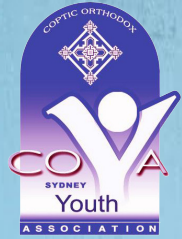




101 BENEFITS AND BLESSINGS FROM READING THE BIBLE



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THE GREATEST THREE GIFTS AND TREASURES WHICH THE LORD GAVE US ARE THE HOLY BIBLE, THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE HOLY EUCHARIST.

The following are the works of the word of God:

1. REVIVES AND GIVES LIFE:

"This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your word has given me life." (Psa.119:50).

"The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life." (John.6:63 see also John.5:24,25).

2. SAVES:

"Receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls." (James 1:21). "From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation" (2 Tim 3:15).

3. SANCTIFIES:

"Sanctify them in Your truth, Your words are truth" (Jn. 17:17, 15:3)

4. BUILDS UP:

"So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)

5. TEACHES:

"Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end." (Psa. 119:33)

6. REBUKES AND REPROACHES:

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction for instruction in righteousness" (2 Tim. 3:16 & Prov. 1:3).

7. COMFORTS:

"This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your word has given me life" (Psa. 119:50-52)

8. GIVES SAFETY:

"Whoever listens to me will dwell safely and will be secure, without fear of evil" (Prov. 1:33)

9. GIVES WISDOM:

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple" (Psa.19:7; 119:97; Prov.1:1)

10. GIVES GOOD CONSCIENCE:

"Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith" (1Tim. 1:5 & Acts 24:16)

11. ENLIGHTENS THE HEART AND THE EYES:

"The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes" (Psa.19:8)



12. BRINGS FORTH FRUIT:

“The beatitude of the first psalm is directed to the man who meditates in God’s word day and night for he “Shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water and brings forth its fruit in its season” (Ps.1:2-3; see also Isaiah 55:10:11)

In the parable of the sewer, the Lord Jesus explained that the seeds are the word of God that produces fruits (Matt.13). He also said, “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you...by this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit” (John 15:7-8).

13. GIVES PEACE AND SECURITY FROM DANGER:

“Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing causes them to stumble” (Psalm 119:165).

14. PROTECTION AND DELIVERANCE:

“Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the

hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.” (Rev.3:10).

Psalm 91 is a long explanation to this fact, “Under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield...You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you...etc.”

15. LIFE AND IMMORTALITY

“Jesus Christ, has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel” (2 Tim. 1:10)

16. BUILDS UP AND GIVES INHERITANCE AMONG THE SAINTS:

“So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.” (Acts 20:32)

17. WINS SOULS:

“Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.” (1 Tim. 4:16)

18. INFLAMES THE HEART WITH GOD'S LOVE AND SPIRITUAL FERVENCY;

“The two disciples of Emmaus said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” (Luke 24:32). Also it is said about Apollos, the Alexandrian that he was “eloquent man and mighty in Scriptures and being fervent in spirit” (Acts 18:24-25)

19. NOURISHMENT AND SATISFACTION;

“The Lord Jesus said, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4; Luke 4:4; 1 Peter 1:23). “As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby” (1 Peter 2:2; Ps. 19:10). It was likened with bread, milk, honey, meat and apple.

20. WATERS AND GIVES REFRESHMENT;

“The word of God quenches thirst and refreshes the soul. “Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money come buy and eat. Yes, come buy wine and milk...For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”

21. WASHES AND SANCTIFIES;

“Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word” (Eph. 5:26). “For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer” (1 Tim. 4:4-5)

22. GIVES SUCCESS AND PROSPERITY;

“The Lord said to Joshua, “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” (Joshua 1:8). “Blessed is the man...his delight is in the law of the Lord...and whatever he does shall prosper” (Ps.1:1-3)

23. SAVES AND PREVENTS FROM SIN AND FALLING;

“I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I may keep Your word.” (Psalm 119:101); “Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You” (Psalm 119:11)

24. MAKES YOUR DESCENDANTS MIGHTY, RICH AND BLESSED;

“Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who delights greatly in His commandments. His descendants will be mighty on earth; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches will be in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.” (Psalm 112:1-3).

25. GIVES VICTORY OVER SATAN;

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...” (Rev. 12:11); “I have written to you, young me, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you and you have overcome the wicked one” (1 John 2:14).

Jesus used the word of God three times in His fight with the devil at the wilderness saying, “It is written” (Matt.4)

26. PREVENTS SHAME AND REPROACH;

“Then I would not be ashamed, when I look into all Your commandments” (Psalm 119:6-9)

27. CLEANSSES THE WAY OF THE YOUTH;

“How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word” (Psalm 119:9)

28. GIVES IMMUNITY TOWARDS SIN;

“Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You” (Psalm 119:11). “Blessed are those who keep His testimonies...they do no iniquity” (Psa. 119:22-3)

29. DELIGHTS THE SOUL;

“I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word”; Your testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors”; “trouble and anguish have overtaken me, Yet Your commandments are my delights” (Psalm. 119:16,24 & 143)

30. OVERCOMES DEATH AND GIVES ETERNAL LIFE;

“Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death” (John 8:51, 5:24).

31. MEDICINE AND HEALTH TO THE BODY;

“My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh” (Proverbs 4:20-22).

32. LIBERATES FROM BONDAGE;

“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John.8:32)

33. GIVES SPIRITUAL INSIGHT TO SEE THE WONDERS OF GOD;

“Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from your law” (Psalm 119:18)



34. DECLARES THE WILL OF GOD:

“If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine” (John. 7:17)

35. GUARANTEES THAT PRAYERS WILL BE ANSWERED:

“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.” (John 15:7)

36. CONFIRMS US IN CHRIST'S LOVE:

“Jesus said, if you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.” (John 8:31). He also said, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word” (John. 14:21-23). Again He said. “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love” (John 15:7, 10)

37. THE HEAVENLY FATHER LOVES WHO KEEPS HIS COMMANDMENTS, AND THE SON MANIFESTS HIMSELF TO HIM, AND THE HOLY TRINITY DWELLS IN HIS HEART:

(John 14:21, 23)

38. PROVES OUR DISCIPLESHIP TO CHRIST:

“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed” (John 8:31).

39. AN IMPORTANT MEANS OF ABIDING IN CHRIST:

“He who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him” (1 John 3:24).

40. PROLONGS LIFE:

“My son, do not forget my law, but lest your heart keep my commands, for length of days and long life and peace they will add to you” (Prov. 3:1). Also, “Hear my son, and receive my sayings and the years of your life will be many” (Prov. 4:10).

41. GIVES GUIDANCE:

“Bind them (God’s words) continually upon your heart; tie them around your neck. When you roam, they will lead you; when you sleep, they will keep you; and when you awake, they will speak with you. For the commandment is a lamp, and the law a light” (Prov. 6:21).

42. GRANTS PRUDENCE, UNDERSTANDING AND RIGHTEOUSNESS:

“O you simple ones, understand prudence, and you fools, be of an understanding heart. Listen, for I will speak of excellent things, and from the opening of my lips will come right things; for my mouth will speak truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are with righteousness”. (Prov. 8:5-8).

43. GRANTS REWARDS:

“He who despises the word will be destroyed, but he who fears the commandment will be rewarded” (Prove.13:13)

44. THE TRUE CRITERIA OF KNOWING GOD:

“Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.” (1 John. 2:5)

45. DEMONSTRATES THE PERFECTION OF GOD'S LOVE IN US:
“But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him” (1 John. 2:5)

46. GIVES A NEW BIRTH:

“Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever” (1 Peter 1:23). Also, “For in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel” (1 Cor. 4:15)

47. SERVES AS AN INTERNAL MIRROR OF THE SOUL:

“For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.” (James 1:23)

48. GIVES SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

“As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word that you may grow thereby” (1 Peter 2:2)

49. A POWERFUL SPIRITUAL WEAPON FOR DEFENCE AND ASSAULTING THE STRONGHOLDS OF THE DEVIL:

“Take the sword of the spirit which is the word of God” (Eph. 6:17; 2 Cor. 10:4-5)

50. A HOLY FIRE THAT BURNS UP THE GERMS OF SIN:

“Thus says the Lord, ‘I will make My words in your mouth fire...’; Is not My word like a fire?” (Jer. 5:14 & 23:29)

51. A HAMMER THAT BREAKS THE ROCK:

“Is not My word like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?” (Jeremiah 23:29)

52. LIVING AND POWERFUL:

“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.” (Hebrews 4:12)

53. CLEANS OUR THOUGHTS AND HEARTS:

“The Lord Jesus said to His disciples, “You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you” (John 15:3); “It is sanctified by the word of God and prayer” (1 Tim. 4:4)

54. BETTER THAN GOLD AND SILVER:

“The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of shekels of gold and silver” (Psalm 119:72; Psalm 19:10).

55. GRANTS LIBERTY:

“I will walk at liberty for I seek your precepts” (Psalm 119:45); and Jesus said, “You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32)

56. GIVES COURAGE;

“I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings and will not be ashamed” (Psalm. 119:46)

57. OFFERS GOODNESS;

“Acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace; thereby good will come to you. Receive instruction from his mouth, and lay up His words in your heart” (Job 22:21); say to the righteous that it shall be well with them” (Isaiah. 3:10; Psalm. 23:6)

58. GIVES GOOD JUDGMENT;

“Teach me good judgement and knowledge, for I believe Your commandments” (Psalm 119:66)

59. PREVENTS FROM PERISHING AND AFFLICTION;

“Unless Your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction” (Psalm 119:92)

60. BRINGS DELIGHT AND JOY;

“I will delight in Your statutes, I will not forget Your word which I love”, “I rejoice at your word as one who finds great treasure” (Psalm. 119:16, 47,143 & 162).

61. GIVES GREAT WISDOM;

“From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation” (2 Timothy 3:15)

62. LIGHT AND LAMP;

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm. 119:115)

63. SWEET AND DELICIOUS;

“How sweet are Your words to my taste sweeter than honey to my mouth!” (Psalm 119:98); “Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart” (Jeremiah. 15:16).

64. FILLS THE HEART WITH THE FEAR OF GOD;

“My flesh trembles for fear of You, and I am afraid of Your judgements” (Psalm 119:120)

65. A GREAT HERITAGE;

“Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever” (Psalm 119:111).

66. GIVES UNDERSTANDING AND PRUDENCE;

“The entrance of Your words gives light, it gives understanding to the simple” (Psalm 119:130); “The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple” (Psalm 19:7; Prov. 1:2-5)

67. OFFERS JUSTICE AND EQUITY;

(Prov. 1:5)

68. CONVICTS SIN;

“Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart” (Acts 2:37, 24:25)

69. MAKES US HATE SIN;

“I hate and abhor lying, but I love Your law” (Psalm. 119:163); “You who love the Lord, hate evil” (Psalm. 97:10)



70. FILLS THE HEART WITH ZEAL FOR THE SALVATION OF OTHERS:

“My zeal has consumed me, because my enemies have forgotten Your words”; “Rivers of water run down from my eyes, because men do not keep Your law” (Psalm 119:139, 136 & Jeremiah 9:1)

71. HEALS:

“He sent His word and healed them” (Psalm. 107:20). “Keep My words in the midst of your heart

for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh” (Prov. 4:21)

72. GIVES WATCHFULNESS AND MEDITATION:

“My eyes are awake through the night watches that I may meditate in Your word” (Psalm. 119:148)

73. RECONCILES:

“God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.” (2 Cor. 5:19)

74. SANCTIFICATION AND WASHING:

“Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word” (Eph. 5:26; Jn.15:3)

75. GRANTS PEACE AND SECURITY:

“These things I have spoken to you, than in Me you may have peace” (John. 16:33)

76. KEEPS US FROM STUMBLING:

“These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble” (John 16:1); “Uphold my steps in Your paths, that my footsteps may not slip” (Psalm. 17:5).

77. GOD HONORS THOSE WHOSE KEEP HIS WORDS:

“But showing mercy to thousands, to whom who love Me and keep My commandments” (Exodus. 20:6)

78. REVEALS SECRETS AND MYSTERIES:

“The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him and He will show them His covenant” (Psalm. 25:14); “Open my eyes that I may see wondrous things from Your law” (Psalm 119:18).

79. GIVES PERFECTION:

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for correction...that the man of God may be complete” (2 Tim. 2:17)

80. QUALIFIES FOR EVERY GOOD WORK:

“That the man of God may thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:17)

81. REPROOFS:

“Scripture...is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (2 Tim. 3:16)

82. GIVES PATIENCE, COMFORT AND HOPE:

“For whatever things were written before, were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope” (Rom. 15:4)

83. GIVES UNDERSTANDING TO GOD'S WILL:

“If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine” (John 7:17)

84. SAVES FROM DEATH AND JUDGEMENT:

“He who hears My word has everlasting life and shall not come into judgement, but has passed from death into life” (John 5:24)

85. UNITES FRIENDS IN HARMONY:

“I am a companion of all those who fear You, and of those who keep Your precepts” (Psalm 119:63)

86. THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION:

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes” (Rom. 1:16)

87. GRANTS ACCEPTANCE TO OUR PRAYERS:

“If you abide in Me and My words abide in you; you will ask whatever you desire and it shall be done for you” (John 15:7)

88. THE CRITERIA OF DISCIPLESHIP TO CHRIST:

“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed” (John 8:31)

89. RETAINING GOD'S WORDS GIVES LIFE:

“Let your heart retain my words; keep my commands and live” (Prov. 4:4)

90. Gives favor and high esteem:

“Write them on the tablet of your heart, and so find favour and high esteem in sight of God and man” (Prov. 3:4)

91. TEACHES THE FEAR OF THE LORD:

“My son if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you...then you will understand the fear of the Lord” (Prov. 2:5)

92. DELIVERS FROM EVIL:

(Proverbs 2:12)

93. Gives wisdom, instruction, justice, judgement and equity:

(Proverbs 1:2-3)

94. REWARDS AND SAVES FROM DESTRUCTION:

“He who despises the word will be destroyed, but he who fears the commandment will be rewarded” (Prov. 13:13)

95. TRUSTWORTHY AND ENDURES FOREVER:

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words by no means will pass away” (Matt. 24:35; Rev 22:14)

96. GIVES IMMUNITY AGAINST DEATH;

“If anyone keeps My word, he shall never see death” (John 8:51)

97. THE WORD OF GOD HAS BEEN OUR SONGS IN THE HOUSE OF OUR PILGRIMAGE;

(Psalm 119:54)

98. IT REDEEMS FROM THE OPPRESSION OF MAN AND MAKES GOD'S FACE SHINE UPON THE ONE WHO KEEPS HIS WORD;

(Psalm 119:134-135)

99. IT MAKES US REJOICE AS ONE WHO FINDS GREAT TREASURE AND HELP;

Psalm 119:163,173

100. IT GIVES THE RIGHT TO THE TREE OF LIFE AND ENTRY THROUGH THE PEARLY GATES OF THE HEAVENLY CITY:

“Blessed are those who do His commandments that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city” (Rev. 22:14)

101. THE WORD OF GOD INFORMS ME,
REFORMS ME AND TOTALLY TRANSFORMS



THE BIBLE TREE

The Bible contains
66 books, 1189 chapters,
31,175 verses, 810,679 words, 3,566,480 letters.

The longest chapter is the 119th Psalm.

The shortest is the 117th Psalm. The longest name
is Isaiah's son, Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz

(Isa 8:3). The Holy Bible is divided into two testaments.

The Old Testament is composed of 39 Books, 5 of them are Law,

12 History, 5 Poetry, 5 Major Prophets & 12 Minor

Prophets. The New Testament is composed of 27 books,

5 History (4 Gospels & The book of Acts),

14 Pauline letters, 7 Catholic letters & 1 Prophetic book which is

Revelation. There are 10 more books omitted by the Protestants,
but they are acknowledged by the Orthodox and Catholic Churches.

The real author of the Bible is the Holy Spirit. The human instruments are
the 40 prophets & apostles. The Bible was written over a time span of
1600yrs, in 3 languages, Hebrew, Aramaic & Greek. The Bible speaks
about all subjects, 2930 characters & 1551 sites. The Bible is the Word of
God, "Spirit & Life", the "Sword of the Spirit", "The Bread of Life", our guide
map to Heaven, A "Lamp to our feet & a Light to our path" "all scripture
is given by inspiration of God, & is prophetable for doctrine, for reproof,
for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God
maybe complete & equipped for every good work" (2Tim.3:16).

The main figure in the Bible is the Lord Jesus Christ. The
Bible mentions 390times that Jesus is Lord & God.

Please, read the bible every day, study the Bible,
"eat" the Bible, love the Bible, live the Bible,
memorise it, do its commandments, teach it and
spread it. The Bible is a cheque book,

on the bank of Heaven,
signed by the blood of Christ,
cashed by faith.

You find in it all
that you desire,

for your
Salvation,
happiness,
peace,
prosperity

& your eternal life.

The Bible is the

TREE OF LIFE