

“The Book”

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“**Bible**” is from the Greek word *biblion* and means “a Book.” Since the Bible is the revelation of the mind of God to the mind of man, it is proper to refer to it as “**The Book**.” Some names by which the Bible calls itself will help us to understand the power of it!

“**Word of God**,” Hebrews 4:12; Ephesians 6:17. “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 take ... the sword of the Spirit, which is the **word of God**.”

“**The Book**,” Hebrews 10:7. “Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come— in the volume of **the book** it is written of Me — to do Your will, O God.’”

“**The Scriptures**,” John 5:39; 2 Timothy 3:16. “You search **the Scriptures**, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.” “All **Scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”

“**Oracles of God**,” Romans 3:2; Hebrews 5:12; 1 Peter 4:11. “Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed **the oracles of God**.” “For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of **the oracles of God**; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.”

“**Living Oracles**,” Acts 7:38. “This is he who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, the one who received the **living oracles** to give to us.”

These designations give great power and credence to **the Book** which we call **the Bible**. Please read and study it. Please honor and respect it. One day it will be the very Book by which you are judged! “He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the **word** that I have spoken will judge him in the last day” (John 12:48).

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