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THE BIBLE IS A DEMANDING BOOK

(1 Thessalonians 2:1-13)

INTRODUCTION

“Demanding” - to ask for boldly or urgently; to call for as necessary; an urgent requirement; a strong or authoritative request; something “in demand” means wanted or sought.

The library has thousands of books: can't read them all and no demand for many of them.

(Ecclesiastes 12:12) “ ... of making many books there is no end ...

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments ... “

The Bible has an eternal message: (2 Timothy 3:14-17) “But you must ... the Holy Scriptures ... able to make you wise for salvation ... all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable ... “

1. THE BIBLE DEMANDS THAT IT BE READ

(Revelation 1:3) “Blessed is he who reads ... who hear ... and keep ... “

Paul gave many charges that his letters should be read:

(1 Thessalonians 5:26; Colossians 4:16; Ephesians 3:3-4); 1 Tim. 4:13)

2. THE BIBLE DEMANDS THAT IT BE BELIEVED

(Hebrews 4:2) “For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them: but the word which they heard **did not profit them**, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it”

(John 20:30-31) “ ... but these are written that you may believe ... “

(Romans 10:17) “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”

Many books are fiction; however, (John 17:17) “ ... Your word is truth”

3. THE BIBLE DEMANDS THAT IT BE OBEYED

Jesus said it: (John 14:15) “If you love Me, keep My commandments”

(John 14:21 and v23; Matthew 7:21)

Apostle Paul gives a somber warning: (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10)

The Bible will be book opened in judgment: (John 12:48-49)

4. THE BIBLE DEMANDS THAT IT BE LIVED

Many books in the library advise us and prepare us for success here.

The Bible message prepares us for here and here-after.

(1 Peter 2:21; Titus 2:11-13; Romans 12:1-2)