

# Thy Word Is Truth

## THE DIVINE TREASURE OF THE SCRIPTURES

*"The Holy Scriptures are able to make thee wise unto salvation"*  
—2 Timothy 3:15.

IF there is any book in the world that holds the key to life and happiness, it is the Bible. If the Bible does not do that, nothing does; and man's case is hopeless: an animal existence; an animal end.

The Bible makes tremendous claims: divine inspiration; infallibility; revelation of man's origin and all his meaningful history, of the purpose of his existence, of his eternal future for good or ill, according as he submits without question and obeys without reservation the asserted universal authority of this Book.

The Bible is a purifying Book. It is a comforting, uplifting, inspiring Book. No one who truly studies and believes and *obeys* it could possibly be ever depressed or unhappy or dissatisfied or anxious about *anything*. It is the complete cure for all mental disharmonies: these are of sin and the flesh. Compared to it, *all* other supposed sources of relief and guidance are broken crutches and empty cisterns.

When we observe how the great churches of our day have cast aside the Bible as the divine, infallible guide to belief and conduct, and what a sordid, immoral mess they have sunk into as a consequence, we are more than ever impressed with the vital necessity of the pure Word of God as an absolute authority to keep man from sinking to the lowest bestiality and folly, as we see all around us today.

The Bible, prayerfully and consistently studied and obeyed, makes anyone better, wiser, and happier. It changes him from a dying, animal creature of the passing present, to a living, spiritually-minded child of God, related to the eternal future.

The strongest proof of the Bible's divinity is the personal experience of its light and power and wisdom and unassailable joy. It is truly a light shining in a dark place, and the more we prayerfully devote ourselves to it, the more irresistibly this will be impressed upon us.

The Bible is the *only* sound, dependable, unchanging thing in an unsound, undependable, and ever-changing world.

We must go to the Bible for ourselves. And we must be prepared to give much prayerful time and effort to the endeavor. It must be the major—the only real and deep—interest of our life.

The Bible means what it says, subject to the ordinary common-sense rules of language. The only special equipment we need to understand it is a deep love of God and a humble, teachable heart.

Truly it contains symbols, and mysteries, and figures of speech. But the vast bulk of it—*especially the commands concerning our actions and conduct and transformation of character from animal to spiritual*—is very plain and clear: painfully plain and clear.

The principal requirement to the understanding of any one part is a familiarity with the whole. If we are not prepared to take the time and make the effort to read and study it *all*, then we have little hope of properly understanding *any* of it, for mainly its explanation and unfolding comes from itself, with loving familiarity.

