

BIBLE

Facts: New Testament texts have been found that are within 25 to 50 years of when the original document was written. Texts of other ancient writings (Aristotle, Caesar, Plato) are at least 1000 years after the original document was written.

Conclusion: Since the text of the Bible is much better preserved than any other ancient text, we can be confident that it preserves the original words.

Question: If you believe we have accurate works by Aristotle, Caesar, and Plato, why would you question the accuracy of the Bible?

Choice: Do you believe the Bible or those who question the Bible?

SIN

Verses: Genesis 1:1-31, 2:15-17, 3:1-19; Deuteronomy 4:2, 12:32; Psalms 81:11-15; Proverbs 4:23, 14:12; Matthew 5:27-28, 15:18-20; John 8:44; Romans 5:12; 1 Timothy 2:14; James 1:14-15; 1 John 2:15-16; Revelation 12:9, 22:18-19

The Bible tells us when and where sin started on earth, and why there is death and misery all over the earth.

- Adam & Eve were created sinless and lived in a perfect environment
- Adam & Eve had only one simple rule (don't eat the fruit of this tree)
- Satan tempted Eve
 - Satan appealed to her pride and strong desire for things
 - The temptation started in Eve's heart (she considered her choice)
 - Satan tempts people today in the same way
- She and Adam ate the forbidden fruit
- God judged their sin and life became hard
- We must constantly guard our hearts or we too will sin

GOD

- In this lesson we see God as a just judge
- God also promised a savior (Genesis 3:15)

MAN

- In this lesson we see man as a rebellious sinner
- Adam & Eve's sin affected all of mankind (sin always affects many people)
- Like Adam & Eve, every day we must make choices:
 - We decide either to obey God or disobey God
 - Do we want to add to the misery in the world or obey God and bring peace and healing?
- Are you willing to guard your heart in an effort to obey God, as well as protect and bless those people you love?

HOMEWORK

- **Memorize:** Proverbs 4:23 (647)

- **Read:**
 - Genesis 39:7-12 (Joseph)
 - 2 Samuel 11:1-4 (David)

- **Answer the following questions about the reading:**
 - Compare the events in Joseph’s and David’s lives
 - What were the surrounding circumstances?
 - What were their respective attitudes?
 - What were their resulting actions?
 - Can you identify what was happening in their heart?
 - Why do you think these two men responded in different ways to a similar situation?

- **Identify the heart sin/idols behind your major problems in life:**
 - Review lesson 1 homework questions for insight
 - If you know your weaknesses you can be prepared to avoid sin

Memory Verse: Proverbs 4:23 (647) Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

Memory Hint: Take one verse at a time. Repeat, repeat, repeat every chance you get. Develop a routine every morning, noon, and night.