



What Makes the Bible So Great?

By Robert Lupo

Focus 2026

There are so many things we could say about what makes the Bible so great. We could talk about how it was transferred and preserved over so many centuries or how it never contradicts itself though it was written by about 40 men of incredibly diverse backgrounds. But, sometimes it's best to just let the Bible speak for itself. In Psalm 19, verses 7-9, David gives us six reasons why the Bible is so great.

First, David writes, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul..." (v. 7a). God's Word is the ultimate apologetic. It never makes mistakes. It is perfectly in harmony about the nature of God and His desire to rescue man from sin. The Bible continues to change the hearts of man to give up worldliness and embrace godliness.

Second, "The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple..." (v. 7b). The word "sure" means "faithful, reliable, or permanent." We can trust the Word of God because it never changes. So, no matter who picks up the Word of God, they can trust in the wisdom it gives.

Third, "The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart..." (v. 8a). The Bible is never wrong about how we ought to live. If we are doing what the Bible says, then we know we are doing the right thing. What a relief it is that we do not have to be in the dark on moral dilemmas.

Fourth, "The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes..." (v. 8b). Sometimes the way we perceive things clouds our judgment. As Jesus explained in Matthew 7:3-5, we must remove the planks from our eyes so that we can see clearly and judge others righteously. So, how do we clear up our preconceptions? We must see what the Lord commands in His Word and not go beyond it or take away from it.

Fifth, "The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever..." (v. 9a). The Bible teaches us our proper place before God. He is the eternal, loving Creator of the universe. If we submit to His will, the Bible shows us that we will live with Him forever.

Sixth, "The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether" (v. 9b). The Bible reveals the perfect character of our heavenly Father. I can rest assured that all things that God has decreed are what is best for me. I have no need to question His perfect judgment.

The Bible is the greatest book ever written because it is the Word of the living God. How precious are the words of God to you? Verse 10 of Psalm 19 says, "More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb." Do you desire to study the Bible like you should? Do you talk to others about the Bible like you should? How great is the Bible to you?

Sunday: Worship 10:30am & Class 5:00pm

Tuesday: Benevolence 9:00-10:00am & Young at Heart Class 10:30am

Wednesday: Class 6:30pm

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All In on Work (Every member has a job)

How many tribes of Israel? _____

Shocked to find out there were _____?

- Jacob had 12 sons, yet he “_____” Joseph’s sons, _____ and _____. Joseph got a double portion
 - Seen in:
 - Wilderness Camping
 - Giving of the _____ of Israel
- Notice who doesn’t have land/ counted in the part of the Twelve: Tribe of _____
 - Oh, but they are there! And they are an integral part of the Nation.
 - They are _____.

Is that all they do? _____

- The Priests only came from one _____ of the Levites: _____ family
- Other Families had other _____
 - Numbers 4
 - 1 Chronicles 23:4-5

Under the New Covenant: We are all _____ (Revelation 1:6)

- We too, have different _____ (Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12)
- We have _____ work to do!

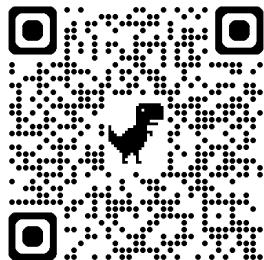
What can I do?

_____ your _____

_____ for _____

_____ others _____

_____ Give _____



Todo en el trabajo (Cada miembro tiene un trabajo)

¿Cuántas tribus de Israel? _____

¿Te sorprendió descubrir que eran _____?

- Jacob tuvo 12 hijos, pero “_____” a los hijos de José, _____ y _____. José recibió una doble porción. Se ve en:
 - _____ para acampar en el desierto
 - Entrega de la _____ de Israel
- Observa quién no tiene tierra/no se cuenta en la parte de los Doce: Tribu de _____
 - ¡Ah, pero están allí! Y son parte integral de la nación.
 - Son _____.

¿Es eso todo lo que hacen? _____

- Los sacerdotes solo provenían de una _____ de levitas: la familia de _____
- Otras familias tenían otros _____.
 - Números 4
 - 1 Crónicas 23:4-5

Bajo el Nuevo Pacto: Todos somos sacerdotes (Apocalipsis 1:6).

- Nosotros también tenemos diferentes _____ (Romanos 12; 1 Corintios 12).
- ¡Tenemos _____ trabajo por hacer!

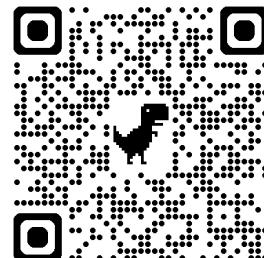
¿Qué puedo hacer?

_____ tus _____

_____ _____

_____ _____ a otros

_____ te _____



01
Feb

GAME NIGHT

Youth game night directly following service in the gym (Football-Basketball) 6:30-8pm

07
Feb

Galentines

Audra Jennings is hosting a Galentine's (Valentines for Girls) party at her home for JH & HS Girls 6-9pm. (RSVP to 903.654.1565)

08
Feb

Youth Devo

Williams hosting a Youth Devo (6th-12th Grades) 6:30-8pm

09
Feb

Sweetheart Banquet

Youth Group will host our Young at Heart age, serving a meal with entertainment. (6-8pm)

13-14
Feb

T3 (Teach The Truth)

T3 is a weekend of classes to equip our youth. Geared for High School Age. Check website for info.

22
Feb

Friends & Family Day

Worship together. Guest speaker Steve Higginbotham, Fellowship Meal, & 1pm message

23
Feb

M&M (Meal & Message)

Meal @ 6pm followed by a message from Steve Higginbotham.

24
Feb

Young at Heart Class

10:30 AM - Steve Higginbotham will present a class. All are welcome to attend!

Church Leadership & Westhill Works

Deacons

David Baumgartner - 903.654.4057
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Staff

Jay Mahoney - 903.467.9093 (Office)

Community Outreach

Addiction [Recovery](#) Counseling
Benevolence Program

Food for Fitness

Forever His

Local Missions

Bear Valley - Wayne Jones
Cherokee Children's Home
Disaster Relief
The Jenkins Institute
Knoxville School of Preaching
Memphis School of Preaching
WVBS school.wvbs.org

U.S. Mission Points

Tilton, NH & Mesa, AZ

Foreign Missions

Cameroon Preacher Training
India Preacher Training

Prayer Needs:

Don Ewing — Cancer has returned; will see his doctor for treatment options.

Martha Dowdle — Began chemotherapy for spots on her liver.

Joel and Eli Haden — On an extended work trip for several weeks; prayers for safety.

Myrna Haufe continues to deal with health issues that have kept her home bound.

Paula Gentry (Angus community) — Lost her home in a fire; prayers for comfort and provision.

Our Sympathy to Vicki Ivy and Family over the passing of her brother, **Randy Bell**.

Continue to remember: Bronny & Ruth Watson, Dan & Rita Dominy, Eula Henry, Louie & Patty Williams, Nick Tooley, Bill & Beverly Abercrombie, Beverly Heathcote, David Mahoney, Millard & Martha Dowdle, Carol Barham, Judi Olsen, Tangie Anderson, Jim Milam, & David Mahoney

Staffed nursery available for babies up to 2 yr old.
Nursery Attendant this week:

This Week's Birthdays

February 5 - Jourdan Begnaud & Jazmine Medina

February 6 - Donny Beal

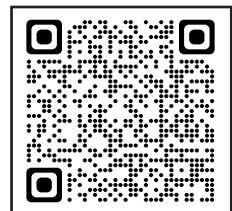
February 7 - Donna Drain, Clay Jackson, Afton Mahoney & Tina Roughton

Records for January 26, 2025

AM Worship.....	
Contribution	\$6,316

Visitor Form

Thank you for joining us for worship! We would love to follow-up with you...



Announcements:

We rejoice with **Turner Jones** as he made the decision to put on Christ in baptism!

Baby Shower for Claire Gowen

- Today @ 3pm in the Parlor.
<https://my.babylisit.com/claire-gowan>

Galentine's Party - Sat. Feb. 7 for girls in Jr High & HS @ Audra Jennings home.

Sweetheart Banquet - Feb. 9

Youth Group will serve the Young at Heart group.

T-3 (Teach the Truth) - Feb 13-14

High School age will go to Lewisville church of Christ.

Blooming Grove Gospel Meeting - Feb. 20-22

"The God of the Mountains" w/ Kerry Clark

Friends & Family Day - Save the Date: Sun. Feb. 22

Westhill ARC (Addiction Recovery Counseling) meets weekly - contact Jay Mahoney

Westhill, thank you so much for the cards, calls, and prayers for our family after the passing of our loved one, John Braly. Thank you for your love and care. In Christian love, **the Braly family**.

Privileged to Serve

AM Song Leader

Joshua Haden

AM Opening Prayer

Ronnie Giles

Scripture Reading

Frizzell Henry

Communion Leader

Zach Drain

Communion Servers

Luke Baumgartner

Marcus Dancer

Donny Beal

Clay Jackson

Isaac Haden

Josh Newman

Levi Haden

Dillan Parrish

Thomas Helms

James Olsen

AM Closing Prayer

Carson Barham

PM Song Leader

Joshua Haden

PM Opening Prayer

Colton Gowan

PM Devo

Jay Mahoney

PM Closing Prayer

Cash Hendrix

Wed. Song Leader

Joel Haden

Wed. Invitation

Scott Barham

Feb. Worship Coord.

Greg Olsen & Rusty Smith

Feb. Elder of Month

Percell Milton