

e) The Word is like a _____ because it reveals to us what we are and what we can be in God. (James 1:23)

f) The Word is like a _____ because it is a measuring instrument, it is a divine standard in all matters of faith and practice. (Rev 11:1,2)

g) The Word is like a _____ because it is a germinating, life producing word, having the potential of eternal life within it. (1st Pet 1:23)

Look up these remaining scriptures and list the symbols that you see being revealed.

Heb 4:12 _____

Eph 5:26 _____

Matt 4:4 _____

Heb 6:18,19 _____

a) How many books are there in the Old Testament? _____

b) How many books are there in the New Testament? _____

Lost Books of the Bible – the bible is complete. Many have tried to incorporate these books to make money, start another religion, and add content that satisfy the flesh and condone sin. Satan has tried to discredit and bring confusion concerning the Bible in many ways for decades.

- **Many organizations have used the Apocrypha to say they are Holy Books.** **Apocrypha** means that which is veiled, secret or closed. In biblical literature, **works outside an accepted canon of scripture**. The history of the term's usage indicates that it referred to a body of esoteric writings that were at first prized, later tolerated, and finally excluded. It refers to 14 books added to the Old Testament by the Roman Catholic Church in 1546. **Those books are as follows** : 1 Esdras, 2 Esdras, Tobit, Judith, Additions to Esther, Wisdom of Solomon, Ecclesiasticus, Baruch, Letter of Jeremiah, Prayer of Azariah
 - Susanna, Bel and the Dragon, Prayer of Manasseh, 1 Maccabees, 2 Maccabees

Most of the rest of Christendom rejects these books having a place in the canon of scripture. The following are some of the reasons for this rejection:

- 1) It is universally acknowledged that they never had a place in the Hebrew canon.
- 2) They were written in the 400 years between Malachi and John the Baptist when there was no inspired prophetic utterances. The last Old Testament prophet Malachi predicted the next messenger to come to Israel would be the forerunner of Christ. (Mal 3:1)
- 3) They were never quoted in the New Testament by Jesus or the Apostles.
- 4) They are not found in any catalog of Canonical Books during the first four centuries of the church.
- 5) Divine inspiration and authority is claimed by none of the writers and is disclaimed by some of them. (II Macc. 2:23; 15:38)
- 6) None of the writer's speak with a message from Jehovah.
- 7) The books contain many historical, geographical and chronological errors, at times contradicting themselves, the bible and History.
- 8) They teach doctrines and uphold practices which are contrary to canonical Scriptures. (e.g. lying is sanctioned, suicide and assassination are justified, magical incantations and prayers for the dead are taught and approved.)
- 9) They were first added after 300 A.D. The Laodicean Council in 363 A.D. replaced them as being not inspired. They first appeared in the Vatican Version of the first century. The Council of Trent in 1546 A.D. added them as more versions of scripture.
- 10) The lack of prophetic element in them and apparent imitation of the other books of the Old Testament that are inspired.
- 11) Too free of the use of imagination, giving rise to silly stories, and lack of spiritual force and power.

Canonicity defined- The word canon means measuring rod and refers to the standard or rule. Canonicity means that the biblical books have been measured by a standard, have stood the test and have been recognized as being inspired by God. This is how we measure the validity of the books in scripture now and the fallacies of those that claim to be valid.

- a) **Apostolic Connection**- Was the books written by an Apostle, and if not, was it written by someone in close relation to an Apostle to raise it up to apostolic level.
- b) **As to Content**- Were the contents of such spiritual character to warrant a place in scripture? This eliminates other spurious writings.
- c) **As to Universally**- Was the book universally accepted by the church in that time? This also helped in eliminating questionable gospels and other writings.
- d) **As to Inspiration**- Was the book inspired? Did it have internal evidence? This became the final test for all New Testament Books.

Write in the blanks below the different ways God revealed his Word to man.

- 1) **Matt 3:16,17;Matt 17:5;John 12:28**_____
- 2) **Acts 7:38 ; Heb 2:2** _____
- 3) **Acts 3:21; II Pet 1:21**_____
- 4) **Heb 1:1-3; Rev 1:1**_____
- 5) **Acts 1:2** _____
- 6) **Dan 7:13 ; Ez 1:1**_____
- 7) **Matt 1:20 ; Matt 2:12** _____
- 8) **Eph 3:3** _____
- 9) **II Tim 3:16**_____

Scriptures that will take you to the Heart of the Bible

Take two scriptures each week and memorize them - Repeat them out loud three times a day. The more you get the Word of God's Power in your heart, the more you will experience God move in your life.

- 1) Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- 2) Gen 1:26 And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
- 3) Heb 4:15,16 We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities but was at all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.
- 4) Heb 4:15 Therefore, come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- 5) Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering , for he is faithful that promised.
- 6) Heb 12:9 God is the Father of Spirits.
- 7) I Tim 5:19 against an elder receive not an accusation, but before 2 or 3 witnesses.
- 8) II Cor 13:5 Jesus is in you.
- 9) Ps 89:34 My covenant will I not break nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.
- 10) Pro 13:15 The way of the transgressors is hard.
- 11) Pro 18:16 a man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.
- 12) Pro 16:18 Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.

- 13) Pro 15:1 A soft answer turneth away wrath but grievous words stirreth up anger.
- 14) Pro 18:21 Death and life is in the power of the tongue.
- 15) Pro 18:22 When a man findeth a wife , findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor from the LORD.
- 16) Pro 18:24 a man that hath friends must shew himself friendly and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.
- 17) Ps 105:15 Saying, touch not mine anointed and do my prophets no harm.
- 18) Ps 8:4,5 What is man that thou aet mindful of him? And the son of man that thou visited him? 5) For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crown him with glory and honor.
- 19) I Cor 14:4 He that speaketh with an unknown tongue edifieth himself, but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.
- 20) Heb 10 :17 And your sins and iniquities will I remember no more.
- 21) Rom 5:12 Whereas by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned.
- 22) Rom 10:23 Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
- 23) Rom 12:10,11 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11) Never be lacking in zeal, but keep spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.
- 24) I Pet 2:17 Honor all Men, Love the brotherhood , fear God honor the King.
- 25) I Cor 9:22 I have become all things to all men , that I might save some.

- 26) I Cor 4:15 For though you have 10 thousand instructors in Christ, yet ye have not many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.
- 27) Eph 4:1 Walk worthy of your vocation in which ye are called.
- 28) Is 2:22 Don't fear no man.
- 29) Phil 4:6 Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God.
- 30) Luke 16:12 If you have not been faithful in that which is another's mans, who shall give you that which is your own.
- 31) Pro 8:35 Whoso findeth me findeth life and obtaineth favor from the LORD.
- 32) I John 4:19 We love Him because He first loved us.
- 33) Is 54:17 No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that rise against you in judgment shall though condemn.
- 34) I John 4:4 Greater is He that is in me, than He that is in the world.
- 35) Heb 6:10 God is not unrighteous to forget your labor of which you have shown toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints and do minister.
- 36) Joshua 23: All that the Lord promised to do , he did it . He kept all of his word.
- 37) Gen 9:3 Every living thing I have given as meat for you. Rom 14:14, Mark 7:18,19

- 38) Pro 8:17 I love them that love me, they shall find me that seek me early.
- 39) Pro 8:23-27 Wisdom (Jesus) was at the beginning with me.
- 40) Pro 10:7 The memory of the just is blessed, but the name of the wicked shall rot.
- 41) Heb 13:17 Obey them that have rule over you.
- 42) Ps 92:13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.
- 43) Mark 12:29,30 The LORD thy God is one. And thou shalt love the LORD with all of thy heart, soul, mind and strength.
- 44) Haggei 2:8,9 The gold and the silver is mine. 9) The later glory of this house shall be greater than the former.
- 45) Is 43:19 I will do a new thing, it shall spring forth, shall ye not know it, I will even make the way in the wilderness.
- 46) Ps 119:89 Forever, O LORD is thy word settled in Heaven.
- 47) Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.
- 48) Pro 18:21 Death and Life is in the power of the tongue.
- 49) Jer 33:3 Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things that thou knowest not.
- 50) I Sam 10:6 You are changed into another man, when the spirit comes upon you.
- 51) I Cor 14:40 Let all things be done decently and in order.
- 52) Pro 9:17 Stolen waters are sweet, bread eaten in secret is pleasant.

- 53) Is 26:3 He will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee because he trusteth in thee.
- 54) Pro 13:5 the way of the transgressor is hard.
- 55) Ps 19:17 He that helps the poor, lendeth to the LORD.
- 56) I Pet 5:5 God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble.
- 57) Ps 119:24 This is the Day which the LORD hath made, I will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 59) Heb 11:9 God is the Father of Spirits.
- 60) Titus 2:13 Jesus is our great God.
- 61) Is 55:8,9 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways. For as the Heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- 62) Ps 27:1 The Lord is my life and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid.
- 63) Ps 24:1 The earth is the LORDS and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein.
- 64) Ps 24:7,8 Lift up your heads O ye gates and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in. 8) Who is this King of Glory? The LORD strong and mighty in battle.
- 65) Deut 23:25 Ye shall serve the LORD your God , and he shall bless thy bread and thy water and I will take sickness from the midst of thee.

- 66) I Chron 12:32 Men of Issachar understood the times and what Israel should do
- 67) Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man is come and seek and save that which was lost.
- 68) Pro 29:18 Where there is no Vision the people perish.
- 69) II Chron 16:9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them, whose heart is perfect towards him.
- 70) Pro 13:5 The way of the transgressor is hard.
- 71) Pro 13:20 He that walketh with the wise shall be wise but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.
- 72) Is 64:6 Righteousness of the wicked is as filthy rags.
- 73) I Pet 2:2 As a newborn babe, desire the sincere milk of the Word that ye may grow thereby.
- 74) Pro 12:10 A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast.
- 75) Pro 13:13 Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed, but whoso feareth the commandments shall be rewarded.
- 76) Eph 4:3 Endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.
- 77) Pro 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight.
- 78) Pro 15 29 The LORD is far from the wicked, but he heareth the prayers of the righteous.
- 79) Pro 16:18 Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.

80) Pro 16:25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, the end thereof are the ways of death.

81) Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with his mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead; thou shalt be saved.

82) John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

83) Is 65:24 Before they call, I will answer, and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

84) Job 22:28 And thou shalt decree a thing and it shall be established unto thee.

85) Ps 34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

86) Pro 24:16 For a just man falleth seven times and rise up again.

87) Matt 23:12 And whosoever exalt himself shall be abased and he that humbled himself shall be exalted.

88) Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

89) Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew or Greek, bond or Free, male or female, for we are all one.