

Kingdom thoughts

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe. Hebrews 12:28

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The Authority

Have you ever been impressed reading the Bible?

We all believe — or at least I trust we do — that the Bible is the inerrant Word of God. It is the only document that can legitimately make that claim in the world. It may be claimed that other writings have this authority, but for us only the Bible has the living credentials that sets it apart.

All of this can be, and perhaps is, good apologetics, but for me the real issue is the book itself. I have been struck on several occasions recently when reading a passage from the Bible of the authority the words hold. I found myself profoundly impressed that these words are not the words of a man — these words have a power and a unique authority. They speak directly to my heart — they comfort me, challenge me, confront me, encourage me and most importantly leave me in no doubt about my need for obedience to this authority. The writer of Hebrews sums it up in writing:

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Hebrews 4:12-13

It is not just words, the Bible has a life of its own — it is its own authority, it understands the very nature of the person reading, it dissects them, leaving nothing

to the imagination. It is all there, exposed before Him to whom we must give account. Isn't that wonderful? Here is truth, with no shadow of turning. My life, like everyone else's, needs an authoritative reference point. This book is reality and I have come face to face with it. Life is no longer a meaningless game — what a profound blessing!

The Bible is the sure reference point bringing a sense of security beyond our expectation and even imagination. Someone owns me, someone finds me of value at a level I can only begin to comprehend, and I am not alone in this vast universe. He holds me in His perfect love whilst extending amazing grace to me. He found me, redeemed me, forgave me, resurrected me in Christ and will never leave me.

Being a Christian is a pretty good life — I would not swap it as there is nothing that compares. Imagine being in tune with the Creator of the universe, able to think his thoughts after Him because He has entrusted Himself and His will to us through this amazing book — the Bible.

Could this possibly be true? Is there really a God like this or is my mind playing tricks on me? I think not because the truth is that the Bible tells me so. It is so simple yet so profound — it has changed multiple thousands of lives over two thousand years of history. And we are the current crop, living today for the glory of God.

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