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**A SERIES OF SHORT BIBLE STUDIES FOR THE HOME CIRCLE
UPON THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH**

**“Most wondrous Book! Bright candle of the Lord! Star of eternity! The only star By which the bark
of man could navigate The sea of life, and gain the coast of bliss Securely! “**

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Forward

The Bible Made Plain is the publishers' response to an urgent demand for a small book of simple, well-illustrated Bible readings for the home. Twenty-eight readings have been prepared on fundamental topics of the Christian faith. The plan of presentation is the familiar and ever-interesting form of questions followed by answers in the language of the Scriptures. The words which directly answer a question are printed in italics, thus enabling the reader to follow more easily the line of thought presented.

In this time of unrest nothing will steady the heart and confirm the soul like a thoughtful study of the Word of God. The fever of modern life, the high tension of our modern age, tend powerfully to draw men away from the Bible.

Higher criticism and infidelity have swept in upon the world, making their destructive inroads upon the home and school, and upon the professed church of God itself. It is high time to "cry aloud and spare not" in warning men against all forms of modern infidelity.

"The apostles and prophets" are still the sure foundation. That Book which was the guiding light of ages past is the polestar of our hope today.

That this little book may indeed help to make the Bible plain, shedding its rays of light and helpfulness into many hearts and homes, is the hope and prayer of

THE PUBLISHERS.

1. The Sacred Scriptures

BY WHAT name did Jesus refer to the sacred writings of the Old Testament, the Bible of His day?

“Jesus said unto them, Did you never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner?” Matthew 21:42.

What other title is given the revelation of God to man?

“And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.” Luke 8:21.

How were the Scriptures given?

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God.” 2 Timothy 3:16.

NOTE-When New Testament writers speak of “scripture” they refer to the Old Testament Scriptures. But inasmuch as the same God who inspired the writers of the Old Testament also inspired the writers of the New Testament, what the latter declare concerning the inspiration and value of the earlier writings is equally true of the New Testament.

By whom were the men directed who thus spoke for God?

“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” 2 Peter 1:21.

What specific instance is mentioned by Peter?

“Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spoke before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.” Acts 1:16.

Who, therefore, did the speaking through these men?

“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets.” Hebrews 1:1.

For what purpose were the Scriptures written?

“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.” Romans 15:4.

For what is all scripture profitable?

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” 2 Timothy 3:16.

What was God's design in thus giving the Scriptures?

“That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” Verse 17.

What does God design that His word shall be to us in this world of darkness, sin, and death?

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” Psalm 119:105.

What is God called in the Scriptures?

“He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.” Deuteronomy 32:4.

What, therefore, must be the character of His word?

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” John 17:17.

What estimate did job place upon the words of God?

“Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.” Job 23:12.

How firm was the faith of the great Isaiah in God's word?

“The grass withers the flower fades: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.” Isaiah 40:8.