

# Purely Biblical

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## ~The Bible...~

### Quotes:

No man ever believes that the Bible means what it says: He is always convinced that it says what he means. --George Bernard Shaw

The Holy Book of the living God suffers more from its exponents today than from its opponents. -  
Leonard Ravenhill

*It will greatly help you to understand scripture if you note – not only what is spoken and written, but of whom and to whom, with what words, at what time, where, to what intent, with what circumstances, considering what goes before and what follows. --Miles Coverdale, in his introduction to his Bible translation.*

When you read God's Word, you must constantly be saying to yourself, "It is talking to me, and about me." --Soren Kierkegaard

Bible reading is an education in itself. --Lord Tennyson

Reading the Bible without meditating on it is like trying to eat without swallowing. –Anonymous

The Bible is a book that has been read more and examined less than any book that ever existed. --Thomas Paine

It is not at all incredible, that a book which has been so long in the possession of mankind should contain many truths as yet undiscovered. -- Bishop Butler

The letter of Scripture is a veil just as much as it is a revelation; hiding while it reveals, and yet revealing while it hides.—Andrew Jukes

Coming to the Bible through commentaries is much like looking at a landscape through garret windows, over which generations of unmolested spiders have spun their webs. --Henry Ward Beecher

There is a way of reading the Bible that seems to leave God far away, off in the shadows somewhere. It is all information and technicalities and knowledge, but it feels like you're sitting with your back towards God. You come up against a difficulty or question, and you go to books, you ask pastors, friends, strangers on the internet, anyone but Him. Gradually God gets smaller and dimmer. –Unknown

*We approach Scripture with minds already formed by the mass of accepted opinions and viewpoints with which we have come into contact, in both the Church and the world....It is easy to be unaware that it has happened; it is hard even to begin to realize how profoundly tradition in this sense has moulded us. –J.I. Packer*

The Word of God well understood and religiously obeyed is the shortest route to spiritual perfection. And we must not select a few favorite passages to the exclusion of others. Nothing less than a whole Bible can make a whole Christian. --AW. Tozer

The Bible is a harp with a thousand strings. Play on one to the exclusion of its relationship to the others, and you will develop discord. Play on all of them, keeping them in their places in the divine scale, and you will hear heavenly music all the time. --William P. White

For some years now I have read through the Bible twice every year. If you picture the Bible to be a mighty tree and every word a little branch, I have shaken every one of these branches because I wanted to know what it was and what it meant. --Martin Luther

Here, then, is the real problem of our negligence. We fail in our duty to study God's Word not so much because it is difficult to understand, not so much because it is dull and boring, but because it is work. Our problem is not a lack of intelligence or a lack of passion. Our problem is that we are lazy. --R. C. Sproul

One of these days some simple soul will pick up the Book of God, read it, and believe it. Then the rest of us will be embarrassed. --Leonard Ravenhill

The scripture in times of disputes is like an open town in times of war, which serves in differently the occasions of both parties. --Alexander Pope

Each epoch has found in the Gospels what it sought to find there, and has overlooked what it wished to overlook. -- Ludwig von Mises

The book to read is not the one which thinks for you, but the one which makes you think. No book in the world equals the Bible for that. --Mccosh

Most people are bothered by those passages of Scripture they do not understand, but the passages that bother me are those I do understand. --Mark Twain

The Bible is the greatest example of the whole being greater than its parts. --Michael Phillips.

Do you wish to find out the really sublime? Repeat the Lord's Prayer. --Napolean

The Bible is worth all other books which have ever been printed. --Patrick Henry

***Who decides what is right and wrong in the world? Who has the authority to define morality for all of creation? It is not the courts, congress, the media, public opinion, the "politically correct" police, the "tolerance" brigade or even the church. The only answer has been, is and always will be Jesus Christ. You can find His opinion on a great variety of subjects in His best seller... The Bible. --Jeffrey E. Ramey***

You may as well quit reading and hearing the Word of God, and give it to the devil, if you do not desire to live according to it. -- Martin Luther

The word of God hidden in the heart is a stubborn voice to suppress.--Billy Graham

It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible. --George Washington

I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this Book that you can by reason and the balance by faith, and you will live and die a better man. It is the best Book which God has given to man. --  
Abraham Lincoln

I have always said that a studious perusal of the sacred volume will make better citizens, better fathers, and better husbands. --Thomas Jefferson.

So great is my veneration for the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens of their country and respectable members of society. I have for many years made it a practice to read through the Bible once every year. --John Quincy Adams

If there is anything in my thoughts or style to commend, the credit is due to my parents for instilling in me an early love of the Scriptures. --Daniel Webster

Whatever merit there is in anything that I have written is simply due to the fact that when I was a child my mother daily read me a part of the Bible and daily made me learn a part of it by heart. --John Ruskin

***I am much afraid that schools will prove to be the great gates of hell unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, engraving them in the hearts of youth. I advise no one to place his child where the scriptures do not reign paramount. --Martin Luther***

If you believe that exposing your children to violence is a problem, by all means keep them away from the Bible. --Rev. Charles Henderson

The Old Testament, as everyone who has looked into it is aware, drips with blood; there is, indeed, no more bloody chronicle in all the literature of the world. --Henry L. Mencken

The New Testament is the very best book that ever was or ever will be known in the world. --Charles Dickens

The Bible is the truest utterance that ever came by alphabetic letters from the soul of man, through which, as through a window divinely opened, all men can look into the stillness of eternity, and discern in glimpses their far-distant, long-forgotten home. --Thomas Carlyle

Sink the Bible to the bottom of the ocean, and still man's obligations to God would be unchanged. He would have the same path to tread, only his lamp and guide would be gone; the same voyage to make, but his chart and compass would be overboard! --Henry Ward Beecher

The existence of the Bible, as a book for the people, is the greatest benefit which the human race has ever experienced. Every attempt to belittle it is a crime against humanity. --Immanuel Kant

The Bible has been the Magna Charta of the poor and oppressed. The human race is not in a position to dispense with it. --Thomas Huxley

It is impossible to enslave mentally or socially a Bible-reading people. The principles of the Bible are the groundwork of human freedom. -- Horace Greeley

The Bible itself is intolerant, and true followers of God's word should be as well.-- Bob Jones III,  
president of Bob Jones University

Too often we see the Bible through whatever lens we get from our culture. --Brian McLaren

Just because the Bible says something doesn't make it truth, if what you are saying from the Bible is slanted, distorted, mis-applied, or merely the letter of the word. --J. Preston Eby

The devil can quote Scriptures and so can his ministers and they can quote them in perfect King James English. --Gary Amirault

Spouting scripture has no magic to dispel the devil. Scripture has phenomenal power but unless you submit your mind to its inerrant truth, its power is largely lost to you. --Martha Kilpatrick

The one thing the New Testament forbids us to do is to treat it as a static document to be used as a set of proof-texts for instant solutions to complex and controversial contemporary problems. To misuse the New Testament in this way is to deny its dynamic character and to fail to realize that the Word has to be applied in a specific context. ...A static interpretation of the New Testament is dependent on a frozen Christology.--Karl Paul Donfried

The Christian community continues to exist because the conclusions of the critical study of the Bible are largely withheld from them. --Hans Conzelmann

Both read the Bible day and night; but you read black where I read white.--William Blake

When you are reading a book in a dark room, and come to a difficult part, you take it to a window to get more light. So take your Bibles to Christ. --Robert Murray M'Cheyne

The Bible rose to the place it now occupies because it deserved to rise to that place, and not because God sent anybody with a box of tricks to prove its divine authority. --Bruce Barton

There are more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history.-- Sir Isaac Newton

More than 400 errors in the first edition of the King James Bible were corrected in a subsequent edition two years later. --Neil Lightfoot, *How We Got the Bible* pg. 59

We are all literalists, we are all doubters. It just depends on which part of the Bible we happen to be focusing our attention. --Michael Phillips

The Bible is no mere book, but a Living Creature, with a power that conquers all that oppose it. -- Napoleon

The observant man recognizes many mysteries into which he can not pretend to see, and he remembers that the world is too wide for the eye of one man. But the modern sophists are sure of everything, especially if it contradicts the Bible. --Charles Haddon Spurgeon

The Bible is a collection of fantastic legends without scientific support.-- *The Communist Dictionary* issued by the Soviet State Publishing

I am going to put the Bible out of business. --Robert Ingersoll

Another century and there will not be a Bible on earth! --Voltaire

*Voltaire expected that within fifty years of his lifetime there would not be one Bible in the world. His house is now a distribution center for Bibles in many languages. --Corrie Ten Boom*

The foibles, inconsistencies and humanness (of the Bible) all the more show us that the letter of the Scripture is not to be enthroned as an idol to be worshipped of itself. The letter will always kill. It is the spirit which God has breathed into his holy instrument, the spirit of his high Logos, this Word, that transmits its life to all those who obey it. --Michael Phillips

The value of the Old Testament may be dependant on what seems its imperfection. It may repel one use in order that we may be forced to use it in another way—to find the Word in it...to re-live, while we read, the whole Jewish experience of God's gradual and graded self-revelation, to feel the very contentions between the Word and the human material through which it works. --C.S. Lewis

Instead of believing therefore that because the Scripture is human and has grown with men, and has marks of our weakness and death and shame upon it, therefore it must perish and see corruption, I believe that it can never perish or see corruption. I see it is human; I see that it has grown; I see it can be judged and wounded. I believe too that it has in its composition exactly so much of perishableness as Christ's flesh had when He walked here with His apostles. But it is like Christ's body, the peculiar tabernacle of God's truth. And those who walk by it day and night know this, for they have seen, as all shall one day see, it transfigured. --Andrew Jukes

There is an old Italian proverb about the nature of translation: "Traddutore, traditore!" This means simply, "Translators—traitors!" Of course, as you can see, something is lost in the translation of this pithy expression: there is great similarity in both the spelling and the pronunciation of the original saying, but these get diluted once they are put in English dress. Even the translation of this proverb illustrates its truth! --

Dr. Daniel Wallace, **"The History of the English Bible"**

We do not deny, nay we affirm and avow, that the very meanest translation of the Bible in English, set forth by men of our profession,...containeth the word of God, nay, is the word of God: as the King's speech which he uttered in Parliament, being translated into French, Dutch, Italian, and Latin, is still the King's speech, though it not be interpreted by every translator with the like grace nor peradventure so fitly for phrase, nor so expressly for sense, everywhere.--**From the translators to the readers in the introduction to the original 1611 King James Bible.**

He who reads the Bible in translation is like a man who kisses his bride through a veil. --Hayyim Nachman Bialik.

Still, when a veil there must be, the translator's task is to make it as gossamer-fine a veil as may be. Indeed, the face of even the most beautiful of women may be enhanced by a veil, if only the veil be worthy of her beauty. --MacGregor, **Literary History of the Bible**

Odd, the way the less the Bible is read the more it is translated. --C.S. Lewis

To preach the Bible as 'the handbook for life,' or as the answer to every question, rather than as the revelation of Christ, is to turn the Bible into an entirely different book. This is how the Pharisees approached Scripture, as we can see clearly from the questions they asked Jesus. For the Pharisees, the Scriptures were a source of trivia for life's dilemmas. --Michael Horton

We must stop using the Bible as though it were a potpourri of inerrant proof-texts by which we can bring people into bondage to our religious traditions...We must no longer use the Bible as the Pharisees used the Torah when they gave it absolute and final status. Christian biblicism is no different from Jewish legalism. It is the old way of the letter, not the new way of the Spirit. --Robert D. Brinsmead

Perhaps a way of illustrating the purpose of the law would be to liken the law to the chaff of grain or the shell of a nut. Christ is the True Meat which was to come at an appointed time in history. The Mosaic law protected, preserved, the central message of a redeemer of mankind who would come in the fullness of time. Chaff or shells act as preservers until the seed inside is ready to be eaten or until planting time. When it is time to eat the seed in the nut, we break off the shell! It has served its purpose. --Gary Amirault

The Bible is the written word of God, and because it is written it is confined and limited by the necessities of ink and paper and leather. The Voice of

God, however, is alive and free as the sovereign God is free. 'The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.' The life is in the speaking words. God's word in the Bible can have power only because it corresponds to God's Word in the universe. It is the present Voice which makes the written word powerful. Otherwise it would lie locked in slumber within the covers of a book. --A. W. Tozer

The whole meaning of spiritual understanding is that we see what the Spirit has always meant. It is one of our laws of interpretation that the whole Bible is focused in Christ, and that the work of the Holy Spirit in every dispensation relates to Christ. --T. Austin-Sparks

Christ is the Word of God. It is not in certain texts written in the New Testament, valuable as they are; it is not in certain words which Jesus spoke, vast as is their preciousness; it is in the Word, which Jesus is, that the great manifestation of God is made. --Phillips Brooks

The Word of God is a Person. When you read it, do you see words or do you see Him? --Jacquelyn K. Heasley

To understand the Book in real perception, it's necessary to know the Author before you read His Book. To truly KNOW Jesus as He is, we MUST know Him in experience. --Martha Kilpatrick

What we really need, after all, is not to defend the Bible but to understand it. --Millar Burrows

The longer you read the Bible, the more you will like it; it will grow sweeter and sweeter; and the more you get into the spirit of it, the more you will get into the spirit of Christ. --Romaine

The Bible is not an end in itself, but a means to bring men to an intimate and satisfying knowledge of God, that they may enter into Him, that they may delight in His Presence, may taste and know the inner sweetness of the very God Himself in the core and center of their hearts.-- A. W. Tozer