7 Wonders, continued

... is just as authoritative today as it was when it was first revealed to mankind.

The Bible is our final and only standard of authority in religious matters and must be obeyed. To obey or disobey the Bible is to obey or disobey God. All mankind will be judged by God based upon the Bible. The Bible is either absolute, or it is obsolete! The truth is, the Bible is our absolute authority. The Bible alone is authoritative; no church, human witness, creed, doctrine, or human reason can claim authority over the Bible.

7. Ability The Power of God's Word

"so shall my word be that goes 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" (Isaiah 55:11).

Man can do some powerful things like splitting an atom or putting a man on the moon. The Bible, however, has the power to change men's lives; to change the worst of sinners. No other book can do this. The Bible will do what it says it will do. The Bible works!

Yes, man-made wonders are impressive, but the seven wonders of God's word are more so. Are you impressed with the wonders of God's word enough to change your life today? - *Chris Reeves*

News & Notes

Please mark your calendar with the following important dates...

Feb. 18: Song practice; 5 pm; church building

Feb. 24: Ladies' Bible class; 11 am; Reeves' house; Chapter 4: Comforting the Bereaved

April 5-8: Gospel meeting with John Gentry

June 4-8: VBS (tentative)

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. - 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 - The psalmist tells us of the wonders of God's world in Psalm 19:1-6 and the wonders of God's word in Psalm 19:7-11.

The "seven wonders of the world" were made by man; impressive for their time. The seven wonders of the Bible were made by God; impressive for all time and eternity. What are the seven wonders of God's word?

I. Indestructibility

The Permanence of God's Word

"The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God shall stand forever" (Isaiah 40:8).

The antiquity of the word of God is impressive. The Bible just won't go away. The word of God, once revealed and completed, has never passed away. The Old Testament was completed c. 400 B.C. and the New Testament was completed c. 95 A.D. and we have all of it still to this day!

2. Inerrancy The Reliability of God's Word

"The words of Jehovah are pure words; as silver tried in a furnace on the earth, purified seven times" (Psalm 12:6).

The books of men contain errors (dictionaries, encyclopedias, histories, etc.). The Bible, on the other hand, is the very word of God. It is inspired, Godbreathed (2 Timothy 3:16-17), and no other book on earth is like it.

Because of its divine origin, the Bible is infallible and inerrant (without error). It is reliable and trustworthy. The Bible (the original autographs) is without mistake, contradiction, or falsehood. Bible writers wrote with accuracy (Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-2). Therefore, the Bible is reliable and dependable. The Bible is accurate in such areas as history, geography, science, etc.

3. Unity

The Harmony of God's Word

"The sum of thy word is truth; and every one of thy righteous ordinances endures for ever" (Psalm 119:160).

The Bible is one, unified book with one, unified message. But, the Bible has many different features. In the Bible, there is a large library of 66 books, with different styles of literature, three different languages, different locations and time periods, about 40 authors from diverse backgrounds, and two different major covenants. Yet, the Bible has one, unified author (God), and one, unified message: the story of the redemption and salvation of man's soul from sin through Jesus Christ.

4. Clarity

The Simplicity of God's Word

"...and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

The books of men can be confusing and convoluted. But, the Bible can be understood. It is intelligible and can be understood clearly by all because it is God's "revelation". The word "revelation" comes from the Greek word *apokalupto*, meaning "an uncovering; an unveiling; a disclosure; a manifestation."

5. Sufficiency

The Totality of God's Word

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he shall guide you into all the truth" (John 16:13).

The Bible is our complete and final guide in life. It is God's final revelation and it contains all the truth that God wants us to know. The Bible meets every spiritual purpose and need of mankind. Unlike the books of men, the Bible needs no revision or modernization; it is as relevant today as when it was first revealed thousands of years ago!

6. Authority

The Rule of God's Word

"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4)

Unlike books of men, the Bible has authority over all mankind. God's word ...