The Bible - God's Inspired Word

According to Google AI, in the United States about 1 in 7 adults believe the Bible is the exact, literal word of God. This view is most prominent among evangelical Protestants, older adults, and those living in the South. Google AI contends that nearly half of Americans believe the text is divinely inspired, but contains metaphors, historical context, and verses meant to be symbolic rather than literally true. In addition, sadly, Google AI asserts that roughly 20% of Americans believe the Bible to be nothing more than a collection of history, fables, and moral precepts recorded by human beings rather than a divine text.

How tragic it is that most Americans do not see the Bible for what it truly is, the inspired Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17). The Bible provides so much more than just basic answers to life; it provides the necessary answers for true life, which is life eternal. Peter declares, "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue" (2 Peter 1:2-3). Jesus confirms Peter's writing in John 6:63, where He states, "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life." When one takes His words, cherishes and then applies them, one puts them self in closer relationship with God. While making their relationship with God closer by studying the Bible, the saved lessen the possibility of being deceived and falling away. On the other hand, the unsaved will learn what is required to gain a relationship with God through His Son.

Christians today have something that God's people of the past, the Israelites, did not. We can hold in our hands the complete Word of God, both Testaments. Peter helps us further understand just how fortunate we are to have what so many in the past longed to have and be able to understand. "Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Chris and glories that would follow. To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which have been reported to you through those who have preached the

gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from Heaven - things which angels desire to look" (1 Peter 1:10-12).

Let us each hold the Bible near to our hearts as God's holy, inspired word, and use it obediently to serve Him.