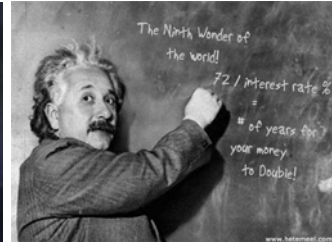
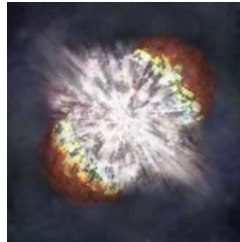


Matthew 4:1-11 "The Power of God's Word"
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- The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. Isaiah 40:8, KJV



- Creation Ex Nihilo refers to the supernatural event which was the beginning of the universe. It was the moment that God created something from nothing.



“By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. Hebrews 11:3 ESV

- “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15
- Two major sections – The Old Testament and the New Testament
- Old Testament = 39 books
- New Testament = 27 books
- Total = 66 books
- Written by 40 different people over 1,600 years
- Old Testament – Hebrew
- New Testament – Koine Greek
- 1. God gave us our Bible
 - “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 NKJV
- 2. God, by His Holy Spirit, guided human writers to write God’s message to us without error
 - For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:21
- 3. We have God’s very thoughts about how to do life in the Bible
- 4. The Bible is about Jesus, and Jesus is the only way we can have a relationship with the Father

- Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6



5. We can be assured that the Bible we have today is reliable

- We have also a more sure word of prophecy...

“And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.” (2Peter 1:19 NIV)

- “Peter means the entire word of God. God got His entire will and word through to man. The Word of God is better than seeing or hearing.” - J. Vernon McGee Through The Bible

Book	When Written	Earliest Copy	Time Span	No. of copies
New Testament	A.D. 40 – 100	A.D. 125	25 yrs.	Over 24,000
Homer <i>Iliad</i>	900 B.C.	400 B.C.	500 yrs	643
Demosthenes	383-322 B.C.	1,100 A.D.	1,300 yrs.	200*
Sophocles	496-406 B.C.	1,000 A.D.	1,400 yrs.	100
Livy	59 B.C. - A.D. 17	-	-	20
Tacitus (<i>Annals</i>) also minor works	100 A.D. 100 A.D.	1,100 A.D. 1,000 A.D.	1,000 yrs. 900 yrs.	20(-) 1
Caesar	100-44 B.C.	900 A.D.	1,000 yrs.	10
Aristophanes	450-385 B.C.	900 A.D.	1,200 yrs.	10
Euripedes	480-406 B.C.	1,100 A.D.	1,500 yrs.	9
Suetonius (<i>De Vita Caesarum</i>)	75-160 A.D.	950 A.D.	800 yrs.	8
Herodotus (<i>History</i>)	480-425 B.C.	900 A.D.	1,300 yrs.	8
Thycydides (<i>History</i>)	460-400 B.C.	900 A.D.	1,300 yrs.	8
Pliny the Younger (<i>History</i>)	61-113 A.D.	850 A.D.	750 yrs.	7
Plato (<i>Tetralogies</i>)	427-347 B.C.	900 A.D.	1,200 yrs.	7
Aristotle	384-322 B.C.	1,100 A.D.	1,400 yrs.	5+

* All from one copy
+ Of any one work

- It is reassuring at the end to find that the general result of all these discoveries of the authenticity of the Scriptures, [is] our conviction that we have in our hands, in substantial integrity, the veritable Word of God. *Kenyon, Frederic G. The Story of the Bible p. 113*
- But the word of the LORD endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you. I Peter 1:25



Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures. Psalms 119:89-90

“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.” Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.” (Matthew 4:1-11 NIV)

6. Jesus knows our weaknesses

- **For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Hebrews 4:15**

“Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?” (Matthew 26:53 NIV)



7. Life is not a playground, but rather, a battlefield

- **For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against those mighty powers of darkness who rule this world, and against wicked spirits in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12 NLT**

man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Deuteronomy 8:3 NIV

Yes, he humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to you and your ancestors. He did it to teach you that people do not live by bread alone; rather, we live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Deuteronomy 8:3 NLT

You must not test the Lord your God as you did when you complained at Massah. Deuteronomy 6:16

Fear the Lord your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name. Deuteronomy 6:13 NIV

Application:

List of temptation and trials:

1. Doubts of salvation
 - a. For whosoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved Romans 10:13
 - b. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. I John 5:13
2. Can I be forgiven of my past/present?
 - a. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9
 - b. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1
 - c. as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Psalms 103:12
3. How am I going to make it tomorrow?
 - a. And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19
 - b. Matt. 6:31-34

4. Fear
 - a. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. II Timothy 1:7 NKJV
 - b. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship.* And by him we cry, "Abba,* Father." Romans 8:15NIV
 - c. The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1 NIV
 - d. I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4 NIV
 - e. When I am afraid, I will trust in you. Psalm 56:3 NIV
 - f. For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. Isaiah 41:13
 - g. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. I John 4:18
5. Pride
 - a. When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom. Proverbs 11:2 NIV
 - b. Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 16:18 NIV
 - c. Pride ends in humiliation, while humility brings honor. Proverbs 29:23 NLT
 - d. For the proud will be humbled, but the humble will be honored." Luke 14:11 NLT
6. Loss of Job
 - a. I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. Psalm 37:25 NIV
7. Selfishness
 - a. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:10
 - b. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Philippians 2:3
 - c. I Cor. 10:24
8. Lying
 - a. Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment. Proverbs 12:19
 - b. The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful. Proverbs 12:22
 - c. A man of perverse heart does not prosper; he whose tongue is deceitful falls into trouble. Proverbs 17:20
 - d. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, Colossians 3:9
9. Thought Life
 - a. "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Isaiah 26:3
 - b. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.Ps. 139:23 NLT
 - c. Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. Ps. 1:1-2
 - d. casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, II Corinthians 10:5 NKJV
10. Gossip
 - a. Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Ephesians 4:29 NIV
 - b. A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends. Proverbs 16:28
 - c. Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of malicious behavior.
11. Temptation
 - a. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. I Corinthians 10:13
 - b. You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. I John 4:4
12. Hope
 - a. Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior Psalm 42:5
 - b. Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful. Hebrews 10:23
13. Lust
 - a. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Romans 6:12
 - b. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.* Romans 13:14 NIV
 - c. "I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl. Job 31:1

- 14. Internet
 - a. I will set nothing wicked before my eyes Psalm 101:3a NKJV
- 15. Unforgiveness
 - a. Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of malicious behavior. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. Eph. 4:31-32 NIV
 - b. Matt. 6:14-15
- 16. Loneliness
 - a. "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Hebrews 13:5b
 - b. I command you--be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 NIV
 - c. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1

- **“This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word. Isaiah 66:2b**
- **II Corinthians 6:2 For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, God is ready to help you right now. Today is the day of salvation.**

All Bible references are from the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted. NLT = New Living Translation. NKJV = New King James Version. ESV = English Standard Version.

Genesis - Promised seed
Exodus - Passover Lamb
Leviticus - Scapegoat
Numbers - Brazen Serpent
Deuteronomy - Great Law Giver
Joshua - Prophet, Priest and King
Judges - Judge of all the Universe
Ruth - Kinsman Redeemer
Samuel - He is the One who anoints and sets up Kings
Kings He is King of Kings and the Lord of Lords
Chronicles - He is the Great Historian
Ezra - Rebuilder of the Temple
Nehemiah - Rebuilder of the Wall
Esther - Savior of all Israel
Job - Friend that sticks closer than a brother
Psalms - Song of the Ages
Proverbs - Wisdom
Ecclesiastes - Truth
Song of Solomon - Wonderful Lover
Isaiah - Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace
Jeremiah - Weeping Prophet
Lamentations - Great street Preacher
Ezekiel - Builder of the Kingdom Temple
Daniel - Stone that's cut out without hands that's going to set up His everlasting Kingdom here on Earth
Hosea - Spurned but Forgiving Spouse
Joel - One who Baptizes us with the Holy Spirit
Minor Prophets - One born in Bethlehem of Judah
Matthew - King of Kings
Mark - Suffering Servant

Luke - Son of Man
John - Son of God
Acts - Power of the Church
Romans - Power of the Gospel
Corinthians - 2 nd Adam
Galatians - Torn Veil
Ephesians - our Heavenly One
Philippians - our Sufficiency
Colossians - the One in whom the Godhead fully dwells bodily
Thessalonians - Great Rapturer
Timothy - Our Mediator
Titus - Our Blessed Hope
Philemon - Forgiver of the Wayward Slave
Hebrews - Best of All
James - Fulfiller of the Law
Peter - Rock of Ages
John - our Assurance
Jude - He is the One who is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy
Revelation - One that is coming again on a white horse to set up His Kingdom here on earth.