

## The Eternally Enduring Word

*The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.*

*Isaiah 40:8*

*In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; make his paths straight.'"*

*Matthew 3:1-3*

*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

*John 1:14*

*But the Word of our God stands forever.*

- It will always be.
- It is always right.
- It is the eternally enduring Word.

Let's look at the following passages:

Psalm 33:11

Psalm 100:5

Psalm 119:89, 152, 160

Matthew 24:35

1 Peter 1:22-25

### **What the Word does**

- Germinates
- Purifies
- Transforms
- Endures

Although the Bible is the best Book in the world, yet it has produced more enmity and opposition than has the combined contents of all our libraries. Why should this be? Clearly because the Scriptures convict men of their guilt and condemn them for their sins! Political and ecclesiastical powers have united in the attempt to put the Bible out of existence, yet their concentrated efforts have utterly failed. After all the persecution which has assailed the Bible, it is, humanly speaking, a wonder that there is any Bible left at all. Every engine of destruction which human philosophy, science, force and hatred could bring against a book has been brought against the Bible, yet it stands unshaken and unharmed today. When we remember that no army has defended the Bible and no king has ever ordered its enemies to be extirpated, our wonderment increases. At times nearly

all the wise and great of the earth have been pitted together against the Bible, while only a few despised ones have honored and revered it. The cities of the ancients were lighted with bonfires made of Bibles, and for centuries only those in hiding dare read it. How then, can we account for the survival of the Bible in the face of such bitter persecution? The only solution is to be found in the promises of God, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but. *My words shall not pass away*"

Arthur W. Pink,  
*The Divine Inspiration of the Bible*

I want us to take something with us from all of this.

- Disobedience to God has consequences.
- You and what you do are short-lived.
- God has spoken to us; we have His Word.
- God's message to us exists and is accessible today because of what it is – the eternally enduring Word of God.
- Be rescued, cleansed, and changed by believing God's message of hope.
- Live for what lasts.