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Psalm 19: Can I Buy Your Bible?

Just how many Bibles have been printed since Gutenberg invented the printing press? The number is staggering. Over 5,000,000,000 Bibles have been printed. To appreciate this number, consider that the world's population is fast approaching 7,800,000,000. So, could I buy your Bible?

The stipulation in the purchase would be that you would never again have a Bible—it would in no way ever influence your life again. Let me ask you ask again, how much would you sell your Bible for?

You know the beginning of Psalm 19 states that the heavens declare the glory of God, but it does not stop there. The second half of the psalm shows how, that without a Bible, there is no way anyone would ever know His will for us.

The Bible is described as being perfect, sure, right, pure, clean, desired, more valuable than the finest gold, sweeter than honey, warning about evil, giving great reward, keeping us from error, understanding error, cleansing us from secret sin and keeping us from presumptuous sin. Before answering my question, read the second half of this psalm to see what you would be losing if you sold me your Bible.

This description of the Bible found in the last half of the psalm does not end with those attributes listed above. It also converts our souls, brings great wisdom, causes our hearts to rejoice, enlightens our eyes in a world of darkness, teaches us about

truth and righteousness, keeps sin from having dominion over us, allows us to stand innocent before God—the list seems endless. So, let me ask again, can I buy your Bible?

What would your world be like without your Bible? Change the positive attributes into negative ones. It would be imperfect, no conversion, no surety, no wisdom, no knowledge of right, no joy, no enlightenment, no association with eternal truth, no understanding of righteousness, no eternal gold, no fine gold, no sweetness, no reward, no knowledge of error, dominated by sin, standing before God with all our guilt. Are you sure you will sell me your Bible?

David was a man after God's own heart. He only had access to nine books of the Bible, yet look at how he treasured it. Imagine how he would treasure it if he had the sixty-six books of the Bible you have!

One final thought. What if there were no Bible in your language? What if you were illiterate and could not read the one you have? Think of what you would never have in your life? Yet, in reality, what is the difference in not having a Bible and never reading the one you have? You can know that God exists by looking at His glorious heaven and earth, but real understanding will never come until you read the Bible you have!

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Today's Sermons

AM - Bible Surprises
2 Timothy 3:16-17

PM - Singing Night

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Jordan, Fredie Stewart,
Cindy Kidder, Garmelia Ellis,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Norma Cogdell
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Charles & Ruby Malone,
Jeff Bliss, Ronald Clouse,
Phillip Mulins, Gordon Love,
Jerry Crabb

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Helen Morris
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Shirley Bolin, Brandi Rogers,
Jeanette Manley, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Glenn Lovell,
Marilyn Ferrell, Justin Puckett
Ramona Thurston, April Richey
David & Nell Briley

Pantry Item

Brown Sugar

5th Sunday Speakers For January

AM - Ken Ross
PM - Joe Venable

Happenings

South Jackson

January 29

5th Sunday fellowship meal
following morning services.

February 5-9

Freed Hardeman Lectureship
Information can be found here
<https://www.fhu.edu/lectureship>

February 19

Men's Business Meeting
following AM Services

Cards to Send

Pat Gordoan
110 Rebel Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Fredie Stewart
311 Walnut Street
Jasckson, TN 38301

Weekly Record

6 AM	4
Bible Class	56/7
AM Worship	90/19
PM Worship	57/12
Wed Bible Study	36/12
Contribution	4236

Those Privileged to Serve

Jan 22 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, R. Clouse

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Costel Gimphu

Opening Prayer:

Ken Ross

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Marion Thomas

Contribution:

Tommy Williams

Jan 29 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Butcher, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Read Scripture:

CHARlie Richardson

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ken Ross

Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Contribution:

Jeff Bliss

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer: Joe Venable

Sermon: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Marion Thomas

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer: Ken Ross

Sermon: Joe Venable

Closing Prayer: Mike Wages

Communion: Ray Pack

Jan 18 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Devo - Mike Wages

Jan 18 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Dev0 - Marion Thomas

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM