

# *A Few Interesting Facts about the Bible*

FOR YOUNG AND OLD

**“The most valuable thing that this world affords . . . Here is wisdom ; this is the royal law ; these are the lively oracles of God.”—From the Coronation Service.**

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**THE BIBLE :** is one of the simplest books in the world, for where is the child who does not understand and enjoy the delightful stories in the Bible ; the teaching in the gospels ; the parables ; as the parable of the Prodigal Son, and of the Good Samaritan. Yet—

**THE BIBLE :** is the most profound book in the world, for it contains also the deep things of God. Books innumerable have been written concerning its sacred contents, and more scholarship, and research, and labour have been and are still being expended on it than on any other book ever produced.

**THE BIBLE :** is the cheapest book in the world for its size, yet more money has been expended for a single copy than for any other book in the world. (£100,000 for the Sinaitic Version).

**THE BIBLE :** is the most available book in the world, having been printed in more languages and dialects than any other book, and millions of copies have been available for the asking. Yet it has been the most costly of all books to preserve its freedom, entailing untold sufferings and persecutions, and life itself to many of God's faithful servants.

**THE BIBLE :** is the book that has had the greatest moral influence in the world, enlightening the conscience of mankind, elevating womanhood, and sanctifying family life. Dignifying labour, and warning man that he is his brother's keeper. Condemning falsehood, covetousness, hatred, impurity, and idolatry in its many forms.

**THE BIBLE :** is the most quoted book in the world, by all classes and creeds and persuasions, religious and irreligious, philosophers, atheists, scientists and politicians, for men cannot get away from its wisdom and knowledge and influence, even though they may ignore its personal call of repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

**THE BIBLE :** is the most hated book in the world, for time and time again through the ages, and also in modern days, men have sought to destroy it and to forbid its possession, sometimes even putting to death those having a copy in their possession.

**THE BIBLE :** is the most loved book in the world. Yes, truly, and among all classes and nations. Many have risked death rather than give up their treasured possession. Some have sold their all to obtain a copy, walked weary miles to hear it read, and multitudes with the Psalmist confess that the Bible is their delight and meditation, and that they hide God's Word in their heart that they might not sin against the Lord.

And why the above? Is there not a cause? Yes, truly, for the Bible is a living Book. It is a lamp in a dark place (II Pet. 1, 14) unveiling the past and revealing the future. Speaking with divine authority, it discerns the thoughts and intents of the heart (Heb. 4, 12, 13). Was it not C. H. Spurgeon who once said, "Other books can delight the mind, this one only can quiet the conscience"? For the Bible teaches us the true fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom, and it is able to make us wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus (II Tim. 3, 15-17).

May we therefore read it reverently, read it prayerfully, for we neglect it at our peril. Like the Psalmist, may our earnest prayer be, "Teach me Thy way O Lord, lead me in Thy truth." So shall the blessing of the Lord be ours, and we shall know assuredly by His Spirit that we who were once darkness are now light in the Lord.

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