

The salt of the earth

Skin of my teeth

Keep the faith

The spirit is willing

Fight the good fight

Let there be light

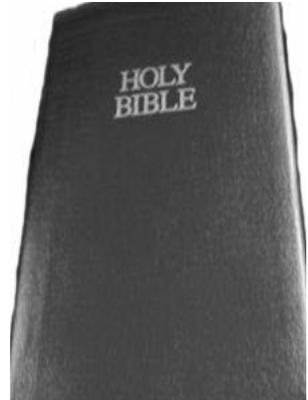
O ye of little faith

The straight and narrow

A scapegoat

There's been a lot of publicity in the media lately about the 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible, often called the Authorised Version, a translation of the Holy Scriptures first published in 1611.

Much has been made of its quality as a piece of literature, and the way it has helped to shape the English language. The phrases shown on the front of this leaflet, frequently used in our speech today, all have their origins in this wonderful volume. The language of the Authorised Version is certainly grand, beautiful and memorable.



The Bible is far more than just an excellent piece of literature, however. The Bible is God's word, His message to this world, and vital for our spiritual good. It was given by God in stages over a period of roughly 1500 years, the last part dating from the end of the first century. God 'inspired' various men to write those things that He wanted us to know. Because it actually came in this way, from a God who is true, we can believe the Bible as being true and completely trustworthy.

Thy word is true from the beginning.

Psalm 119.60

The Bible's Message

The Bible tells us about God Himself, and it's here that we discover what God is actually like. We find He is without beginning or end, all powerful, all wise, perfectly righteous and just.

We also read the truth about ourselves. The Writer of the Bible seems to know all about us, even the way we think! The fact is that our sinfulness and rebellion against God has made us very different from how God first made mankind, and we fall far short of His perfect standard. Then we discover how we can be right with God. The Bible records how God's Son came into the world as a man to accomplish God's great plan of salvation. This wonderful plan is made clear to us, and the Bible overflows with promises of forgiveness and everlasting life to those who will believe on Jesus Christ, God's own Son.

So, while the Bible is a great piece of literature, its real value is in the message it brings about God's great way of salvation. It is a Book to read and to believe, and it will lead you to eternal life through Jesus Christ.

If you would like to know more about the Bible's great message, come along to Providence Chapel and we shall be glad to help you.

***He that believeth on the Son hath
everlasting life.***

John 3.36

