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*"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."  
2 Chronicles 7:14*

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## THE BOOK OF BOOKS

Last December, the Leader of the Federal Opposition, Tony Abbott, replied to a journalist's question by saying, "I think it would be impossible to have a good general education without at least some familiarity with the Bible and with the teachings of Christianity." Predictably, this pro-Bible statement angered his opponents---from the media to the socialistic politicians to Islamic supporters. But why? It appears that, in socialist spheres, encouraging students to study anything about the Hebrew-Christian faith is a diabolical breach of good ethics. On the other hand, however, Mr Abbott is in good company. Consider these few examples. One of early America's best-known statesmen, Daniel Webster, said: "If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we or our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury our glory in profound obscurity." George Washington said, "It is impossible rightly to govern the world without God and the Bible." And Charles Dickens said, "The New Testament is the very best book that ever was or ever will be known in the world."

### **A Living Word**

So, what is it about this book, the world's best seller that raises the ire and even outrage of those on the left-wing of politics and draws out the bigotry of the press? In fact, why is it the best seller? In a nutshell, because it is the only book that reveals God to man through His Son, Jesus Christ. The Bible is a *Living Word*, the Word of God. It, and no other, can lay claim to this statement: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness". Moreover, the Lord has promised that "heaven and earth will pass away but My Word shall never pass away". The Bible not only reveals truth about God but also the truth we need to know about ourselves as spiritual beings. The Book of Hebrews says: "For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." No wonder it is a worry to those who oppose it, for it challenges and even threatens their very way of life.

### **Personal and Infinite**

Knowing the nature and character of God in Christ changes both people and nations. Because people become like the god they worship it has a profound effect on the kind of people and nation they are. However, of all the gods which are worshipped today only the God of the Bible is both a personal Father in heaven and infinite---and alone worthy of our worship. Moreover, as we truly worship Him we build a free and prosperous society, based on our love of God and others. And because His grace is infinite we can trust Him for creativity, development, inspiration and revelation. In fact, what we believe about God colours everything we do in all areas of life: in government, in business, in the home, in the arts and in the churches, and how we raise up our children. The Bible reveals that as human beings with a spirit we are a special creation, made in the image of God Himself, the source of all life. Although we share much of our biology with animals, we are also separate from them---we are

distinct. Those who won't accept this biblical understanding of mankind develop a skewed outlook that sees things from a 'man is just another animal' perspective that rejects God's spiritual principles and leads to distorted priorities and the failure to see that human life is precious above all others.

### **Absolute Truth**

The Bible also teaches us God's truth and the way to live fruitfully. You can build your life on it because truth does not change. This is so important to know in these days of relativism and uncertainty. Relativity does not work in science, which still depends on absolutes---and it doesn't work in morals either. Though it sometimes takes longer to see the results in everyday life, it nevertheless matters greatly whether we live according to truth or lies. The influence of biblical teaching still lingers in Western institutions, laws and cultures because it was implanted in past generations. However, they are fast disappearing as unbelief, greed, corruption and injustice steadily supplant the biblical virtues of faith, honesty, integrity and equity. Without standards of truth, who is to say what is corrupt and what is not? We need to cling to the Bible so we can live by the Spirit of truth. For in the Word of God we find the truth that sets us free. The Bible teaches that responsible choices and behaviour are called *righteousness*. Irresponsibility is called *sin*. It teaches that whenever people obey God, they are blessed. When they disobey, they are under a curse. This is the law of sowing and reaping. Certain actions bring certain results, automatically: "As you sow, so you reap."

### **Nations Flounder and Destruct**

When we apply its truths we are living according to reality. If we do not have it, or reject it, we are living unrealistically. Without the wisdom of the Creator and Sustainer of the universe we walk in unbelief and deception. Nations with a Bible heritage have a better way of life. Nations without the Bible flounder and self-destruct. Such is the plight of the countries of the Third World, constantly ridden with poverty, hopelessness, misery and death, and the Second World, until recently shrouded in the grey gloom and tyranny of atheistic, soul-destroying communism. Why do people from many of these countries desperately want to come to Australia and other Western nations?

### **Plans beyond our Imagination**

The Bible, too, teaches us that God's greatest gift to man is His Son, Jesus Christ, whose finished work on the cross reconciled us to God. He also gave us another gift---the Holy Bible, the Book of books that has answers to every human problem, steps to health and happiness and is the foundation for greatness in all of our society. It is a priceless treasure. The Book is the greatest blessing an individual can have, next to receiving redemption through Jesus Christ. Having the Bible and applying its truth to each area of life is what makes a country righteous and free. As we become God's children through faith in Christ, He promises that the Holy Spirit will guide us in all things. He has plans for us that are beyond our imagination. God wants to create His Kingdom with us and offers to all who follow Him a glorious future in heaven; and on earth ruling as kings and priests with Him. What other book can compare with this Book of books? What other book makes this promise: "Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing." Indeed, every child should study it!

### **PRAYER**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, the Great I AM, as covenant children cleansed in the blood of Jesus, we thank You for the Living Word, JESUS CHRIST, whose death on Calvary gave us the keys to Your spiritual power revealed in "The Book of Books". Thank You, Father, that it teaches us Your Way, Your Truth and eternal Life through a humble, obedient life based on repentance, thus restoring a personal relationship with You. Abba Father, thank You that Christ Jesus is the greatest phenomenon to ever cross this world's horizon, the centre of civilisation and key to eternal life. Merciful Father, release a spirit of humility upon *all* leaders, citizens, parents and children who are spiritually lost. May they truly repent and receive Christ as Lord and Saviour, prepared for Your glorious Kingdom of righteousness, love and peace, to the glory of Almighty God and Father of all who believe. Amen.

R.A: Led by our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify the Fatherhood of God with the Brotherhood of Man; in love and in faithfulness to bring glory and honour to His holy name.

**REJOICE IN COVENANT PRAYERS FULLY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT DAILY FOR AUSTRALIA'S REVIVAL.**