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I. The Bible is Acclaimed.
A. In White House, according to National Geo. there are 3 shelves in the large library just for the Bible. It's in 75 languages for use of visitors from foreign lands.
B. When the Queen of Eng. was coronated, she was presented a copy of the Bible with these words: "Gracious Queen: to keep Your Majesty ever mindful of the law and the gospel of God as the Rule for the whole life and government of Christian princes, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is Wisdom; this is the royal Law: these are the lively Oracles of God."
C. Of it, Woodrow Wilson wrote: "It is very difficult for a man or a boy having become familiar with the Scripture ever to get away from it. It remains with him like the memory of his mother, haunts him like an old song, follows him like the words of a beloved teacher, and becomes a part of the warp and woof of his very life."
D. Edward Tesh quotes a S. A. newspaper: "A newspaper in Buenos Aires, in contrasting the progress of North America and the lesser development of other countries, said: 'It is because of La Biblia' (the Bible). It continued: 'The Puritan came to North America with the Bible and the family; Columbus came to South
America with the crucifix and the priest.

E. Waymon Miller selected titles.

Heb. 10:17 - The Book
Jn. 5:39 - Scriptures
Dan. 10:21 - Scripture of truth
Eph. 6:17 - Word of God
Lu. 11:49 - Wisdom of God
1 Pet. 4:11 - Oracles of God
Exo. 32:16 - Writings of God
Acts 20:32 - Word of His grace
Acts 15:7 - Word of the gospel
Rom. 10:8 - Word of Faith
2 Cor. 5:19 - Word of reconciliation
Phil. 2:16 - Word of life
James 1:18 - Word of truth
Titus 1:9 - Faithful Word
Heb. 1:3 - Word of His power


G. Bible claims for self.

1. God's seed - Lu. 8:11, James 1:21
2. Born of - 1 Pet. 1:23
3. Grow by - 1 Pet. 1:2
4. Cleansed by - Jn. 15:3
5. Sanctified - Jn. 17:17
6. Protected by - Eph. 6:17
8. Illuminated by - Ps. 119:105
9. Converted by - Ps. 19:11
10. Satisfied with - Ps. 119:103
H. Light Irishman's wall

1. Card #2

Paul fairly asked his Oscar
Chess to rest.

1. Daily Bill Reader - 23
2. Chapters Read 0 - 8 70

Chest End 12-3-72
Mary Fowler - Rest,
Barbara Jabies - Rest,
Harold Davies, Jr. - Rest.
THE POWER OF THE BOOK

The Bible, the Word of God, is mighty in its influence. It is a devouring flame, "Wherefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them" (Jer. 5:14). It is a crushing hammer, "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" (23:29); a life-giving force, "So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone" (Ezek. 37:7); a saving power, "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" (Rom. 1:16); a defensive weapon, "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph. 6:17); and
a probing instrument, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12).

Robert J. Norman

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The Irishman's wall stood four feet wide and three feet tall. An observer scornfully asked why he had been to foolish as to build a wall wider than it was high. He replied, "I built it that way, so that if a storm should come and blow it over, it would be higher afterwards than it was before."

It is so with the Bible. In spite of all the storms which have beat upon it, a higher place is accorded it today than ever before. Its continuing existence is a standing miracle. The Huguenot Monument in Paris seems almost prophetic in its lines, "Hammer away, ye hostile hands. Your hammers break, God's anvil stands, And, stand it must, until God's purpose for it is complete.

Carl E. Bates

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