

My Favorite Book

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On Tuesday evening of this week (Feb 16, 1999), one of our daughters informed us her teacher had sent a homework assignment home for parents. Either Mom or Dad were to write about their favorite book. Rebekah selected to give the assignment to me. I have been reading constantly since I learned "*see Spot run*". I am the guy you see reading the labels on the candy beside the checkout register. I read because there are words in front of me. So, this assignment was right up my alley.

Now you may ask, why would you put a book report for a second grade class in your bulletin? Well, of all the books, papers, magazines, labels, etc I have read one stands above the rest. In all the world there is only one book that can always be turned to for help. I don't know if the public school system is ready to hear it, but this book should be required study for everyone entrusted with shaping the minds of our future leaders. Read my book report and see if maybe my favorite book is yours also.

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My favorite book is actually a collection of many books contained in two major divisions. Although written by forty men who lived in diverse situations and different parts of the world and written over a period of about 1500 years there can be found no contradiction and one constant theme. Found within its pages are stories of history, romance, poetry, adventure, and mystery along with civil, criminal and religious laws and regulations. Of all the books that have been written this is the only one which contains all Truth. This book of books is of course The Bible which reveals the unerring Word of God Himself.

The first sentence of the Bible introduces us to the story. "*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth*" (Genesis 1:1)

This one sentence gives us the who, what, when, and where necessary to understanding the story as it unfolds. Sometime between 6,000 and 10,000 years ago the story of the Earth and man began with this creation. From here Moses, God's history writer, tells us of the beginning of God's grand scheme for man. We read the story of Noah and the great deluge. (

Genesis 6

) This story reminds us God is in control and will hold us responsible for our actions. Continuing in Genesis we find the story of Abraham, the "*friend of God*"

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James 2:23

), and the beginning of God's special people, the Israelites. The books following Genesis tell the story of God fulfilling the promises He had made to Abraham. Abraham's descendants become a great nation and are given the land Abraham walked as a stranger. The first section of the Bible, the Old Testament, gives us this story and tells how the people of God and the world are prepared for the fulfillment of God's plan through His third promise to Abraham.

The second section of the Bible, the New Testament, completes the story by telling of the fulfillment of God's grand scheme of redemption for man. The first four books, the Gospels, tell the good news that Jesus, the Savior, has come. The rest of the New Testament tells of the completion of God's eternal plan in the church. Through the Scriptures God calls all people to Him. God no longer reserves His blessings for Abraham's children alone. Now through Jesus, the Christ, all peoples and nations can come to God and be blessed.

Why is the Bible my favorite book? In the Bible we have everything needed for life and godliness. (**2 Peter 1:3**) In the pages of God's Holy Scriptures we can find everything needed to make us
"wise unto salvation" and prepare us for all good works. (**2**

Timothy 3:15-17

) This one book contains everything anyone needs to live here on Earth and be prepared for the life after death. I can go to the Bible and read what God expects of me and since He is The Creator and I am the creature I want to please Him. I encourage everyone to spend time with my favorite book, the Bible -

The Word of God

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Have you read the Bible lately?

Jesus told the Jews *"the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."* **John 12:48**

Peter, when asked if he would leave Christ, stated *"Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life."* **John 6:68**

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Paul told Timothy *“the holy scriptures... are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”*

2 Timothy 3:15

Take some time out of your day and read my favorite book. I guarantee it will help if you apply its teaching to your life.