

# **"The Best Book"**

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"Every word of God is pure." Prov. 30:5.

Last week we talked about the trees, grass, flowers, birds, animals, sunshine, and many other beautiful things that we see when we go out of the house.

This week we shall talk about a certain thing that we see in the house. It can tell you who made the grass and animals and just how they were made. It is a wonderful book called the "Holy Bible," and it can tell you all about these and many other things of which you would like to know. Ask someone to please open it and read the first chapter to you.

The first chapter in the Bible says that God, who lives up above the stars in heaven, is the One who made the sun, moon, and stars, the flowers, birds, and animals, and all living things.

In Ephesians the third chapter and Colossians the first chapter we also read that God created "all things by Jesus Christ" His Son [Eph 3:9], "all things that are in heaven, and that are in earth, seen and unseen." [Col. 1:16] "For it pleased the Father that in Him [the Son] should all fulness dwell." [Col. 1:19] And in Hebrews the Father says to the Son, "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows." [Heb. 1:9]

No man hath seen God at any time; but the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared [John 1:18], or made Him known to us. So we need not be afraid to trust Him, for Jesus has come down to the earth and shown us that God is so powerful, and wise, and good, and loving, and kind, that among the gods there is none like Him, neither are there any works like unto His works, but He is God alone.

And yet God says that "all should honour the Son even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which sent Him." [John 5:23] And "unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever." "And again when He bringeth in the first begotten into the world, He saith, And let the angels of God worship Him." [Heb. 1:8, 6] In Hebrews we read that God "hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds, who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person," [Heb. 1:2, 3] upholds all things by the word of His power, and is set down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Now there are many books in the world but all of them together are not worth so much as this one book—the Bible—which introduces us to the God who made the heavens and the earth. It is the only book that is perfectly good and perfectly pure, because it is the only book that comes to us from God Himself. It came not as other books, by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost [2 Peter 1:21]. It is therefore God's word to us, and can have nothing wrong in it. When it says that God made the grass and flowers, we may believe every word that it says about it.

The word "Bible" means book. It is the "Holy Bible" (Holy Book), because Jesus by His Holy Spirit dwells in it. Jesus is so holy that His very presence makes a place holy. The Bible is therefore the purest and the best book in the whole world.

It is the most wonderful book of all for by studying it and believing it and receiving it in our hearts we receive the pure and lovely Jesus in our hearts, because He dwells in it. Thus it can take from us every naughty thing; for naughtiness cannot stay where Jesus is.

1. Have you found out who caused the pretty flowers and grasses and animals to grow?
2. Who was it?
3. Where only can we find out all about it?
4. What is the Bible?
5. Who sent it to us?
6. Then what kind of book is it—a good book, or a bad book?
7. Why is it a good book?—Because it is the Word of God, and God is good.
8. How are other books written? By the will of man.
9. How was the Bible written?—By the will of God, holy men wrote only as they were guided by the Spirit of God.
10. Then whose word is it?
11. Therefore when it says that God made the grass and every living thing, what may we believe?
12. Is it always safe to believe what other books say? Why not?
13. Why may we believe all that the Bible says? Prov. 30:5.

14. If we really receive God's Word into our hearts, what a wonderful change will it work in us? Why?
15. Can any other book do so much for us?
16. Then which is the best book in the whole world?
17. Has any one ever seen God?
18. Then how can we know Him?—By knowing Jesus. John 14:6, 7; 1:18.
19. What does the Father call Him?—God. Heb. 1:8.
20. What did He tell the angels to do?—To worship Him. Heb. 1:6.
21. How does He command us to honour Him? John 5:23.
22. By whom did God create all things? Eph. 3:9; Col. 1:16.