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From Where I Sit . . .

“Why I Love The Bible”

David wrote in the long ago, **Psalms 119:9-11 (KJV)** *Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*

Psalms 119:18 (KJV) *“Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.”*

There are many beautiful reasons why the Bible was written and so carefully preserved for us. I want to focus on just one. All else falls in line behind this and form the basis for “Why I Love The Bible.” The Bible was written to introduce us to God and to reveal many wonderful things about His nature. In fact, the Bible is the only way that you and I can learn “Who” God is.

Things all around us tell us there is a Creator (a power source) who caused everything that exists to be. This Source had to be the original cause that needed no cause for His existence. *“The Heavens Declare the glory of God...” (Psa. 19:1).* *“The hidden things are clearly seen by the things that are made....” (Romans 1:19-20).*

Furthermore this “Power” must have personality because the creation is filled with design, orderliness, and purpose. There is no rationale for mere “chance” to have caused all this precision design that appears to exist for a reason. God has revealed himself in very general terms in His creation. We call this **“General Revelation.”** However we would not know who He is or what He is like if we only had the General Revelation. We might draw many valid conclusions about Him, but we wouldn’t know Him personally. The World is full of religions of man in his attempt to define his concept of the “Supreme Being” without the help of the Bible. They fail miserably.

This leads us to another kind of revelation known as **“Special Revelation.”** God, who is self-evident from His creation, introduces Himself to us personally in His dealings with mankind and preserved these for us in the form of the Bible. The Bible should be thought of as a revelation. It’s a revelation from God to man. But, more than that, it’s a revelation of God himself to man.

Here we learn His identity, **John 4:24 (KJV)** *“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”*

Here we learn His nature , **1 John 4:8 (KJV)** *“He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.”*

What are the things that make God happy or sad? What are the things that he finds acceptable? How can I please and serve Him? I wouldn’t know any of these things without the Bible. Without the Bible I wouldn’t know of His wonderful plan to save the world through His Son, Jesus Christ, **John 3:16 (KJV)** *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”* I love the Bible, don’t you?

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