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## GOD'S WORD

Oh, wonderful, wonderful Word of the Lord! True wisdom its pages unfold;

And though we may read them a thousand times o'er, They never, no, never grow old.

Each line hath a treasure, each promise a pearl, That all if they will may secure;

And we know that when time and the world pass away, God's Word shall forever endure.

Oh, wonderful, wonderful Word of the Lord! The lamp that our Father above

So kindly has lighted to teach us the way That leads to the arms of His love!

Its warnings, its counsels, are faithful and just;
Its judgments are perfect and pure;

And we know that when time and the world pass away, God's Word shall forever endure.

Oh, wonderful, wonderful Word of the Lord!
Our only salvation is there;

It carries conviction down deep in the heart,
And shows us ourselves as we are.

It tells of a Saviour, and points to the cross, Where pardon we now may secure;

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Inspiring and timely message delivered at recent Dallas Convention emphasizes value of Holy Scriptures.

## ... the word of our God shall stand for ever

Brother Chairman and all the wonderful people who are attending this great International Convention of the Gideons, I first of all add my word of welcome to you, to the great Empire State of Texas. There is nothing like it in the earth, where every dry creek is a river, where every mole hill is a mountain, where every hole in the ground is an oil well, and every man is a liar. That's Texas.

I want to commend you marvelous men for the work you do and add a category to it that you do not suspect. Every once in a while when I have my forty pounds in odd in my suitcase and cannot add any more baggage, I just put my New Testament in my pocket and I know that when I go to my preaching place, I'll have a fine Gideon Bible out of which to bring the message to the people. I have preached out of that Gideon Bible many, many times. I always hold it up and tell them where I got it. I love to have a part in the work.

I love to have a part in the work. Isaiah 40:8, "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever." Maithew 24:35, "Heaven and earth shall pass

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away, but my words shall not pass away.

The sarcastic infidel, Voltaire, one time said, "A hundred years from now, and the Bible will be an unknown book to civilization." Exactly one hundred years later, a copy of Voltaire's writings sold for 5c in England. On that same day, the British government paid to the Czar of Russia \$500,000 for a particular copy of the Word of God which they placed in the British Museum. "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever." Under the persecutions of pagan Rome they sought to extirpate the Christian faith from the earth. They did it in three ways. First, the destruction of public worship. Second, the destruction of the individual believer. Third, the destruction of the Word of God. But after a comparatively short period of time, less than three hundred years, the Word of God had conquered and subverted the pagan Roman Empire, and civilizations as such became Christian. 'The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand for ever." The bitterest persecution that the Word of God has ever known has been at the hands of papal ecclesiastical Rome.

In the days of long ago when John Wycliffe translated the Bible into the language of the English people, by the hounding forces of the government and by the strong mailed fist of the Stare Church, the possessors of the Wycliffe Bibles were hunted down like beasts. The children of the fathers and mothers who possessed it were forced to light the fagots that burned their parents. Those godly men and women who possessed a copy of the Bible were burned at the stake, with a copy of the Wycliffe Scriptures hanging around their necks. Wycliffe escaped martyrdom, but they exhumed his body, they burned it, and they flung the ashes into the River Swift. But the River Swift flows into the Severn and the Severn flows into the sea, and the

seas lave the beaches of the continents of the world. From John Wycliffe the Word of God was sown among all the families and tribes of this earth. "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth. but the word of our God shall stand for ever." His work was taken up by William Tyndale, who left his native land never to see it again. In the continental expanse of Europe he published the Word of God. It was smuggled into England in barrels, in bales of cloth, in sacks of flour, and William Tyndale sewed the seed that fruited into the glorious Reformation of religious freedom that blessed the English nation and our English world, including America, ever since. He never lived to see the dawn of a new day, but he was the harvester of the rising of the new life. "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."

The poet Whittier has written one of the most dramatic monologues that I have ever read in literature. He is describing a Waldensian merchant who is selling to a noble lady costly silks. As the merchant exhibits to the noble lady the wares that he sells, he says,

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That the diamond flash of the feweled from on the lofty brow of kings:

A Wonderful pearl of exceeding price, whose virine thall not decay.

Whose light shall be as a spell to thee and a blessing on they may.

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"Here, lady fair, it the pearl of price,
may it prove as such to thee!

Nay, keep the gold — I ask it not, for
the Word of God is free!"

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the Word of our God shall stand for ever."

No small part of the sewing of the seed of the Word of God in the earth has been due to two great organizations. One, the American and British Bible Societies, and second, the organization of Christian consecrated businessmen that we call the Gideons. God. bless them as they continue in their incomparably marvelous and blessed and far flung work. Wherever the Word has been sown, there men have come to know Christ as Lord and Saviour.

In the far interior of India 2 missionary found a poor, dying man left by a caravan to perish. Stooping over him the missionary said, "Sir, do you have any hope?" The man replied, "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin." The man expired. The missionary was amazed and then noticed in the dead man's fist, a leaf. He unclasped the fist. It was part of the Epistle of I John from whence he had learned the verse that was his hope. "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the Word of our God shall stand for ever." A Japanese saw a leaf on a pond of water in Kyoto, Japan. He recovered it and it spoke to his heart. He found it a part of a Christian Bible. He became a Christian. He was educated in America and went back and founded the first Christian school in Japan,

Off the islands of South America there washed upon the beach a Bible. And when some of our white men came, they found on that island, little churches, all of which had been organized according to the pattern of the New Testament, and from reading of the Word of God. "The grass withcreth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand for ever."

I have stood on the shores of the Pacific Ocean, the greatest body of water on the earth. When the Pacific Ocean is a dead dry lake, this Book will still be the Word of Life. I have looked upon the vast Sierra Nevada Range, the greatest pile of granite in the earth. When that vast illimitable mass of granite has crumbled to dust, this Word will still be the Rock of Ages. I have stood out under the firmament of the sky and looked at God's stars. When those stars have grown old and faded away, this Book will still be the Light of the world. When the vast elemental atomic reaches of this universe have gone back to their

primeval form, this Book will still speak of a new heaven and a new earth. Destroy every copy of this Book and it could be reproduced syllable by syllable from the memory of man. Destroy every man, and it could be reproduced from the monuments of literature of the world. Destroy the whole world and it could be reproduced by the saints in glory as the angels echo, "Forever, Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."

The earth shall pass away, the heaven shall pass away, but God's Word shall never pass away. It may pass into proverbs, it may pass into literature, it may pass into doctrines, it may pass into law, but God's word will never pass away. God's Word is like Himself, the same yesterday, today and forever.

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