

A black desk lamp with a silver ring is positioned on the left side of the frame. In the center, an open book with a red cover lies flat, its pages slightly curved. To the right, a red pen holder with white floral patterns contains several pens and pencils. The background is a dark green chalkboard with faint white lines.

# Beyond, The Bible and US

- *Hebrews 4:12-13 God's word is alive and working and is sharper than a double-edged sword. It cuts all the way into us, where the soul and the spirit are joined, to the center of our joints and bones. And it judges the thoughts and feelings in our hearts. 13 Nothing in all the world can be hidden from God. Everything is clear and lies open before him, and to him we must explain the way we have lived. NCV*



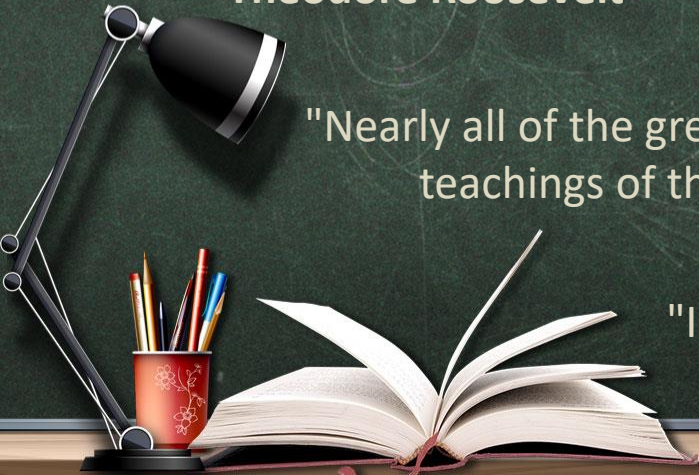
"In regard to this great book, I have but to say, it is the best gift God has given to man. All the good Savior gave to the world was communicated through this book..... All things most desirable for man's welfare, here and hereafter, are to be found portrayed in it. To you I return my most sincere thanks for the elegant copy of the great Book of God which you present." **Abraham Lincoln**

"Almost every man who has by his life's work added to the sum of human achievement of which the race is proud, of which our people are proud; almost every such man has based his lifework largely upon the teachings of the Bible."

**Theodore Roosevelt**

"Nearly all of the great men of our country have been well versed in the teachings of the Bible." **Franklin D. Roosevelt**

"I have known 95 great men of the world in my time, and of these 87 were followers of the Bible. **William Gladstone**



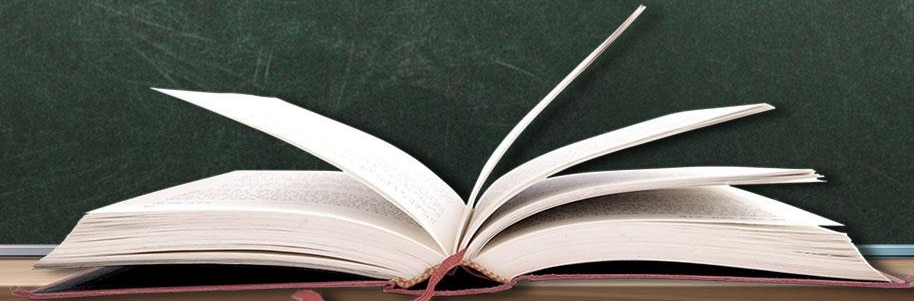


If your Bible kept a diary:

71 hours to read from Genesis to Revelation!

– 12 minutes a day to read the whole bible in a year!

“No people can be great who neglect the best that God has given to man, and no year is going to be great in which the Bible does not play a major role in our lives.” **Unknown**





# THE LIVING WORD

- Life only comes from life!
- You will not get abundant life from the world of dead materialism

## 1 Peter 1:13-25

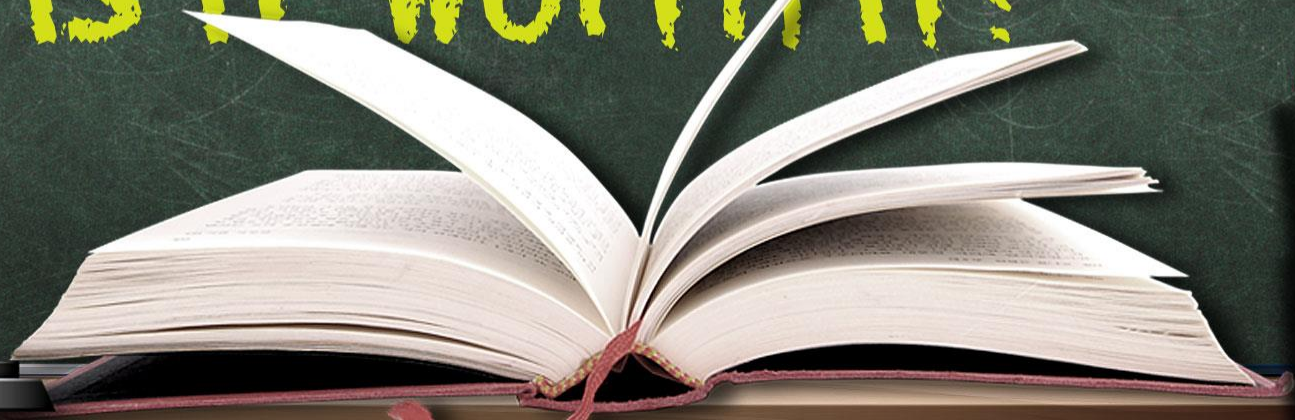
- vs. 23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; 24 for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, 25 **but the word of the Lord remains forever.**" And this word is the good news that was preached to you. ESV





BIBLE STUDY

is it worth it?





# General Lew Wallace

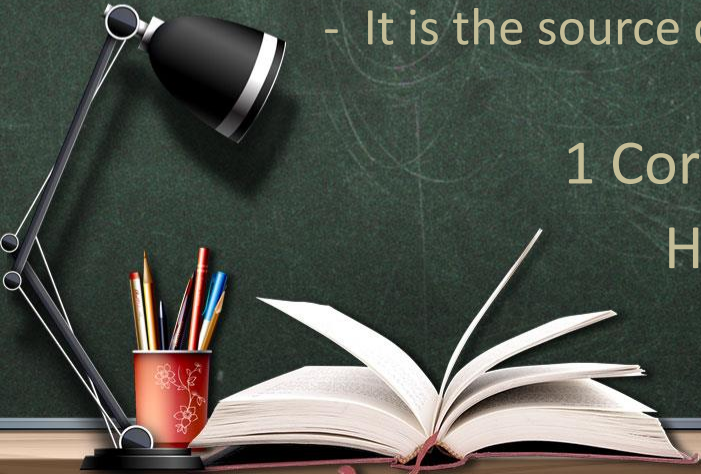
- *It took four years, but in 1880, Wallace finished his incidental employment. He called it [Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ](#).*

- There can be no salvation unless the truth of the Bible is read or heard, and then accepted.
  - The Bible is the Living Word that gives us life in Christ.
  - It is the source of our nourishment that enables us to grow.

1 Corinthians 3:1-3

Hebrews 5:11-14

1 Peter 2:1-3





An unknown author sums up the value of the Bible like this:

"This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers.

Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable.

Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy.

It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you.

It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter.

Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed.

Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the glory of God its end.

It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. It is a mind of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasures."

