

## 01 Pathway to Paradise Bible Studies on Lesson One

**Key Text: Psalm 119:105** Your Word *is* a **lamp** unto my **feet**, and a **light** unto my **path**.

**Question 01:** Can we trust the Bible?

**Answer 01: 2 Timothy 3:16** All scripture *is* given by inspiration of **God**...

**Note:** The Bible is the word of God given to every boy and girl because He loves them so much. It teaches us how to live that we may be sure of eternal life, the great reward Jesus wants to give to all the children that believe in Jesus as their personal Saviour. The knowledge contained in this wonderful book has the very foundation of all worthwhile knowledge.



**Question 02:** How can you know for yourself that the Bible is true?

**Answer 02: John 17:17** Sanctify them through your truth: your **word** is **truth**.

**Note:** The Bible is the only rule of faith and doctrine for boys and girls in every nation on earth. And there is nothing more calculated to energize the mind, and strengthen the intellect, than the study of the word of God. No other book is so potent to elevate the thoughts, to give vigour to the faculties, as the broad, ennobling truths of the Bible. If God's word were studied as it should be, children and adults would have a breadth of mind, a nobility of character, and a stability of purpose, that is rarely seen in these times.

**Answer 02: John 8:32** And you shall know the truth, and the **truth** shall **make** you **free**.

**Note:** The acceptance of the truth will make every receiver a child of God, an heir of heaven. Truth that is in the heart is not a cold, dead letter. There is fullness of joy in the truth. There will be nobleness in the life of every boy and girl who lives and works under the uplifting influence of the truth found in the Bible. Truth is sacred and divine. It is given directly from Jesus to us. It is stronger and more powerful than anything else in the formation of a character after the likeness of Christ. It brings our thoughts and feelings to become just like the thoughts and feelings that Jesus had when He was a boy in Nazareth.

**Answer 02: Psalm 34:8** O **taste** and **see** that the **LORD** *is* **good**: blessed *is* the man *that* trusts in him.



**Note:** God invites us to prove for ourselves the reality of His Word, the truth of His promises. Instead of depending upon the word of someone else, we are to taste for ourselves. And as we draw near to Jesus, and rejoice in the fullness of His love, our doubt and darkness will disappear in the light of His presence. The Christian knows in whom he has believed. He does not only read the Bible; he experiences the power of its teaching. He has not only heard of Christ's

righteousness; he has opened the windows of the heart and mind to the light of Jesus and His love and the righteousness He provides for us.

**Question 03:** Does God foretell the future in the Bible?

**Answer 03:** **Isaiah 46:9** Remember the former things of old: for **I am God**, and *there is none else*; *I am God*, and *there is none* like me,

**Isaiah 46:10** **Declaring** the **end** from the **beginning**, and from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:



**Note:** Jesus knows the future. That means He knows how to protect us and care for us from bad things even before they happen. Many times He has saved our lives and we didn't even know that an accident or something bad was prevented by our guardian angels. He loves us so much. I am sure glad Jesus knows the future aren't you?

In fact one third of the Bible is made of prophecies that predicted what would happen thousands and hundreds of years before hand. There are 365 prophecies about Jesus and what He would say and do. All the major empires around God's people where predicted long before their time in Daniel Chapter 2 and other parts of the Bible too. The flood was accurately described by Noah before it happened. Many other things where prophesied to happen before they did but the most exciting prophecy has yet to happen. All these other predictions where written to give us hope in this great prophecy. Jesus is coming back to take every boy and girl and adult too, to heaven. There will be no more sickness, suffering, pain, war, crime, death or even temptation when Jesus comes back the Second Time to take us there. Would you like to get ready to go with Jesus to that wonderful home He has prepared for us?

**Question 04:** How does Science show that the Bible is true?

**Answer 04:** **Job 26:7** He... **hangs** the **earth** upon **nothing**.

**Isaiah 40:22** ... He sits upon the **circle** of the **earth**, ...

The Bible is always well ahead of science because God made and knows about everything. All the leading scientists a few hundred years ago thought that the world was flat. They were wrong but God and the Bible of course were right. Some scientists believe in evolution but the intelligent scientists have found plenty of scientific evidence to prove that the Bible is correct in the age of the earth being around 6,000 years old. They have found a lot of evidence also to show that the earth was created in seven days just as the Bible accurately tells us.



Yet the study of the sciences is not to be neglected. Books must be used for this purpose: but they should be in harmony with the Bible, for that is the standard. Books of this character should take the place of many of those now in the hands of boys and girls. If you have to read books at school or college that disagree with the Bible always remember the Bible is always right. God is the author of science. Scientific research opens to the mind vast fields of thought and information, enabling us to see God in his created works. Ignorance may try

to support doubt on God's Word by appeals to science; but instead of doing this, science contributes fresh evidences of the wisdom and power of God. Rightly understood, science and the written word of the Bible agree, and each sheds light on the other. Together they lead us to God, by teaching us something of the wise and generous laws through which he works.



**Question 05:** Does the Message of the Bible all fit together?

**Answer 05:** **2 Peter 1:21** For the **prophecy** came **not** in old time by the **will** of **man**: but holy **men** of **God** spake *as they were moved* by the Holy **Spirit**.

**Note:** Every part of the Bible is given by inspiration of God and is profitable. The Old Testament, no less than the New, should receive attention. As we study the Old Testament we shall find living springs bubbling up where the careless reader discerns only a desert.

The Old Testament sheds light upon the New, and the New upon the Old. Each is a revelation of the glory of God in Christ. Christ as manifested to the patriarchs, as symbolized in the sacrificial service, as portrayed in the law, and as revealed by the prophets is the riches of the Old Testament. Christ in His life, His death, and His resurrection; Christ as He is manifested by the Holy Spirit, is the treasure of the New. Both Old and New present truths that will continually reveal new depths of meaning to the earnest seeker.

When a real love for the Bible is awakened, and the reader begins to realize how vast is the field and how precious its treasure, he will desire to seize upon every opportunity for acquainting himself with God's word. Its study will be restricted to no special time or place. And this continuous study is one of the best means of cultivating a love for the Scriptures. Let every boy and girl keep his Bible always with him and, as he has opportunity, read a text and meditate upon it. While walking in the streets, waiting at a railway station, waiting to meet an appointment let him improve the opportunity to gain some precious thought from the treasure house of truth.

**Question 06:** What is one of the greatest proofs that the Bible is true?

**Answer 06:** **2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a **new** creature: old things are passed away; behold, **all** things are become **new**.



Through the power of Christ, boys and girls and men and women have broken the chains of sinful habit. They have turned away from selfishness. The disrespectful have become reverent, the drunken sober, the reckless pure. Souls that have borne the likeness of Satan have become transformed into the image of God. This change is in itself the miracle of miracles. A change brought about by the Word of God, it is one of the deepest mysteries of the Bible. We cannot understand it; we can only believe, as declared by the Scriptures, it is "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

**Question 07:** How can I know things that even really smart people may not know?

**Answer 07:** **Psalm 119:100** I understand **more** than the ancients, because I **keep** Your **Commandments**.

**Psalm 119:98** You through your **commandments** have made me **wiser** than my **enemies**: for they *are* ever with me.

**Daniel 9:13** As *it is* written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we **not** our **prayer** before the **LORD** our God, that we might **turn** from our **sins**, and **understand** thy **truth**.

**Psalm 119:11** Your **word** have I **hid** in my **heart**, that I might not **sin** against you.

**Ephesians 6:17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the **sword** of the **Spirit**, which is the **word** of **God**:

**Note:** If we would not be misled by error and falsehood, the heart must be continually focused on the truth found in the Bible. The Word of God will supply the mind with weapons of divine power, to defeat our enemy Satan. Happy are the boys and girls, who, when tempted, find their minds rich in the knowledge of the Scriptures, who find shelter beneath the promises of God. "Your word," said the psalmist, "have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against you." This Word is ever to be in our hearts and on our lips. "It is written" is to be our anchor. Those who make God's Word their counsellor realize the weakness of the human heart and the power of the grace of God to subdue every unsanctified, unholy desire. Their hearts are ever prayerful, and they have the guardianship of holy angels. When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of God lifts up for them a standard against him. There is harmony in the heart, for the precious, powerful influences of truth bear power.

The Word of God is a channel of communication with the living God. He who feeds upon the Word by reading and memorizing it daily will become fruitful in all good works. They will be the discoverers of rich mines of truth which they must work on daily as they look for the hidden treasure found there. When boys and girls are surrounded with temptations, the Holy Spirit will bring to their minds the very words with which to meet the temptation at the very moment when they are most needed, and children and adults can use them very effectively.



**Question 08:** Do you want to learn more from God's Word and follow what it says?

**Note:** In our life here, earthly, sin-restricted though it is, the greatest joy and the highest education are in service. And in the future state, free from the limitations of sinful humanity, it is in service that our greatest joy and our highest education will be found—witnessing, and ever as we witness learning anew "the riches of the glory of this

mystery;" "which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." Colossians 1:27. Boys and girls all around the world are deciding to experience the greatest joy that this world can offer through Jesus. That is following his word and serving Him. Would you like to join with those that love Jesus and be happy more than you can even imagine? You can be happy in Jesus even in sickness and hard times.