

1 Peter 1:10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, ...

1 Peter 1:12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

Angels are never bored of looking into the gospel, and the prophets put their very best effort into the understanding of God's timing of it, **what does that tell you?**



Why Do We Need The Bible?

Matthew 5:17-20

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:17-20

1. The Whole Bible Is Absolutely True.

“I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the (Scripture) until everything is accomplished.” Matthew 5:18

- **The Bible is inspired.**

“... until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will ... disappear ...”

Luke 16:17 “It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for the least stroke of the law to pass away.”

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All of Scripture is God-breathed; *in its inspired voice, we hear* useful teaching, rebuke, correction, *instruction, and* training for a life that is right ¹⁷ so that God's people may be up to the task ahead and have all they need to accomplish every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16

- **The Bible is the authority.**

“...until everything is accomplished.” Matthew 5:18

Jesus in the strongest terms, is teaching us about the supernatural, divine authority of every single piece of the Bible.

2. The Whole Bible Is About Jesus

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John 5:39,40 “You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me to have life.”

Luke 24:44 He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

Pastor and author John MacArthur writes:

Jesus was the Old Testament fully. He did not come simply to teach righteousness and model righteousness; He came as divine righteousness. What He said and what He did reflected who He was.

From Genesis 1:1 to Malachi 4:6, the Old Testament is Jesus Christ. It was inspired by Christ, it points to Christ, and it is fulfilled by Christ.

3. Rightly Understood The Bible Changes You

Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:19

2 John 8 Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked so hard to achieve. Be diligent so that you receive your full reward.

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The implied truth of vs. 20 is this: The Purpose of God’s law was to show that, to please God and to be worthy of citizenship in His kingdom, more righteousness is required than anyone can possibly have or accomplish in himself/herself.

Matthew 19:25,26 The disciples were astounded. “Then who in the world can be saved?” they asked. 26 Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible.”

Romans 3:21,22 But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. 22 We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

The righteousness God requires? God also _____.