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# A Note on the Bible Translation Used in This Book

My preferred Bible for personal study, teaching, and research is the Steadfast Literal Bible (SLB). I chose it because it is a word-for-word translation in today's language, built on the ancient Scripture sources: the Hebrew and Aramaic of the Old Testament and the Greek of the New Testament. I prepared the SLB myself, and the Scripture in this book is taken from it.

Where a literal phrase would mislead an English reader, the SLB gives the writer's meaning in plain words. Words added for sense are set in bold italics so you can see what is in the original and what is not.

The complete Steadfast Literal Bible is free to read, search, download, and print at trinfinityenterprises.com/slb. If you want to check a verse in its full setting or read the translation's preface and principles, that is the place to go.

Above all, my desire is not to promote one translation over another, but to faithfully teach the Word of God, encourage careful examination of the Scriptures, and help readers grow in their knowledge, understanding, and relationship with the Lord.

May every page of this book direct attention not to the translation itself, but to the truth of God's Word and the One whom it reveals.

# Introduction

Maybe you picked up this book because you are not sure God is there at all. That is a fair place to start. The Bible never asks you to turn off your mind. It invites you to look at what God has made, what He has said, and what He has done in history, and then decide.

I have believed in God as long as I can remember. Even so, I drifted from Him more than once through my own bad choices. When people ask whether God exists, they are rarely looking for a lecture. They want to know whether faith holds up in real life. This book lays out the plain reasons I believe God is real.

I am not going to pretend every question has a neat answer. I am going to show you why I believe, and why I think the evidence points to a God who wants to be found.

# 1 Something rather than nothing

The Bible starts with the simplest and biggest claim it makes.

> *In **the** beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*
>
> **Genesis 1:1 (SLB)**

Everything that begins to exist has a cause. A house points to a builder. A painting points to a painter. The universe had a beginning, and something outside of it had to bring it into being. The Bible says that Someone is God.

At my bench, I fit necks, wire circuits and set up instruments from raw wood and hardware. A guitar body does not carve itself, and pickups do not wire themselves. Every piece shows design and a builder behind it. When I look at the world around me, I see the same kind of order on a far larger scale. It points to a Creator.

Paul wrote that God's "invisible things, from the creation of the world, being understood by the things made, are clearly seen, both His eternal power and divinity" (Romans 1:20, SLB). You do not need a seminary degree to see it. Look at a night sky away from city lights.

> *The heavens are recounting the glory of God, and the expanse is declaring the work of His hands.*
> **Psalm 19:1 (SLB)**

## 2 The longing inside us

There is another kind of evidence, and you carry it around with you. People in every culture and every century have looked for meaning beyond this life. We know that some things are right and some are wrong, even when we wish they were not.

> *He has made everything beautiful in its time; also He has put eternity in their heart, yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from beginning to end.*
> **Ecclesiastes 3:11 (SLB)**

God set eternity in our hearts. That restless feeling that there has to be more is not a defect. It is a homing signal. Paul told the philosophers in Athens

that God made every nation "to seek the Lord, if perhaps they might feel for Him and find Him; and yet He is not far from each one of us" (Acts 17:26-27, SLB).

For years I looked successful on the outside while hiding a drinking problem. I worked hard and told myself I had it under control, but I was empty and drifting from God. Success at work could not fill that gap. It took my wife catching me and taking me to my first 12-step meeting on May 29, 2020, to face what was missing. That restlessness inside us is a longing only God can satisfy.

## 3 A God who speaks

If God made us, it makes sense that He would tell us about Himself. Christians believe He has done that through the Bible, written over about fifteen hundred years by many authors, yet telling one story. The prophets named places and events long before they happened. The New Testament also survives in more ancient handwritten copies than any other book from the ancient world.

God has also spoken in a Person. Hebrews 1:1-2 (SLB) says that "God, having spoken long ago to the fathers in the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us in a Son." If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus.

I have found that the God of the Bible forgives me when I feel most unforgivable and listens to me when I do not deserve to be heard. That is not the God of a textbook. That is the God who speaks and listens.

When I was a boy in Victorville, a neighbor down the street paid me to mow his lawn. Pastor Jimmy Carter took me to church and led me to Christ. Years later, translating the Steadfast Literal Bible (SLB) only deepened my conviction that God speaks clearly through His Word. God has not left us guessing about who He is.

## 4 The evidence of the empty tomb

Christianity stands or falls on one event in history. Paul said so himself.

> *And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching **is** empty, and your faith also **is** empty.*
> **1 Corinthians 15:14 (SLB)**

Paul did not ask people to take it on blind faith. He listed the witnesses. Jesus appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve, and then "to more than five hundred brothers at one time, of whom the greater part remain until now" (1 Corinthians 15:5-6, SLB). In other words, go ask them.

Those first followers had nothing to gain by lying. They were beaten, jailed, and many were killed for saying Jesus was alive. People do not die for something they know they made up. Something happened that Sunday morning that turned frightened men into bold witnesses.

After drifting more than once and making choices that hurt my marriage and the people closest to me, I did not need a good philosophy. I needed a Savior who actually conquered sin and death. Everything

rests on one fact: Jesus rose from the dead. If the tomb is still full, my faith is useless (1 Corinthians 15:14). Because it is empty, forgiveness and a new start are real.

## 5 Why not every religion can be right

Ray Comfort, in Why Christianity?, asks his readers to imagine being offered four gifts: a famous painting, a new sports car, a million dollars, or a parachute. Then he adds one detail. You have to jump out of an airplane at 10,000 feet. Suddenly only one gift matters.

His point is that each of us is going to face death and then God. The question is not which belief makes us feel best. It is which one can actually carry us through. The world's religions do not all say the same thing. They disagree about who God is, who Jesus is, and how a person is made right with God. They cannot all be true.

Jesus did not leave room for confusion. He said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6, SLB). That is a bold claim, and it is either true or false. The empty tomb tells me it is true.

My family attended the Catholic church when I was young, but faith did not become personal for me until a neighbor, Pastor Jimmy Carter, showed me who Jesus is in Scripture. Over about 40 years of work, I have met many sincere people with different beliefs. Sincerity alone does not make a bridge hold weight.

Jesus made a clear claim to be the only way to the Father (John 14:6).

## 6 What your salvation depends on

God does not hide from people who honestly look for Him. He told Israel, "you will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13, SLB).

> *And without faith **it is** impossible to please **Him**; for the one who draws near to God must believe that He is, and **that** He becomes a rewarder to those who earnestly seek Him.*
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> **Hebrews 11:6 (SLB)**

Knowing God exists is a start, but it is not salvation. The Bible says "all sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23, SLB). What saves us is not our searching. It is what God did when He came looking for us. "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8, SLB).

Salvation depends on trusting Jesus, who died for your sins and rose again. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13, SLB). If you are ready, call on Him. Tell Him you want to know Him, that you know you have sinned, and that you trust Jesus to save you. Then keep reading His Word. You will find He was looking for you long before you started looking for Him.

In a 12-step program you learn fast that willpower alone cannot fix you. Writing New Beginnings, I saw

how many people still try to earn their way to God by cleaning up first. Religious effort always comes up short. Salvation rests on what Christ finished on the cross (Ephesians 2:8-9).

# Is There Really a God

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Is anyone really out there? This book looks honestly at creation, the longing God placed in every heart, the God who speaks, the evidence of the empty tomb, and why not every religion can be right. Then it shows what your salvation depends on.

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**Genesis 1:1 (SLB)**

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