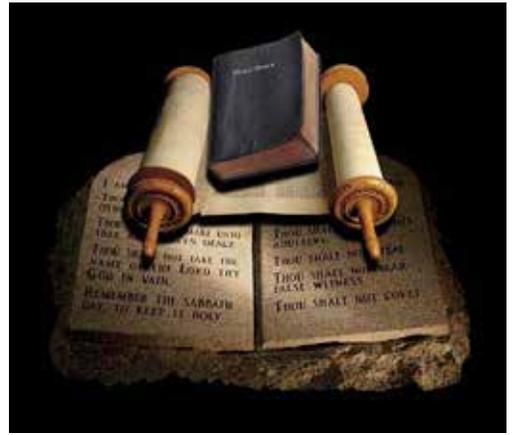


*"But the Word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the Word which by the Gospel is preached unto you." 1 Peter 1:25 KJV*

Few manuscripts have stood the test of time. Plato, Aristotle, Socrates, and perhaps one might include Homer, the blind bard that sang of Ulysses and Hercules. No one questions their authorship, but God's Word has stood the test of millennia. It gives us accounts of the world before the flood and into eternity. It has inspired millions to die peacefully in the flames of martyrdom, but is attacked, maligned, degraded, and sometimes even burned. Why? There most assuredly are unseen forces at work in the hearts and minds of men for one book to inspire at once so much vehement hatred and sacrificial love. The Word of God will endure forever! When Adam was buried, it stood. When Abraham was buried, it stood. When God buried Moses, it stood. When the prophets and kings were interred, it stood. When Nebuchadnezzar, Alexander, and Caesar met their demise, it stood. When Rome burned, the Crusades raged, and the Inquisition murdered Christians, it stood. When nations were born, wars waged, and men plotted, it stood. When men aimed for the stars, and dissected atoms, it stood. When all of time is but a faded memory, it will stand! *"For ever, O LORD, Thy Word is settled in Heaven; where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."* Those that trust God's Word and obey it will live forever with God where He is! *"Where God will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God."* The promises you read and trust are more durable than diamonds for they are the substance of all eternity: Promises that will stand when even mortal life itself fails, because Jesus said, *"I am the Resurrection and the Life. My sheep hear My Voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them Eternal Life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My Hand."* The Word of God has anchored souls since the dawn of time and will remain steadfast when all time is a vapour of memory in the winds of eternity! Human life is but a particle of that vapor. *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it."* You either fear God or you hate Him. You either love the Truth or you hate it. Your desires decide your destiny. *"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"* God's Word will either judge you worthy or unworthy. You decide your own eternity. God will simply execute it. God's Word stood before your birth, and will remain when you pass away. God's Word will endure beyond eternity, but only those who trust it will ever see it come to pass! *"I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: So shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My Mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."*



The Word of God forever sure,  
Beyond the scope of time endures,  
Stedfast, immutable, and pure,  
Its promises forever yours! ~CGP

Believers do not to cling to God's Word FOR security. They ARE secure, because God's Word and He who spoke it hold fast to them! So...just how long IS "forever?"

*"Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the Day of Jesus Christ:" Philippians 1:6 KJV*