

Unlocking the Bible

- *Is the Bible reliable?*
- *Is the Bible inspired?*
- *Is the Bible authoritative?*
- *How should we read the Bible?*

The Authority of Scripture

A Biblical Church - We believe that the Bible is the inspired and authoritative word of God containing the truths which underpin the way we aim to lead our lives.

All Saints Vision Strategy November 2011

'Law'

*Open my eyes that I may see wonderful
things in your law.*

Psalm 119,18

'Scripture'

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is
useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting
and training in righteousness*

2 Timothy 3.16

'Scripture'

Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote to you with the wisdom that God gave him. He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

2 Peter 3.15-16

'Word' (logos)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1.1

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4.12

What does Jesus say about the Old Testament?

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

What does Jesus say about the Old Testament?

Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5.17-19

What does Jesus say about the 'Scripture'?

At the beginning of his ministry

*He began by saying to them, 'Today this
scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'*

Luke 4.21

What does Jesus say about the 'Scripture'?

Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.

Mark 14.49

What does Jesus say about the 'Scripture'?

After his resurrection

*Then he opened their minds so they
could understand the Scriptures.*

Luke 24.45

What does Jesus say about the 'God's Word'?

I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world ... Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

John 17.14, 17-19

It makes sense to rely on the Bible – consider the alternatives

- *Church Tradition*
- *Human Reason*
- *Scripture - God's revealed Word to US*

Church Tradition – the catholic approach



Human reason– the liberal approach

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Matthew 7.13-14

Scripture – the biblical approach



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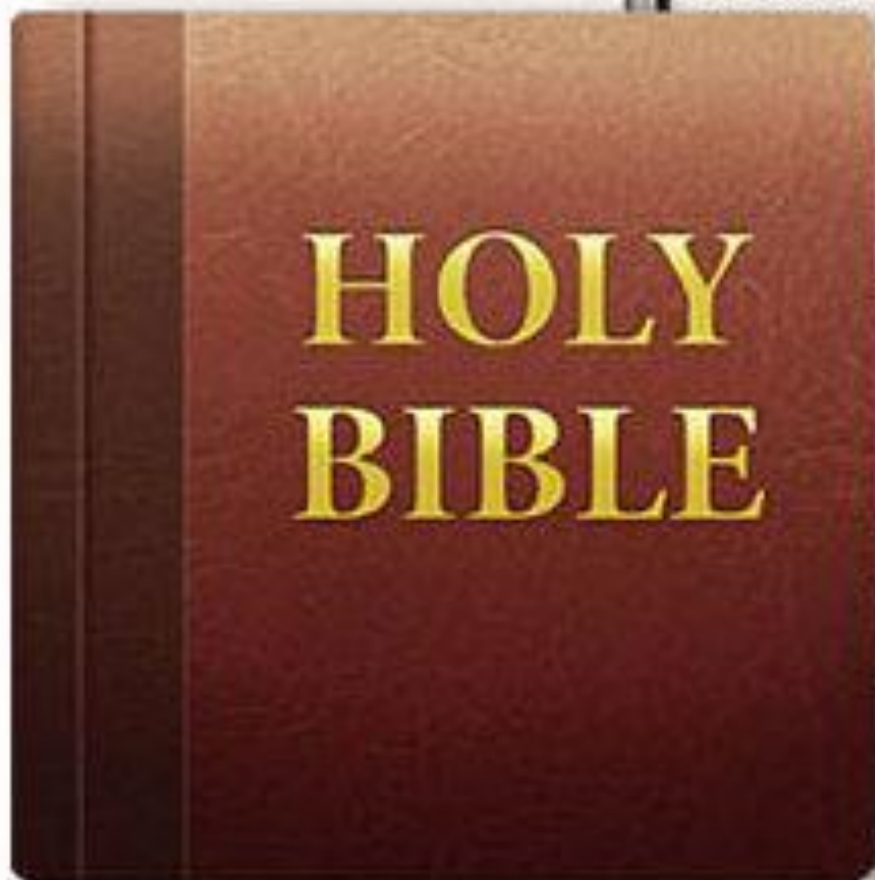


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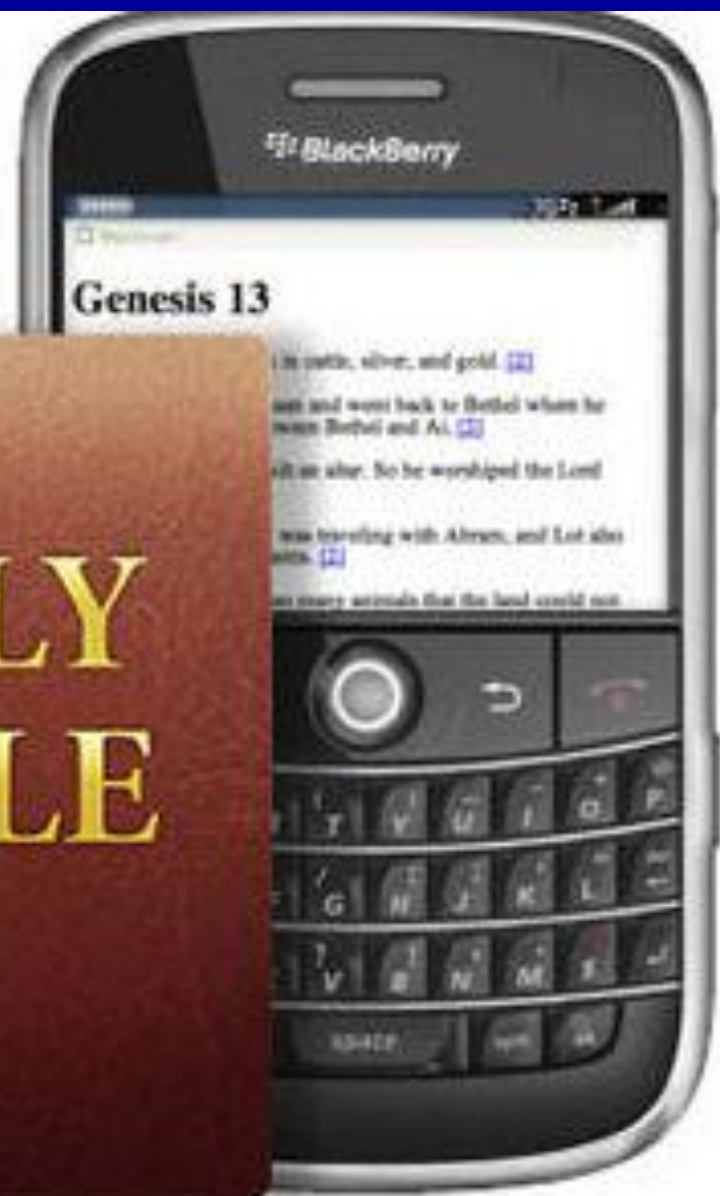


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HOLY BIBLE



Genesis 13

with cattle, silver, and gold. [2]
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all an altar. So he worshiped the Lord
was traveling with Abram, and Lot also
many animals that the land could not

http://kuteev.livejournal.com/being able to see each other as often as we'd both like. I've been trying to get through it by reliving all those great times we do have when we finally manage to be in the same place at the same time. I was just telling Andrew, this made I've made up here - actually, he looks a little bit like your older brother, only he's much taller and with darker hair. And his hair isn't as curly. So I guess that means he doesn't really look like your brother at all. Anyway, I was telling him about the time you and I hired that car on holiday in Paris and thought it'd be a good idea to try and drive out to the country side. Forgetting of course that Paris is one of the largest and most confusing cities in the world and that the countryside below the Arc de Triomphe is ten lanes of home-a-tender-bean-through-the-city-side getting into that tiny little blue hatchback - the manual with the driver's seat on the left - and with a street directory that neither of us could read? Still one of the funniest days I've ever had. I mean, I guess we could have had a great navigator or I reckon we'd still be driving around asking for directions.

Maybe it was all part of some grand movement to us!

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one out of the top after a hour. I don't know what made me think of that.

coming safely through. One day. I don't know what made me think of that.

make a toast to the happy occasion. I don't know what made me think of that.

There - that was my idea. I don't know what made me think of that.

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us cooking, bacon and a few more. I don't know what made me think of that.

If you got the chance, I'd love to see you. I don't know what made me think of that.

time off work. I know it's not really that kind of out of the ordinary. I don't know what made me think of that.

writing so often really. Obviously new away, but the only one here who I keep everyone here talking about is you. I don't know what made me think of that.

in that way - all the things you've done. I don't know what made me think of that.

Not sure you've ever had a cold. I don't know what made me think of that.

and wet. Cold is like that for other. But the rain is making it worse. I don't know what made me think of that.

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I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me..... the word of the Lord has brought me insult and reproach all day long. But if I say, 'I will not mention his word or speak any more in his name,' his word is in my heart like a fire, fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot.

Jeremiah 20.7b, 8b-9



