

The following anonymous quote was given to interested people at the Exhibit at the Illinois State Fair. It is wonderful compendium of the grandeur and importance of God's word.

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

Its histories are true, its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, 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 sailor's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's character. Here paradise is restored, heaven is opened, and the gates of hell are disclosed.

Christ is the subject, 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, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure.

It is given to you in life, will be open at judgment, and will be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents.

Take time to get to know the Book of books, the Bible. For those of you just starting to read the Scriptures I suggest that you begin with the gospel of Mark, then read James, and then to Acts. May God bless you in your reading!

See you Sunday! -gls