

# Reliability OF GOD'S WORD

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My soul can wish no more.  
I shall behold the face

Of my Father in Heaven;  
And stand complete in righteousness,  
And in my Saviour's blood;  
There shall I see His face,  
When I awake from death;  
Drest in the likeness of thy Son,  
And show immortal breath.

PSALM XVII. Long Metre.  
*The Sinner's Portion, and Saint's Hope; or,  
The Heaven of separate Souls, and the  
Resurrection.*

Lord, I am thine: But thou wilt prove  
My faith, my patience, and my love;  
When men of spite against me join,  
They are the sword, the hand is thine.  
Their hope and portion lie below;  
All the happiness they know,  
As all they seek; they take their shares,  
And leave the rest among their heirs.

3. What sinners value, I religion  
Lord, 'tis enough that thou art mine;  
I shall behold thy blissful face,  
And stand complete in righteousness.  
4. This life's a dream, an empty show;  
But the bright world to which I go  
Hath joys substantial and sincere;  
When shall I wake, and find me there?

5. O glorious hour! O blest abode!  
I shall be near, and like my God  
And flesh and bone no more controul  
The sacred pleasures of the soul.

6. My Father shall be in the ground;  
And I shall see Him in the air;  
When burst the chains of death and sin;  
And I shall see my Saviour rise.  
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Long Metre. Ver. 1, 2, 15, — 18.

*Deliverance from Despair; or, Temptation  
overcome.*

THEE will I love, O Lord, my strength,  
My rock, my tower, my high defence;  
Thy mighty arm shall be my trail,  
For I have found salvation thence.  
2. Death, and the terrors of the grave,  
Stood round me with their dismal shade,  
While floods of high temptations rose,  
And made my sinking soul afraid.



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## SCRIPTURE WARNS THAT SOME WOULD DISTORT WORD:

Matthew 7:15

2 Corinthians 2:17

Galatians 1:17

Ephesians 4:14

Hebrews 13:9

1 Timothy 1:3

2 Timothy 3:6

2 Timothy 4:3-4

2 Peter 2:1-3



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## SCRIPTURE ALSO ASSURES OF THE PRESERVATION OF WORD:

Mark 13:31

Matthew 24:35

Luke 21:33

Luke 9:26

John 12:48

2 Thessalonians 2:15

2 Timothy 2:15

James 1:25



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## A GREAT CLOUD OF TEXTUAL WITNESSES TO THE NT:

Papyri - earliest witnesses (made from papyrus plant).

127 total dating back to 2<sup>nd</sup> century through the 8<sup>th</sup> c.





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## A GREAT CLOUD OF TEXTUAL WITNESSES TO THE NT:



Uncials or Majuscule  
Manuscripts-  
332 “inch-high”  
capital MSS.  
Most date from  
4 - 10 centuries.

I shall behold thy works, O Lord, my strength;  
And it shall be complete in righteousness.  
This is my dream, an empty show,  
But the brightness of thy temple, to which I go  
Hath joys substantial and free,  
When shall I wake, and find me there  
O blest abode!  
... of the soul.  
... in the ground,  
... joyful sound;  
... with sweet surprise,  
... Deliverance  
... My rock, my strength;  
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... For I have  
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## A GREAT CLOUD OF TEXTUAL WITNESSES TO THE NT:

Cursive or Miniscule

MSS- 2907 total

lower case MSS

in number.

Most date from

10-16 centuries.



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## A GREAT CLOUD OF TEXTUAL WITNESSES TO THE NT:



## Lectionaries, Versions, and Patristic Sources

1950 lectionaries,  
the others are too  
numerous to count!



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## AN OVERVIEW OF THE HISTORY OF THE BIBLE:

1. The Bible is **ACCURATELY  
COPIED** as the church spreads  
under the threat of persecution  
(time of writing - **AD 325**).

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3. The Bible is **ACCURATELY  
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## THE LORD HAS PRESERVED HIS WORD:

1. The quantity of available materials.

2. The quality of available materials.

a. Readable.

b. Reverent.

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And when the trumpet shall sound, The sacred pleasures of the sound, 6. My flesh shall slumber in the ground, 'Till the last trumpet's joyful sound; Then burst the chains with sweet surprise, Then burst the chains with sweet surprise, PSALM XVIII. Long Metre. Ver. 1, — 6, 15, — 18.

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The papyrus, parchment, or paper  
might decay but God's Word will not.

People may choose to dilute the  
Word or print translations that  
reflect their own theological biases  
but God's Word has not  
and will not change.



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