

# ***Can I trust and understand the Bible?***

***PASTOR MIKE YODER***

*The Law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.*

**Psalm 19:7**

*The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.*

*The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.*

*They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.*

**Psalm 19:10**



*By them Your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.*

**Psalm 19:11**

**How can I know the Bible  
is authoritative?**

*And we also thank God continually because, when you received the Word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the Word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.*

**1 Thessalonians 2:13**



*But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it,*

*and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures,  
which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith  
in Christ Jesus.*

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching,  
rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,*

**2 Timothy 3:16**

*so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

**2 Timothy 3:17**

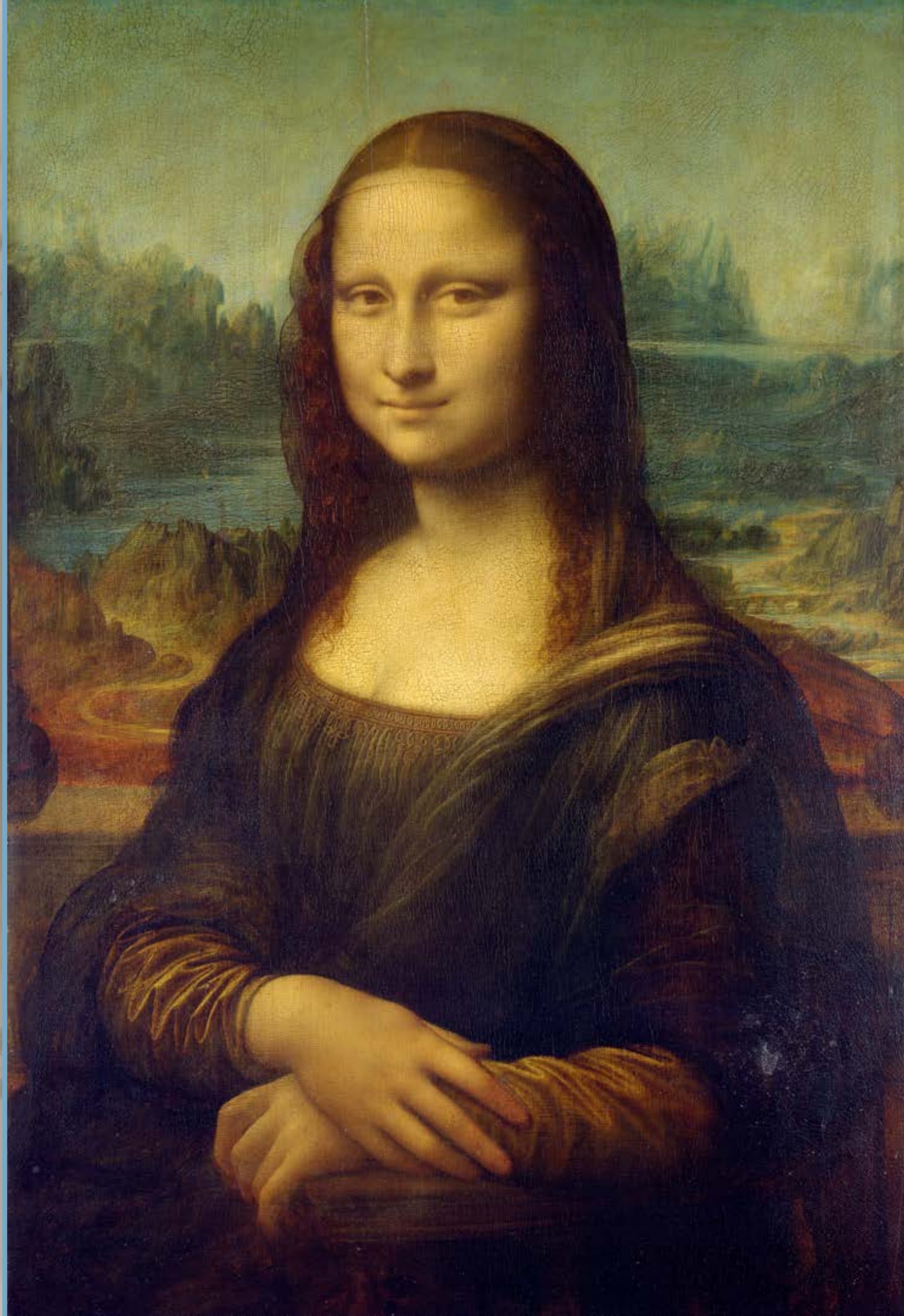
*For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*



**If Jesus is the Son of God, then we have to take His teaching seriously, including His confidence in the authority of the whole Bible. If He is not who He says He is, why should we care what the Bible says about anything else?**

**Tim Keller**







**Part of submitting to the authority of Scripture is being willing to place ourselves under the scrutiny of Scripture.**

**Michael Bullmore**

**When interpreted correctly, the Bible is never wrong in what it affirms and must never be marginalized as anything less than the last word on everything it teaches.**

**Kevin DeYoung**

**How can I know the Bible  
is understandable?**



*“Sanctify them by the truth; Your Word is truth.”*

**John 17:17**

**The doctrine of the clarity of Scripture is not a wild assertion that the meaning of every verse in the Bible will be patently obvious to everyone...**

**Kevin DeYoung**

**Rather, that ordinary people using ordinary means can accurately understand enough of what must be known, believed, and observed for them to be faithful Christians.**

**Kevin DeYoung**

*Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.*

*He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.*



**We cannot rightly understand the Word of God apart from the work of the Holy Spirit.**

**Michael Bullmore**

*“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.”*

**John 16:12**

*“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come.”*

**John 16:13**

**How do the source and the clarity  
of the Bible make it truly good?**

**Ultimately the truthfulness of the Bible will commend itself as being far more persuasive than other religious books. It will be more persuasive because, in the actual experience of life, all of these other candidates for ultimate authority...**

**Wayne Grudem**



are seen to be inconsistent or to have shortcomings that disqualify them, while the Bible will be seen to be fully in accord with all that we know about the world around us, about ourselves, and about God.

**The Scriptures are our spectacles, the lenses through which we see God, the world, and ourselves rightly. We cannot truly know God, His will, or the way of salvation apart from the Bible.**

**Kevin DeYoung**

**The Bible is an ever-flowing fountain. The more you read it, the more you find its truth and beauty to be inexhaustible.**

**Michael Bullmore**

If you ever think to yourself, “I need to know what is true — what is true about me, true about people, true about the world, true about the future, true about the past, true about the good life, and true about God,” then come to God’s Word.

**Kevin DeYoung**

*How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to Your Word.*

**Psalm 119:9**



*I seek You with all my heart; do not let me stray from Your commands.*

**Psalm 119:10**

*I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin  
against You.*

**Psalm 119:11**

*Praise be to You, Lord; teach me Your decrees.*

**Psalm 119:12**

*With my lips I recount all the laws that come from Your mouth.*

**Psalm 119:13**

*I rejoice in following Your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.*

**Psalm 119:14**

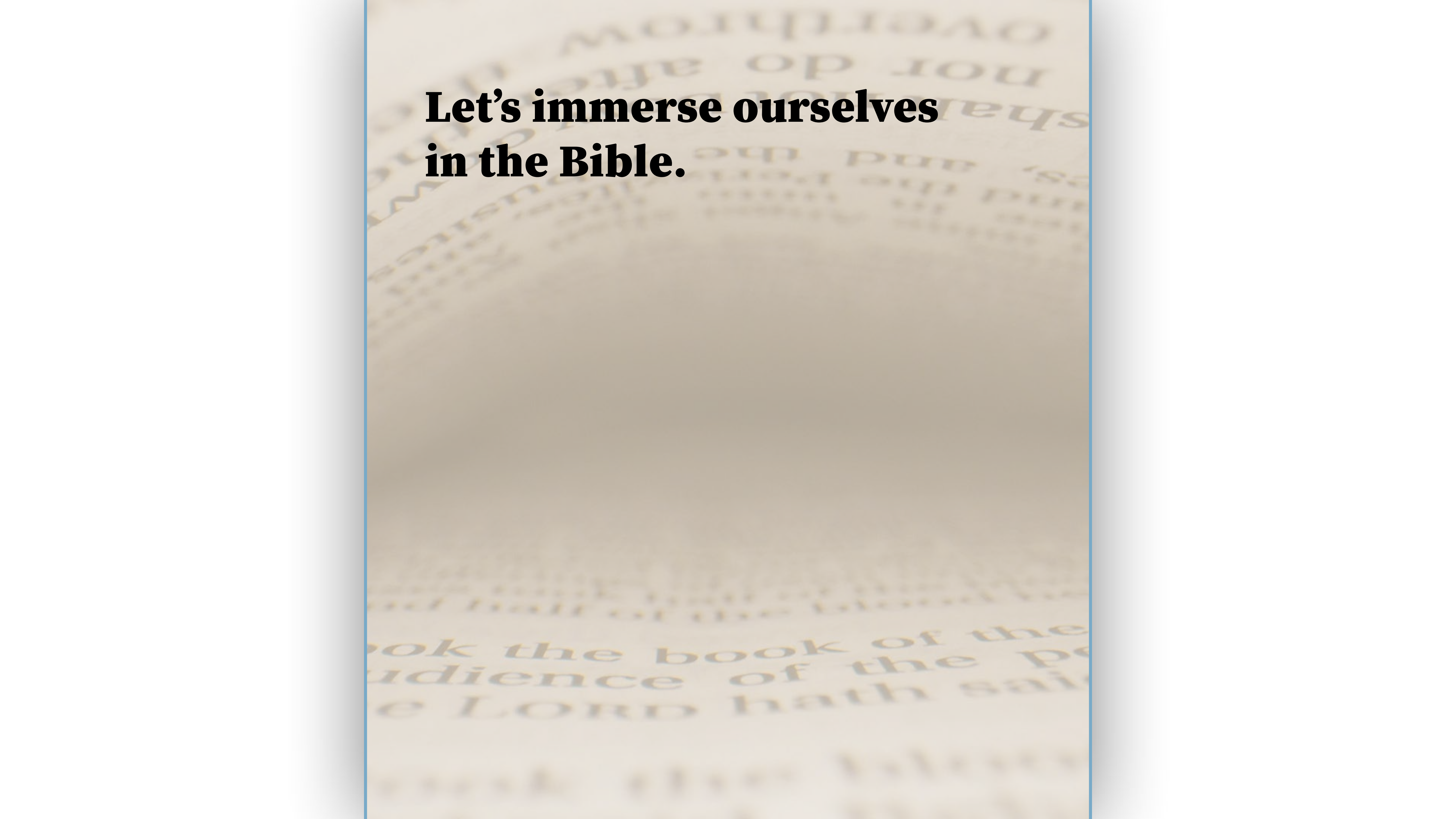


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**Psalm 119:15**

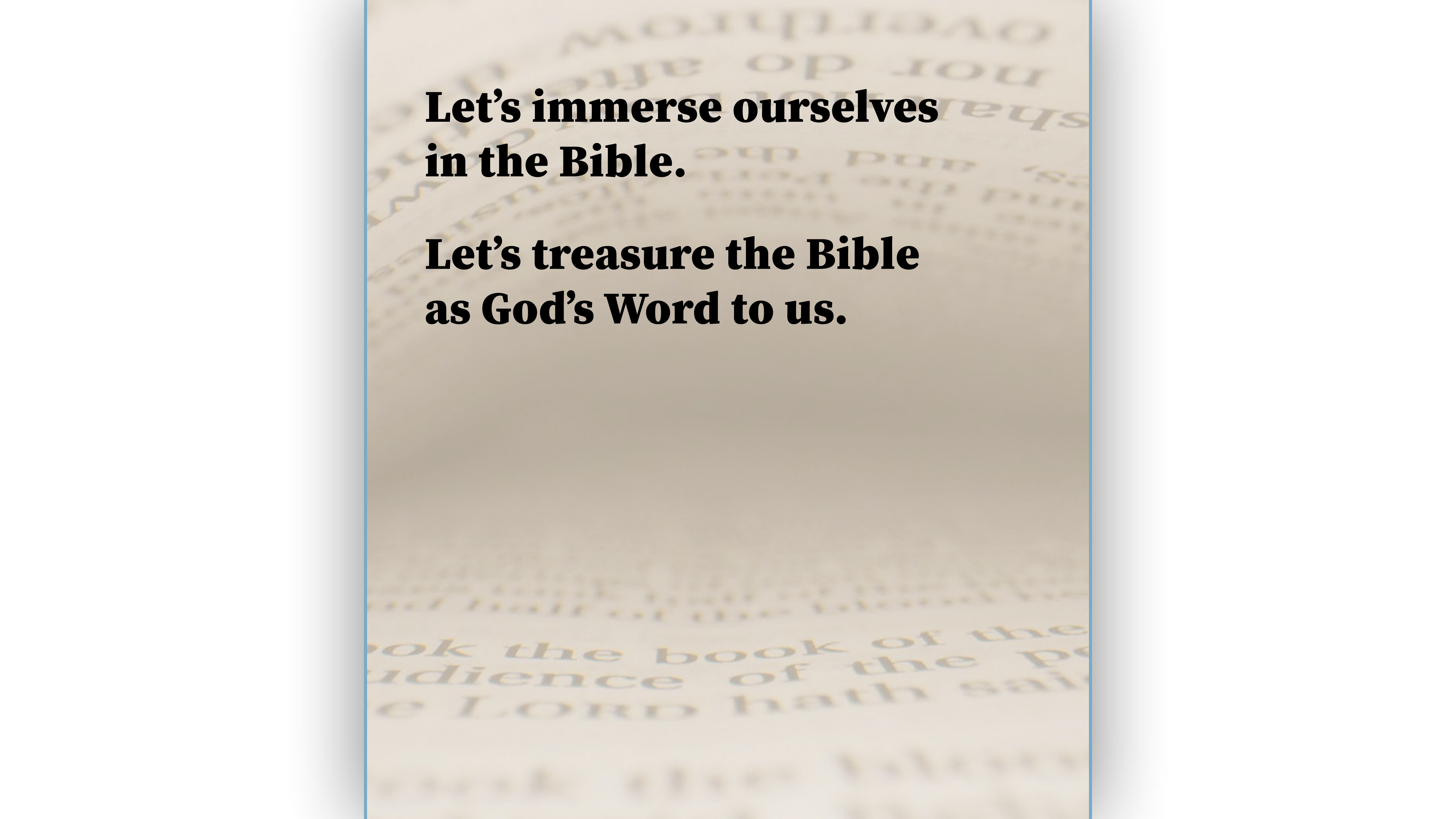
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**Psalm 119:16**



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