moses. That's all he had.

Now, do you know the longest psalm in the Bible? Yes? Hundred and nineteen, exactly. And in verse one hundred and sixty-four of that psalm, David says, I will praise thee seven times a day for thy righteous judgment. Now, David hadn't the Bible that we had.

He had more than Joshua. But he had only a part of the Bible. And he says, O Lord, I'll praise thee.

And I'll praise thee seven times a day for thy word. O young people, how thankful you and I ought to be. We have the whole word of God here.

God's last word. And when you read the Bible, you remember, won't you, that God is speaking to you, and He asks you to remember and to believe what He has said. Now, there's another thing.

And that is this. Wherever the Bible has been read and believed, it has made cruel men kind, it has made proud men humble, and it has changed some of the worst sinners into the best of sinners. That's what the Bible is able to do, you know.

And it's done that over and over and over again. I wonder how many here have heard or have seen a book called Bunyan's Children Spoken. Have you? Or a few of you have.

Well, you know, John Bunyan was a terrible boy. When he was in his village, his own companions were afraid of him. He swore his language was so terrible that even those around him were scared of him.

And you know, by the power of the word of God, John Bunyan was converted. And he trusted Christ. And he wrote that wonderful book, The Thirteen Soldiers.

And he wrote other books, too. I see that he was trapped in prison. And there in prison he wrote those marvelous books.

I wonder how many young people have heard of George Muller. Have you heard the name of George? There's one. Well, George Muller, he lived in England.

And he lived in a place called Bristol. And God used him so much. Why, he cared for two thousand orphan boys and girls.

And you know, George Muller in his early days, he was a terrible young fellow. He came from Germany. And at thirteen years of age, he was in prison for being intoxicated.

Thirteen years of age. And by the power of this wonderful book, George Muller was converted and God used him. It is able to make you wiser to salvation.

It is able to build you up and make you a strong Christian. And then there is this to remember. When Jesus was here, you know it was God who came down from heaven.

God came down to His creatures, to men. Why? That men might get back to Him. You know, the Lord Jesus Christ was the Son of God.

And He became the Son of Man. You know why? That the sons of men might become the sons of God. Don't you think that's wonderful? All the grace and love of God to each boy and girl here in sending the Lord Jesus all the way from heaven to be your Savior and friend, Redeemer.

And so, the second reason is because of its remarkable abilities. Now, when did you remember what the first was? What was that first reason? Because of its... Yes, yes? Unique what? Yes, because of its unique characteristics. What was second? That's right.

Because of its remarkable abilities. Now, I want to give you a third. This is rather, perhaps rather advanced.

I'll try to make it clear and easy. Because of its fulfilled prophecies. You know, in the Bible we have hundreds and hundreds of prophecies.

Things which were going to take place in the future. And thousands of those prophecies have been already fulfilled. Do you know how many Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled in the New Testament? Three hundred.

Now, when our Lord Jesus Christ was on trial, when He was besought by us, just before His execution, it was a period of about twenty-four hours. Now, in those twenty-four hours, no less than twenty-nine Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled. Now, here's a sum for you young people.

According to what is called the law of compound probabilities, that's a big mouthful, but according to that law, the chance of those prophecies being fulfilled in that short time would be one in thirty-seven million. But of course, we know they weren't fulfilled by chance. It was all in God's program.

Now, a little while ago, about three nights ago, we spoke about John the Baptist here in this hall. And we said this. John the Baptist was prophesied his coming to this earth five hundred years before he came.

Do you know that in the Book of Micah, you will look it up when you get a chance, the Book of Micah, one of the Old Testament prophecies. And chapter five, verse two, the birth of our Lord Jesus was prophesied, the very place, the province where He should be born, and also the very town. And there, four hundred years before the Lord Jesus was born, it was said that He would be born in Judea, that's the province, and He would be born in a town called Bath.

Where is Bath? Yes, there. Now, I don't think I will tell you very, very much more about that. This is perhaps rather complicated.

But I want to come to something which, to me, is very interesting. And it is this. I believe the holy scriptures, the word of God, to be inspired, now listen, because of its complete reliability.

Now, prophecy first, because of its unique characteristics. Prophecy second, because of its remarkable validity. Prophecy third, because of its fulfilled purposes.

Now, the fourth, because of its complete reliability. You know, dear young people, the word of God is reliable. You can believe every word of it.

Of course, there are people in the United States who say, oh, we don't believe this. There are people in England who say, that's, you know. And there are some who say, oh, we believe part of it, but we can't believe all of it.

Well, you know, friends, I believe all the scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. I hope you do. Because if you do, you're on safe ground.

I remember being in London, in an office, and there were two or three men, young fellows there, and we were talking about things, and we were talking about miracles. Well, you know what a miracle is, don't you? Our Lord performed many miracles when he was here. And I said, I believe in all the miracles mentioned in the Bible.

I accept them just as they are. Well, there was one man who was very religious, and he didn't believe all the miracles. Oh, he said, you can't believe them all, you know.

And, of course, he spoke about Jonah. Poor Jonah, I suppose he's been criticized more than anybody else. Years ago, Jonah was cast into the cool waters of the Mediterranean Sea, and ever since he's been

in boiling water.

Oh, the people have been against Jonah again and again and again. And so this religious man said, you can't accept Jonah, can you? Being eaten by the whale. Yes, I said, I accept Jonah as well as the others.

Now, do you know what that other man said? He wasn't religious. He had very little interest in these things. He said to this religious man, I can't understand you.

I can understand David. He accepts all the miracles. Now, that's logical.

That's reasonable. Now, you only accept some. That's unreasonable.

You ought to reject them all or you ought to accept them all. And, you know, that's common sense, isn't it, really? The people say they only accept some and reject others. What are they going to reject? And which are they going to accept? And then you can answer this.

Why do you accept some and why do you reject others? How far better to accept everything here that is in the Scriptures without hesitation? Now, you know, there have been some great men in the United States and in Great Britain. I want to tell you something which those men say. Great men they were.

They had brains. Some of them were scientists. Others were men of reading and literature.

Well, let me tell you what some of them said. There was a man named Reed, Charles Reed. I believe he lived somewhere in the United States.

He wasn't a Christian. But he said this. The story of Jonah was the most wonderful story ever written in the world's history.

That's what he thought. I wonder how many here have heard of Charles Dickens. You know, Charles Dickens, he wrote I don't know how many books.

Well, Charles Dickens had a wonderful brain. And someone said to him on one occasion, Mr. Dickens, which story do you think is the most wonderful story ever written? Do you know what he said? The story of the prodigal son in the 15th of December. There was another man who said he thought that the Epistles of the Romans was the most marvelous book ever written.

There was a man away in France. He was what we call a hieratic. He was just tearing the Bible to pieces as he could.

But he acknowledged this. He said the Gospel Bible was the most beautiful book that has ever been written in the world's history. And so on they go on.

Now I've got some notes here. And I'm going to tell you what I have. You've heard of Yale University, haven't you? That's one of your great universities over here in America.

Well, there was a professor. And his name was Professor Donner, D-A-N-N-E-R, of Yale. He was an old man.

And he was just about to resign. He got all his students together. And what he said to them was this.

Now men, as you go out into the world and face scientific problems, remember that I, an old man, who has known only science all my life long, say to you, there is nothing truer in the whole universe than the scientific statement in the Word of God. Now that's one of your own universities, one of your professors. Now there was another man, not in America, but in England.

And he was president of what was called the Royal Society. Now the Royal Society is one of the most learned societies in great Britain. And the president, he said this.

I do not think there is any opposition between the account of Genesis and what we learn from science. No contradiction whatever. And then there was another, he was an American, this man.

He was a great chemist. And he declared this. That there is not one chemical error in the Bible.

And that was his scientific opinion after a profound study of the book. And here was another. His name was Dr. Christie.

C-H-R-I-S-T-I-E. He was an expert in geography. Now you love geography, I expect at school.

It's a lovely subject. Well, this man was an expert. He declared that in the whole of the Bible, after years of study, he had not found a single geographical error.

Now you know, dear young people, these are the sayings of great men, learned men. Men who knew what they were talking about. And therefore it's always safe for you and for me to accept the Bible as it is.

Now there is one thing that you are able to see sometimes. It goes right over the world. In a semicircle.

What's that? The rainbow. You know, the rainbow is one of the most beautiful sights in nature. And when I was in Los Angeles, I saw the rainbow there.

Oh, it was simply marvelous. And not only was there a rainbow, but there was a double rainbow. And, you know, whenever I see a rainbow, I, well, I marvel because of its colors.

I marvel because of the blending of the colors. But when I see a rainbow, I say to myself, there is the ninth chapter. You know what we have in the ninth chapter, Genesis? I just set my bow in the clouds.

That bow was the rainbow. And God said, when I see the bow, I remember my covenant. I'll never, never destroy the earth again by its water.

Now you know, dear friends, by and by in heaven, those of us who are saved, we're going to see a rainbow. It'll be right round the floor, not us, as we see it here. Now, it'll be right round the floor in a complete rainbow.

That will remind us of God's eternal faithfulness to you and to me. Now there's something else I want to see. And that is this, this wonderful unity.

How many testaments are there? How many? Yes? Two. The Old Testament and the New. And you know, they are one.

They're just one book. You can't do without the Old Testament, neither can I. We can't do without the New Testament. Now, nobody can understand the New Testament apart from the Old Testament.

Nobody can understand the Old Testament apart from the New Testament. And so here they are together, absolutely united. I want you to imagine this.

When the Lord Jesus was here, he said, The Scriptures cannot be broken. That's in the book of John, verse 35. The Scripture cannot be broken.

You know there are some who say, Oh, I can't accept all the Old Testament. I can accept the New Testament, or the Republic. I can't accept the Old Testament.

Now, if you were to ask these people this question, Do you believe that what Christ said was true? Perhaps they say, oh yes, of course, what he said was true. Oh, he said that the Old Testament was true. You know, when he was here, the Lord Jesus, he quoted from 20 different books, Old Testament books, 19 Old Testament characters.

And the Lord Jesus, he put his fever from the Old Testament. Therefore, if anyone says he believes in the Lord Jesus Christ, that is to say that what Christ said, he cannot reject the Old Testament. Doesn't make sense, does it? The Lord Jesus said it was true.

The Scripture cannot be broken. If I believe him, I must accept the whole of the Bible. And then there's another thing.

Do you know how long it took the Bible to be compiled? How many years it took to write the Bible? Over a thousand years. From the time of Moses to the time of the apostle John, who was the last writer, over a thousand years. And yet the Bible has been preserved to us all this time.

And also, there is this to be said. Those Old Testament writers, you know, Isaiah and Jeremiah and Ezekiel and others, they didn't know exactly what they were writing. All they knew was that they were writing to you and me.

They wrote things about Christ. They wrote things about the future. They didn't understand.

But they wrote because of you, for your benefit, and for mine. Don't you think that's wonderful? Now I want to come to another. I've only two more, really, but I want to come to this.

Because of its power in my own life. Do you remember the first one? Because of its unique characteristics. And the next one, please.

Markham of the Dishes, yes. And the next one? Its fulfilled prophecies, yes. And the next? Its complete reliability, yes.

And the next? Its wonderful unity. Now I want to come to this. Its power in my own life.

You know young people, there's one thing you can never contradict, and that is experience. If I told you that certain things would happen in my life, I said you'd believe me. And if they happen, you can't possibly contradict them.

You cannot contradict experience. Now certain things have happened in my life concerning the Bible. I remember the time, and as I've already said, I've learned much of the Bible from memory, before I knew Jesus as my Savior.

I read the Bible night after night. I went down on my knees by my bedside. I said my prayers.

I thought I'd never get to heaven unless I did that. And yet I found it was all wrong. That is to say, it is a wrong way to heaven.

I couldn't get to heaven that way. Of course it did me good, I know. But when I became a Christian, when I trusted Jesus, everything was changed.

You know, this book became a new book to me. And then I began to memorize the scriptures chapter after chapter, chapter after chapter. You know, I've never repressed it.

It's been a wonderful blessing to me. I wonder how many in this hall tonight could give chapter and verse for just ten verses and repeat those verses without making a single mistake. I wonder how many.

I don't know. Well, perhaps you say, what about yourself? Could you quote, without making a single mistake, ten verses and say where they are? Well, I don't want to boast. But if I could quote one, I could quote a thousand.

You know, that's the result of what we call the cultivation of memory. So young people, you cannot possibly deny experience. At one time I read the Bible, but it wasn't interesting.

It was very dull. I had no interest in it, whatever, really. But when I trusted Christ as my Savior, the Bible became a new book.

And oh, I remember the times I had as a boy. When I went alone with my Bible, I read it carefully. And then I brought, oh, the Holy Spirit brought other verses together from the subject that was filled with joy again and yet again.

Now, of course, I don't understand everything that's in this book. If I understood everything in the Bible, well, then I don't know what would happen to me. You don't understand everything in the Bible.

There's not a person in the United States tonight who understands the Bible completely. You know, I've often said there are shallows in the Scriptures, in the Bible, in which children, little ones, can revel. And there are depths in the Bible with the greatest men, greatest minds in the United States or anywhere else where they can swim.

And then also, may I say this, that you dear young people, when you get up in the morning, you start with the Scriptures in some way or other. There are so many who say these days, I haven't time to study, I haven't time to read the Bible. And all said, you've got time to other things, haven't you? Oh, yes, you say, but I've got to go to school, and I have to be there most of the day.

Well, that may be true, but you have other time, haven't you? Now, you take my advice. While you're young, you start with the word of God in the morning. Maybe just a few verses, that's all.

But do you remember the first verse in the Bible? In the beginning, God. That means God first. Put Him first.

Put the Bible first. And then you'll be healthy in your school life, in your studies, and in your home life as well. Well, that's a reason, a great reason why I believe the word of God, because of my power in my own daily life.

Now, the last is this, because of its divine revelation. Have you got that? Because of its divine revelation. What does the Bible reveal? Well, the Bible reveals God's way of redemption, His way of salvation.

You are the father and the son of the Holy Spirit. Now, the Father, He provided redemption for us. The Son, the Lord Jesus, He purchased redemption for us.

The Holy Spirit, He reveals that wonderful truth to our hearts if we are willing to accept it. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Do you know what the central theme of the Bible is? What's the central theme? What's the most important theme of the Bible? The C-R-O-S, a cross.

Now, that's the most important part of the Bible, the cross. You know, that's where you and I start for heaven. That's where we get our sins forgiven.

That's where we become new boys and girls. That's where the Lord Jesus enters our hearts and makes us all His own. And so, dear young people, I've given you these various reasons why I believe the Word of God.

I do trust your remembrance. I hope they will help you. And if anybody comes to you and says to you, Don't you believe that book? Don't you believe what the Bible says? You be absolutely honest.

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