

‘The Bible: The Most Reliable Text on Leadership’- Dr. David Oyedepo



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The Chancellor of Covenant University, Dr. David Oyedepo, has christened the bible ‘The Book of Books.’ In his lecture on the third day of the University’s Executive Advance programme, he spoke of the Bible as the most reliable guide in the race of life, as well as, the most dependable and reliable text on all issues of life; including the quest for leadership (2 Peter 1:3; Deuteronomy 28:1; Joshua 1:8).

In his presentation, titled, ‘Introducing the Most Reliable Text on Leadership,’ the Chancellor cited the Bible as the most valuable volume of all texts in the world and the oldest, authored by the Ancient of Days; yet the most current (2 Timothy 3:16-17). The Chancellor stated that the Bible has remained the best seller of all times (Pro. 23:23); consisting mainly of sublime ‘authors,’ yet the most widely quoted of all texts on the earth (1Cor. 1:25-26).

Further eulogising the validity of the bible, Dr. Oyedepo stated that the principles of the Bible still rule most of the civilized world today (John 9:5) and its laws make up most of the contents of all legal systems worldwide (John 1:1-5/9). He stressed that the contents of the bible touch on all aspects of human existence – spiritual, intellectual, physical, moral, social, etc. (Deuteronomy 28:1-13), hence, it is a volume of writings, whose light penetrates the invisible with its invincible force and delivers its mission with precision (John 1:1-5; Ephesians 6:6).

“The ‘meat’ (revelation/insight), from the Bible,” he said, “strengthens the soul and revitalizes the body (Mathew 4:4/24). Its ‘light’ shatters all darkness and shows the way to go (John 1:5) and its ‘balm’ heals the sick body and sets free the afflicted (Psalm 107:20). Its ‘sword’ destroys all satanic holds and wins all invisible wars (Mathew 4:1-14) and its ‘refiners fire’ sanctifies all rotten lives (Psalm 119:9-11), while its ‘principles’ edifies and makes wise (Psalm 19:7-9).”

According to the Chancellor, the written word is in absolute command of all the happenings in this world (Hebrews 1:3) and rules both the natural and the spiritual world (Philippians 2:9-11; Colossians 1:13-16). “Without the Bible, the human race would have been doomed, reason being that the Bible is the only volume that clearly defines the rights and wrongs of life (John 8:12; Deuteronomy 5:30-33),” he stated.

The Chancellor explained that the practice of what the Bible says would turn any dummy to a living wonder (Deuteronomy 28:1) and turn a nonentity to an envy of the world (Luke 5:1-8). He noted that every other text informs, but this book transforms (Psalm 119:97-100) and you cannot be grounded if you follow its principles. “I am yet to come across any man that ever regrets his commitment to the practice of this book but many that I know continue to regret ignoring the values of this book (Numbers 23:19). You are always in command of the happenings, holding fast to what is ‘written’ (Exodus 4:17; Isaiah 11:1),” he stressed.

Dr. Oyedepo warned that to toss the Bible aside is to stir up storms that may be most devastating to life (Zechariah 7:13); but commitment to the book guarantees ever-increasing peace (2 Pet. 1:2), while its addiction stimulates joy unspeakable full of glory. “Truly, this great book holds the answer to every question of life (Numbers 11:28-29). Every other text is made up of letters but the Bible is made up of wonders (Psalm 119:18). The effect of every other book is limited to the natural sphere, but the effect of the Book of books transcends the natural to the spiritual and even to eternity (Psalm 119:89),” he opined.

The Chancellor reiterated that the Bible is not a story book, rather, a covenant book (Psalm 89:34). He elucidated that the word ‘Testament’ actually means ‘Covenant,’ which makes the content thereof binding on God (Jeremiah 33:18-25). He further said, “It’s not just believing God that makes this book work, it is obeying the instructions contained therein (Joshua 1:8). The Bible is not a story book, it is the creator’s manual for living (John 6:63). The Bible is not a ‘make-believe’ book, it is a proven manual for profitable living (2 Timothy 3:16-17). The Bible is not a religious book, it’s a manual for maximized destiny (Deuteronomy 28:1-13). Engaging the principles of scriptures will make a star of any dummy (Isaiah 60:1-8/22).”

He emphasised the need for practical application of scriptures to the issues of life, stating that the bible is not a mystical book to be conjured, but a practical manual to be applied (John 21:5-6).

“Surely,” he said, “the entire world would continue to grope in darkness without the written word of God (John 9:5).

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