

God's Book

Let us consider the opening and closing verses of both testaments of the Holy Bible, God's Word, God's book.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Malachi 4:6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I [God] come and smite the earth with a curse.

Matthew 1:1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Revelation 22:21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

INFORMATION

God has positioned himself as book ends to each of the testaments of the Bible. Notice in Genesis 1:1, God establishes himself as the Creator of the heaven and the earth. In Malachi 4:6, at the end of the Old Testament, God reminds men that heaven and earth are his creations, and, as such, they should turn away from wickedness. Now, let us look at the New Testament. In Matthew 1:1, we see a book that speaks of the generation of Jesus Christ, God the Messiah. We also see that God ties himself to the Old Testament when he establishes that Jesus was the son of David and the son of Abraham. In Revelations 22:21, we see again that God reminds mankind of his creations. However, this time we are reminded that through Jesus Christ we are given a prayer for grace.

God is presented in the first and last verses of the Old Testament as authoritative and matter-of-fact. The first and last verses of the New Testament, however, show a side of God that is personable and approachable. The New Testament does not present a different God; instead, God is presenting himself differently. The key to remember is that in both Testaments, God is presenting himself to us. This is His book; His revelation to us that tells us who He is and who we are to Him.

WHAT IT MEANS TO OUR FAMILY

God desires that we know a great deal about him and has given us 66 special mini-books that make up the Bible, so that we can come to know Him. We should read this book over and over again and try to learn all that we can from it. This book contains the key to life both, here, and in eternity.

Relevant Passages

Joshua 1:8

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Isaiah 55:11

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Matthew 24:45

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.