

Is the Bible Really True?

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The Theme Song of Pardon

因为呢，大家都准备好了，我们要看这个在天上的救助，这个已经成为了我们的主题曲。

Why do we have it as a theme song? Because it summarizes the message of the Bible so clearly.

所以我们为什么要让这个做主题曲呢？因为它把那个圣经的那个福音的总结非常的清楚。

And our prayer is that all of us will receive the pardon He gives, and we will live with Him ever on high. That's our prayer.

所以我们的祷告是呢，我们所有人都可以接受祂的对我们的赦罪，我们所有的人都可以和祂一起住在天上，这就是我们的祷告。

Very good, so here we go. Can you see the words?

The Savior of all, in one and from all,
Came down to this world to die.
The hope will be Thee, my heart in peace see,
And live with Thee ever on high.

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So the phrase that we had back in our DBBS was, does Jesus love you? And the answer is, **yes**. How do we know He loves us? The Bible tells me so.

The Bible Stands Like a Rock

So we're going to sing another one on that theme now. I want us to consider again today the question, is the Bible really true? So we're going to sing, "The Bible stands like a rock, undaunted amid the raging storms of time."

The Bible says that the power of the Holy Spirit is like a rock. The rock is still in a state of storm.

The Bible stands like a rock undaunted,
Mid the raging storms of time;
Its pages burn with the truth eternal,
And they glow with a light sublime.
The Bible stands, though the hills may tumble,
It will firmly stand;
When the earth shall crumble, I will plant my feet
On its firm foundation, for the Bible stands.

The Bible stands like a mountain towering
Far above the works of men;
Its truth by none ever was refuted,
And destroy it they never can.
The Bible stands, though the hills may tumble,
It will firmly stand;
When the earth shall crumble, I will plant my feet
On its firm foundation, for the Bible stands.

The Bible stands, and it will forever,
When the world has passed away;
By inspiration it has been given,
All its precepts I will obey.
The Bible stands, though the hills may tumble,
It will firmly stand;
When the earth shall crumble, I will plant my feet
On its firm foundation, for the Bible stands.

The Bible says every man's beginning and end is not a turn, it is divine. By grace, the Lord makes them to live and have a future in the kingdom of God. The Bible says that His word to you is very strong. When the earth shall crumble, I will plant my feet on its firm foundation, for the Bible stands.

Very good, thank you. Very good, thank you.

Silver Tried in the Furnace

All right, so often we have discussed the question, is the Bible really the true Word of God? So today I want us to consider that thought from the book of Psalms, chapter 12. Turn in your Bibles to Psalms, chapter 12. Psalm 12.

Why do we know the Bible is true? Well, we've often told you that the Bible is true from a historical perspective. The history of the Bible is accurate in an amazingly way, a wonderful way.

因为我们通常说的圣经一切都是真的，就是因为从历史的角度来看，历史以这奇妙的方式证明了圣经全是真的。

And then we've often reminded you that the Bible is true from an archaeological point of view. Archaeologists digging up the facts in history, the Bible is archaeologically true.

所以通常我们也会跟大家讲的，就是说圣经是真实的，它是因为通过考古学的观点去看，因为考古学通常挖出一些东西，它证明了圣经确实是真的。

But the Bible is also true because of its prophetic statements. It's accurate when we talk about the past, and it's also accurate when the Bible talks about the future, because it has told many things about the future that have become true since it made that prophecy. And it's also exciting that we can see even in our own day things that are happening that the Bible said would happen; they're happening right now. Only God could do that.

同样在我们当今的这个世界里面，有些事情发生了以后是圣经里面过去预言的，当今要发生的，它已经发生了。那么说只有神才能做到这一点。

Now, that tells us a lot about what it says in the past, tells us a lot about what it says in the future. But the question is, the Bible says a lot of things about life.

因为就是说，现在这个圣经说了很多事情在过去，说了很多事情在现在，说了很多事情在将来，都是准确的。那么说呢，圣经讲到我们的人生时候呢？

And history can't prove them. 所以圣经可以证明。 And prophecy can't prove them. 历史可以证明，预言可以证明。 But the question is, are they still true? 现在问题是，他们仍然是真的吗？

So, here's the verse. Proverbs chapter 12—no, Psalms chapter 12 and verse 6. This is what it says:

[Psalm 12:6 NKJV]

The words of the LORD are pure words,
Like silver tried in a furnace of earth,
Purified seven times.

The words of the Lord, all the words of the Lord are pure words. They are words that actually, they're truth in the sense of the purity of truth. There's nothing wrong with the words. They're lovely words.

这样的，这个概念就是纯净的话语，就是在这个话语里面没有任何东西是错的，它们是非常纯洁的语言，是可爱的语言。

And they are accurate words. 他们是准确的语言。 The words of the Lord are like silver. 神的话就像银子一样。 Silver is very valuable. 银子非常值钱。 How do you get valuable silver? 怎样获得这样的有价值的银子呢？

Well, what they usually do is they put it in a fire and they heat it very, very hot.

因为通常他们所做事情呢，把他们放在火中，火中呢就是把温度呢烧得非常的高。

And the silver becomes molten. And the molten silver gets rid of the rock and the dross that is all around it. So if you wanted to buy some silver a long time ago, you'd go to somebody, you'd say, "Is this pure silver?" And they would say, "Yes." And you would say, "Can you prove it?" And so they would take that silver and they would put it in a furnace, and they would make it extremely hot, and they would get rid of any additional dross that might be there.

因为他们就会把它放到一个炉子里，把它烧到非常的极其的高温，高温的，然后呢，成了液态以后呢，他们把所有的任何可能性的这样的渣子呢，都给它也除掉。

And then you might say, "Well, is it really truly pure?" 然后你有可能说，那这个是真的纯的吗？ And they would say yes. You say, "Okay, well, try it again." 因为你就说，它应该是，你再试一次。 So they put it in the furnace the third time. 然后他们放到炉子里第三次。 And you'd say, "I'm not sure." So they put it in the furnace the fourth time. 你说，我不是很确定，那么说呢，他们又第四次把它放到炉子里。 And then you'd say, "I'm still not sure." So they put it in the furnace the fifth time. 你说，我仍然不确定它，然后第五次又放到炉子里。 And the sixth time. 然后第六次。 And the seventh time. 然后七次。

What do you think you'd get? 那么你认为你会得到什么呢？ It'd be pretty pure silver. Put it through seven times.

Now what is the Bible like? The Bible is like silver. Can you prove it? Well, actually, you put it to the test the first time. And you put it to the test the second time. And the third time, fourth time, fifth time, sixth time. Seven times. You can't do seven. Seven times.

So you read a verse in the Bible, and you say, "I wonder if that's true." And God says, "Well, as a matter of fact, it is true. Because you see, when I first wrote that verse, 3,000 years ago..." 神说我第一次写这个话在三千多年之前。 "I wrote it because I tested it and tested it and tested it and tested it and tested it before that." 因为我在写之前, 那我试了测试了测试了测试了测试了。 And then since then, it's been tested over and over and over and over and over. 自从那以后呢, 他一遍一遍又一遍地去测试。

Preserved Forever Without Error

Verse 7:

[Psalm 12:7 NKJV]

You shall keep them, O LORD,

You shall preserve them from this generation forever.

耶和華, 你必持守他們, 你必保護他們脫離這世代直到永遠。

So when you get to heaven, there's going to be a Bible there. 那你去到天堂以後呢, 那里會有一本聖經。 What is the Bible going to say in heaven? Exactly what it says now. And after you've been in heaven for a hundred million years, what's the Bible going to say? Exactly what it says now.

You see, God doesn't say, "I'm going to rewrite, I'm going to correct all my mistakes next time around." How many mistakes does God make? He hasn't made one yet.

Now, if God hasn't made any mistakes with His words, do you think He's made some mistakes with you? Yes? And the answer is **no**. He didn't make any mistakes when He made Adam. Sometimes I ask Him, "Why did You make me this way?" He said, "Because I wanted you to be the best. So I made you that way because it's best." Sometimes I say it doesn't feel best. That doesn't matter. What does matter is the fact that He has made me best. And one day I will say with Him, He made me best. Yes. 重要的呢, 就是说, 祂把我造成这样呢, 是最好的。有一天呢, 我就会说呢, 祂把我造得真是最好的。

So every word that you read in the Bible is precisely accurate. 所以你在圣经里读的每一个字都是准确精确的。 Every promise will be fulfilled. 每一个应许都会实现。

Now, why do you think He would do that? Well, He's God. And frankly, He doesn't like to be told He's wrong. So if in fact He even were about to be wrong, He could change things to make it right, couldn't He? 所以那就是说，事实上呢，就是如果祂真的是把我造成这样，把什么东西搞错了，祂可以改变，祂变成对的，是不是？ So even if He did make a mistake, and He didn't, He could change things to make it look like He didn't make a mistake. 如果祂真的犯了什么错，祂实际上没有犯错，但是祂可以把它改成你根本不知道祂犯过错。

Flattering Lips vs. God's Truth

All right, so the question then is, what is the opposite of true words? They're lies. 是谎言。

All right, so verse 2, let's go back to verse 2. 我们回到第二句。 These are wicked people:

[Psalm 12:2 NKJV]

They speak idly everyone with his neighbor;

With flattering lips and a double heart they speak.

对于这些呢都是些恶人，人人向邻舍说虚妄的话，他们说话是嘴唇谄媚，心口不一。

Does the Bible speak with flattering lips? No, the Bible often tells you things you don't want to hear.

Okay, verse 2 says, "With a double heart they speak." Have you ever heard somebody say one thing to one person and another thing to another person? Or say one thing one day and another thing the next?

And I told you the story I had with a man that I worked with many years ago. And he and I were given the responsibility of designing the layout for a particular store that we were opening. So I came up with a layout, I went to him and I said, "Is this layout acceptable?"

He said, "No, that would never work. That's a bad layout. Don't do it that way."

So I thought, well, I guess I better listen to this man. So the next day, I went to him with a layout for another store. He said, "No, that will never work. That's a bad layout. Don't do it that way."

I said, "That's very strange. That's exactly the way you told me to do it yesterday. Today you say do it that way; today you say you can't do it that way. What is it? Are you right or wrong?"

Do you know what he said to me? He said, "Please forgive me. My father was a lawyer." 请你原谅我，我的父亲是个律师。 He basically said his father was a trained liar. 他基本上说他的父亲是个训练有素的说谎者。

Does God have two answers, one for you and another for another? No. 神是不是对一个人是一个答案，对另外一个人又是另外一个答案呢？ 神说真实是真实，我站在真实之后，它永远是真实。神说祂是真的，祂就真的，我站在这个真理之内，它永远是真理。

All the other voices in the world, what do we know about them? 其他的那些声音我们对他们了解多少呢？ They speak—verse 2 again—they speak idle words. But God doesn't talk about idle things. He talks about important things. Verse 2, they speak with flattering lips; the Bible is going to tell you the truth. They speak with a double heart; God's going to tell you the same truth every time.

Verse 3:

[Psalm 12:3 NKJV]

May the LORD cut off all flattering lips,
And the tongue that speaks proud things,

So the Bible will ultimately not only prove it's right, but the Bible will prove that everything that's said against it is wrong. 因为圣经不仅仅只是说是证明，这种证明说的都是对的，那么圣经也会证明那些圣经的反面都是错的。

People say, verse 4:

[Psalm 12:4 NKJV]

Who have said, "With our tongue we will prevail;
Our lips are our own;
Who is lord over us?"

人们说，第四节说，我们必能以舌头得胜。 And some people talk and talk and talk. 也就是说话说。 And they think the more they talk, the more they'll be right. 他们说的越多，他们就越对。 And many people listen to them and believe that. 所以很多人听他们说的人就相信了。 Their logic is, verse 4, our lips are our own. Who is Lord over us? We can say whatever we want to say. 他们的逻辑说呢，我们的嘴唇是我们自己的，谁能做我们的主呢？ 我们想说什么就说什么。

But the Lord doesn't agree with that. You see, the Lord's words are all pure words. Their words have gone through the furnace of the earth seven times. They're not going to be proven wrong. They weren't proven wrong last time; they won't be proven wrong in your life or mine.

Great Reward in Keeping God's Words

Now, just a couple of other verses for comparison. Psalm 19, just over the page, Psalm 19, verse 11. Verse 11. It says about the words of God:

[Psalm 19:11 NKJV]

Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
And in keeping them there is great reward.

And then this lovely line at the end of verse 11 says, "And in keeping them there is great reward."

How important is the Bible? Well, if you obey it, if you keep it, you will find out, you will find that you have great reward. So if you obey the Bible, if you keep it, you will find that you have great reward.

If you had your choice for reward, would you rather have a small reward or a great reward? So if you can choose to get a reward, do you want a small reward or a big reward? If your reward were on two tables, this table or this table: on this table, if you took the reward, you'd get \$5; and on this table, if you took it, you'd get \$50,000. Which table would you go to? This one's got a long lineup; nobody over here only gets to keep the \$5.

Okay, there's great reward. Why is there great reward? Because the words of the Lord are pure words.

The Silver Trumpets of God

All right, well, just to see if we can find it, I want to go back to the book of Numbers. And I can't remember precisely where the verses are. The book of Numbers chapter... I'm sorry, I thought I had looked this up and I hadn't. Numbers chapter 10. Numbers chapter 10, it says:

[Numbers 10:2 NKJV] "Make two silver trumpets for yourself; you shall make them of hammered work; you shall use them for calling the congregation and for directing the movement of the camps."

民数记第十章第二节说呢，你要用银子做两只号，都要锤出来的，用以招聚会众，并叫众营起行。

And the context is very simple. I'll tell you the story. 这个上下文呢，非常简单，我要给大家讲这个故事。

Somehow these people had to know what to do and when to do it. 所以有时候呢，这些人呢，他知道呢，就是什么时候要去做，去做什么。 So God said to them, "I want you to take a great big piece of silver." 神说呢，我要你拿一大块银子。 "And a hammer." 一个锤子。 "And I want you to hammer that silver in such a way that you make a trumpet, a silver trumpet." 所以我要你用锤子去锤那个银子，锤到这样一种方式，最终锤成了一个号。

And then He said, "I want you to make two of them. And then when I've got instructions for the people of God, I want you to blow the trumpets." Okay, so they made these trumpets. And then when they wanted the people to move or do anything, they blew the trumpet, they blew the silver trumpet, and the people would listen and they would follow.

These were not ordinary trumpets. These were not ordinary trumpets. They were made out of silver, nothing else. They were made out of one piece of silver. Okay, so I've actually seen what they built over in Jerusalem today. There are preparations for the temple, and they have the silver trumpets, absolutely beautiful.

If you're going to get the people to move, Moses, this is what you've got to do: get the priests to blow the trumpet, the silver trumpet. This Bible is like the silver trumpet. And if you want to get the people to move, what do you do? You quote the Bible.

Have you ever heard Billy Graham preach? If you get a chance, you go back and listen to a tape. This is what Billy Graham preached. He said, "The Bible says. The Bible says." And the people listened, and they did what Billy Graham was preaching, because he preached what the Bible says.

When you and I stand before God, do you think He's going to say, "The Bible says? Did you do what the Bible says?" How do we know? Answer: we know the Bible is true because it's been proven over and over and over and over in the lives of everyone mentioned in the Bible, and in the lives of everyone who's ever lived.

The Bible is true. It's like silver that's been tried in the furnace of earth over and over and over and over. No dross. No untruths. Nothing irrelevant. No mistakes. The Bible is God's pure words. It's like silver.

Is silver valuable? Yeah. These dimes, are they valuable? Yeah, 10 cents each. What's it made of? I don't know. Not silver anymore. Silver is too valuable to put into coins like this. No. The Bible is like silver; it's most valuable.

All right, there's our story. And I've gone over, I apologize.

Lord, we thank You we can believe the Bible. We thank You that others have believed it, and their lives prospered; and others have ignored it, and their lives have been proven tragic, and their future is worse. Lord, bless us then, we pray, in all that we do, and cause each of us to say, "I choose to believe the Bible. I choose, I believe in the Bible." We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.