

# What the Bible Says About the Bible

*“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” (Heb. 4:12)*

If you want to really get to know someone, the best thing to do is allow them to speak for themselves. Similarly, it is both reasonable and helpful to let the Bible speak for itself. Here are a few of the deeply meaningful insights that Scripture reveals about itself:

- Given by the inspiration of God – 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:19–21
- The very words of God – 1 Thessalonians 2:13
- All we need to know God – Luke 16:29, 31
- A perfect guide for life – Proverbs 6:23
- Pure – Psalm 12:6; 119:140
- True – Psalm 119:160; John 17:17
- Trustworthy – Proverbs 30:5–6
- Perfect – Psalm 19:7
- Effective – Isaiah 55:11
- Powerful – Hebrews 4:12
- Nothing should be taken from or added to it – Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32
- For everyone – Romans 16:25–27
- To be obeyed – James 1:22

And here are some poetic images from Scripture about Scripture:

- Sweet like honey – Psalm 19:10
- A lamp to guide our life – Psalm 119:105
- Food for our soul – Jeremiah 15:16

- A fire that purifies and a hammer that breaks us – Jeremiah 23:29
- A sword for defeating evil – Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12
- A seed for salvation planted in us – James 1:21
- Milk that nourishes us – 1 Peter 2:2

By its own declaration, the importance and trustworthiness of Scripture can hardly be overstated. From God to you, the Bible remains a wonderful book that is also reliable and relevant. If you want to hear a word from God, the best thing to do is read the Word of God.

*Which of the statements above do you find most important? Which of the Scriptures above might be worthwhile for you to look up for yourself? {eoa}*

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