

“The Bible” = “THE** book”**

Why THE book”?

Because it records

*The **WORD** of **GOD***

The Power of God's Word

Creative power

Gen 1:3,6-7,9 ...

“Then **God said**, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light.” **v3**. “Then **God said**, ‘Let there be an expanse’ ... and it was so” **vv6-7**. “Then **God said**... ‘let the dry land appear’; and it was so” **v9**

“God said” or equiv. - 22 times, chs 1-3!

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Creative power

Heb 11:3

“the worlds were prepared [“framed” NKJV, ASV] **by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.”**

“‘prepare,’ ‘perfect’ a thing for its full destination or use” VGNT

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Creative power

Mk 4:39,41

**“He ... rebuked the wind and said to the sea,
“Hush, be still.” And the wind died down and it
became perfectly calm ... Who then is this, that
even the wind and the sea obey Him?**

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Creative AND destructive power

2Pt 3:5-7...14

“by the word of God the heavens existed long ago ... **through which the world at that time was destroyed ... **by His word** the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men ... **Therefore...**”**

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Authoritative power

Gen 2:16 “The LORD God **commanded** the man”

Ex 5:2 “Who is the LORD **that I should obey His voice**” Ans: **Ex 7:15-17; 9:14 - Plagues!**

Ex 19:5-6 “if you will...**obey My voice ...**”

Ex 20:1f “Then God **spoke** all these words ...”

Ten Commandments!

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Authoritative power

Greatest “two **commandments” **Mt 22:37f****

“All **authority has been given to Me ... make disciples ... teaching them **to observe** all that I commanded you” **Mt 28:18f****

“the things which I write to you are **the Lord's commandment” **1Co 14:37****

Mt 7:24-29!

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Judgmental power

“you will surely DIE!” Gen 2:16

Gen 3:17...19; 3:17...19; 5:5,8,11...; Ro 5:12,16

Woman's “seed” (Gen 3:15)... “She will bear a Son; you shall call his name Jesus, for He will SAVE His people from their sins” Mt 1:18...21

“Son, your sins are FORGIVEN.” Mk 2:5-12

Mt 25:34,41!

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Moral power

“You shall not eat...you will surely DIE!” Gen 2:17

Ac 28:23-27 “trying to persuade them concerning Jesus ... Some were being persuaded by the things spoken, but others would not believe.”

>> *Free moral agent*

So today... Ac 2:41; 1Th 2:13 — *your choice!*

Rom 1:15-17!