Introduction:
How many books are there in the Bible?

This morning I want to talk about some other books – the Books of God.

The Bible - the inspired Word of God given to mankind.

But did you know that there are 3 specific Books of God

Daniel 7:10 – speaks about many Books will be opened at the time of judgment.

Go to Revelation 20:12 – After Christ’s return and the battles of Armageddon at the end of the Millennial Kingdom of Christ, we have the Great White Throne of Judgement – the judgement of everyone who was lost (unbelievers).

This takes place at the end of God’s timeline at the end of everything, at the end of the Bible.

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. (Revelation 20:12)

It says the books were opened, but there was another book, and people were judged according to what they had done in these books, or according to their works.
God has many books. Do you love books? Do you love going to the Library? You can go through so many sections looking at the books in a Library. You can spend all day there – there is so many books.

Well, God has many books. Today I want to talk about the Books of God. It is more of a teaching message but with a Gospel message at the end.

Some of God’s books are in heaven; some of God’s Books are on earth ... and some of God’s Books are both.

**The FIRST BOOK – the Bible:**

We read in Daniel & Revelation that God is going to keep those books up in heaven and He’s going to read from those books. Not all books are reserved for judgement. God has a book that He gave to mankind – The Bible – it’s a book here on earth given to us by God.

2 Chronicles 34:21 - “Go and inquire of the Lord for me and for the remnant in Israel and Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the Lord’s anger that is poured out on us because those who have gone before us have not kept the word of the Lord; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written in this book.”

There was a book of the Lord in the Old Testament and Israel lost that book. Then they found it again. This is the Scriptures – the Bible. God’s Word.

So the first book we want to look at this morning is The Bible, God’s Word. No other book in the history of the world is like the Bible. The Bible is written by God. Men might say, ‘No it’s not. It was written by man. It’s just a bunch of fairy tales.’ If they would’ve read the Bible they probably wouldn’t have said that – it actually says in the Bible that it is not written by man.

When men write they write about men/themselves. But the Bible brags about God, not about man. Men write books to brag about themselves, but God wrote a book to talk about Himself. The Bible is written about one character – Jesus Christ. Old Testament or New Testament – it’s all about Jesus! It all points to Jesus.

Who is Jesus? That would be God who died for our sins on the cross. The Bible points us to this one man Jesus over and over again. Everything in the Bible is about this one man, Jesus.
Hebrews 10:7 - *Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—
I have come to do your will, my God.’*

Jesus is speaking here (Paul is writing) and Jesus is speaking about Himself.

John 5:39 - *You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me.*

When we study the Scriptures we are looking at the passages that point us to Jesus. Because it’s all about Jesus our Saviour who died for our sins. Everything in the Old Testament points us to Christ. The New Testament

Luke 24:25 – Jesus has risen from the dead and on the Road to Emmaus. Jesus was listening to them speak.

*He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.*

Prior to the cross and the resurrection, we had the Law of Moses, but since then we know have the Church age – the Age of Grace. God has used all these people like Moses & Paul to put together His Word. Jesus is showing them from the Old Testament and He says that it is all about me.

Acts 1:15-16 - *In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) and said, “Brothers and sisters,[d] the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus.*

God’s Holy Spirit guided men to write the Scriptures.

How could all these men write about a guy they had never met? And yet they wrote all these prophecies about Jesus. How could these 400+ prophecies be written so long ago and then be fulfilled in the one man? What are the odds that every one of them would be right and true?

Unless somebody that knew something beforehand wrote this book. That’s what happened - this book is written by God.

2 Peter 1:19-21 - *We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place,*
until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

The Bible is not man’s words. It says clearly here that The Bible is God’s Word spoken through these men by the Holy Spirit and they were written down. The Bible was written by the will of God by the Holy Spirit, not by the will of man. They are God’s inspired words not mans.

1 Timothy 2:13 - And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

The Bible is the only book on this planet that says the Bible is God’s book and not man’s book & it is written by God. So when you are reading the Bible you are reading the words of God, not the words of man.

When you buy a car, you get an owner’s manual. It tells you everything about your car, and what the manufacturer wants us to know. Well, the Bible is God’s owner’s manual to us. It tells us where we come from and all about us, and about what God wants us to know.

Psalms 119:89 – HS speaking through David – Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

God has this book, the Bible, in heaven. It is amazing. It is so powerful, that it will judge ALL men. If the Bible is God’s Word, and if God is the Creator (which I believe) then He is also the judge.

John 12:48 – Jesus is speaking here - “There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day. 49 For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. 50 I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.”

If this book, the Bible, will judge you one day, don’t you think you should read it and know what it says? Romans 2:16 says that God will judge the world according to the Gospel that He gave to Paul. It says that if you don’t believe that Gospel then you go to hell. So why wouldn’t we want to read the Bible and find out how to be saved and go to heaven?
The only book on the face of the earth that tells you how to be saved and end up in heaven is the Bible. Trust the Word of God. It was given to us by God. This is the first book of God – the BIBLE.

**The SECOND BOOK – the Book of Life:**

The 2nd book of God I want to talk about is the Book of Life. A lot of people talk about evolution – they don’t believe in God, we came from nowhere, that we arrived when a bunch of nothing blew up and that’s how we got here – I guess that means that we are nobodies. They say that our uncles are monkeys and that we all came from monkeys – what a great way to insult you!

They don't believe in the Bible, but the Bible is true whether they believe in it or not. All they have to do is to die. When they wake up and find out the truth about heaven and hell, they will say “Oh no, I was wrong”. But then it's too late. That's why someone like me is trying to tell you the truth here today about God, and to teach about what is in God's Word for us.

God is our creator, and He loves life. He created Adam & Eve and every time someone is born into this world, their name is written down in what the Bible calls the Book of Life. This Book must be a huge book because every time someone is born their name is written in the Book of Life.

Revelation 22:19 - *And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.*

Any person who has been born is written into the Book of Life. But it is TEMPORAL life. Everyone who is born, their name is written in the Book of Life ... BUT ... your name can be blotted out of the book if you do not come to God for salvation.

Revelation 3:5 - *The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels.*

So someone is going to have their names blotted out of this book. Exodus 32 – God got angry and took some people out because they refused to get right. Verse 33 says *The Lord replied to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book.*

To blot it out means to scratch it out. When you have a grocery list and you get an item you put a line through it. You blot it off the list. This book is a list of life and
God is saying that I will take it away from you, and it's going to be like you never lived because you're going to go to hell.

Deuteronomy 9:14 - *Let me alone, so that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven.*

God is telling us from up in heaven that all through this book (the Bible) that he knows that we are alive. But if you don't come to me for salvation then I'm going to blot you out of that book – the Book of Life.

Deuteronomy 29:20 - *The Lord will never be willing to forgive them; his wrath and zeal will burn against them. All the curses written in this book will fall on them, and the Lord will blot out their names from under heaven.*

When does this blotting out take place?

At the Great White Throne of Judgement. He's going to find all those who haven't been saved, and then He will blot your name out. You will go to the second death, and it will be like you never existed, and yet for all eternity you will be in a place of torment away from God.

God is going to go through the names and He will blot out the names of those who didn't come to Him to be saved. That's such a scary thing. That's why salvation is such a great thing – you don't have to worry about having your name blotted out. But imagine living down here on earth and not receiving salvation and one day in heaven seeing that your name had been blotted out of the Book of Life.

Revelation 20:12-15 - *And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. 14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. 15 Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.*

Why? Because their name was blotted out. God says that those people do not have eternal life. Scratch out their name because they chose not to come to me for salvation.

If you are listening to this today, then your name is in the Book of Life in heaven. God sees you and you are alive. But if you don't come to Him for salvation through
Jesus then when you stand before Him at the GWTJ then your name will be blotted out because you don’t have eternal life.

Psalm 69:28 - *May they be blotted out of the book of life and not be listed with the righteous.*

**The THIRD BOOK – the Lamb’s Book of Life:**

Many say that this book is the same as the Book of Life. I don’t believe that. I believe that they are 2 completely different books. Who is the Lamb? Jesus Christ.

God has another book in heaven. In that book Everyone who is saved gets their name written down. Everyone who gets saved gets their name written down in the Lamb’s Book of Life. The Book of Life is everyone who was born and has life. The Lambs Book of Life is everyone who gets eternal life.

So when you get saved there must be a recording angel in heaven who writes down your name in the Lamb’s Book of Life. He has eternal life – He belongs to God. I wonder if they put a date next to your name. and when I get to heaven they will look up my name – Marshall Ian Muller and the date next to it will be 14 Oct 1982. Yes, you are a Christian, your name is in the Lamb’s Book of Life – enter into the joy of the Lord.

I have eternal life, my name is in the Lamb’s Book.

I was born 7 December 1963 – and my name went into the Book of Life in heaven. That’s when I got temporal life – when I was born into this earth. But when I gave my heart to Jesus and was saved in 1982 that’s when I got eternal life. My name was recorded into the Lambs Book of Life.

So I see clearly two different books. Where does the Bible talk about the Lamb’s Book of Life?

No one is every said to be blotted out of the Lamb’s Book of Life in the Bible. Interesting? Eternal life for all eternity – that makes sense. God doesn’t give you eternal life and then take it away. It would never have been eternal would it? Those whose names are written in the Lambs Book of Life have eternal life and are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.

Revelation 13:8 - *All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb’s book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.*
This is talking about the Tribulation and there will be people in the tribulation who will worship the Anti-Christ.

Revelation 21:27 – talking about the New Jerusalem - *Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.*

Only those whose names are in the Lambs Book of life will be allowed to enter the New Jerusalem. The Lambs Book of Life is all about those who have been saved in the Church Age – the Body of Christ. It is a record of when you got eternal life. He recognize you as His son.

Are you saved?

**The FOURTH BOOK – the Book of your Life:**

This is your life TV show – they would go through their life and show what they had done etc. They would have other people talk about them – witnesses etc. Roger Climpson and then Ray Martin would have this book and it would have everything written in it about what that person had done and said. At the end of the show he would close this book and he would give them the book.

What do I mean by the book of your life? What does the Bible say? According to the Bible, everything you do here on this earth, it is recorded in heaven. Oh look he stole, he sinned etc. Write it down. It is all recorded.

Revelation 20 :12 - *And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.*

According to their works. There must’ve been a book that recorded everything a person had ever done – their works. God has kept a record of everything you have done.

If you have never come to God for salvation, then at the Great White Throne Judgment, he is going to go through every thing you have ever done. Remember that time when you were a kid and you stole some marbles from the shop, or you downloaded that software illegally or you lied to your Boss about being sick but you were actually at the beach surfing. Remember when you did this and that etc. Every evil work (sin) that you have done will be brought up again. By your word you will be justified. By your word you will be condemned.
God will take you through the Bible and will show you what you have done according to your works.

And then He will say, you didn’t trust me as your Saviour, and so your name has been blotted out. Then He’s going to say, ‘Hey, is his name in my book of saved people?’ And the angel will say, ‘No, there is no name in the Lamb’s Book of Life.’ And God will say ‘Depart from you cursed into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and all his angels. I don’t know you. I don’t recognize you.’ All I see is your sin, and a sinner. I don’t see someone redeemed by my blood. It will be too late then to do anything about it.

You might say, ‘No God wouldn’t do that.’ The Bible says that God keeps a record of everything you do and He remembers. Let’s go to Matthew 12:36-37 - *But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

How is it possible to give an account of every word, unless it is written down. God will bring up to you again all the words you have ever said.

Romans 14:12 assures us that every one of us will give an account to God. Hebrews 9:27 – it is appointed once for a man to die, then the judgment. Romans 2:16 – God will judge the secrets of men according to the Gospel.

All your dirty little secrets have been written down. Everything you ever said is written down. You might think Oh well I forgot about that. Well God didn’t. Some day you will give account for those things. Wow I would hate to be in your shoes.

But if you have come to God through Jesus Christ, then all those secrets, all those things are brought under the blood of Christ and are never brought up ever again.

But if your reject the blood atonement of Christ then you have to give an account of everything you have ever done.

1 Peter 4:5 - *But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 6 For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to human standards in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.*

The Bible is very clear. There is a judgement. Some day if you are not saved, there will be a judgement for your sin.
But what about saved people? Their judgement is different. Their sins are judged at Calvary and come under the blood.

But after the Rapture, there is what is called the Judgement Seat of Christ (the Bema Seat). This is a judgment for saved people but not to judge them for their sins, but to judge for any rewards they might get according to what they have done with the name of Jesus. If you get saved and you do something for the Lord, then there is some rewards.

If you reject the cross of Christ and His blood then your judgement is at the Great White Throne Judgement, then every word you have ever said, every dirty thought, every time you have sinned, every secret of your heart that you thought you could hide from God, will be brought up and you will give account to God himself.

Can you imagine standing before a holy God who hates sin? It will be the scariest thing.

If you miss the return of Christ and you die as an unbeliever and end up at the GWTJ guess who is going to be there? The Devil. He is known as the old accuser. Guess what he does? He’s going to stand there and he’s going to be accusing you. A lot of people don’t think about this.

The Devil will say I have the book of this man’s life. Jesus will say Go on! The Devil will then say look what he has done here and here. It will be embarrassing.

Job 31:35 – Job says I wish the bad guy had written a book about me. The Devil doesn’t write the book. The Lord has these books.

Devil (Rev 12) – the devil is called the Accuser. He loves to accuse people and throw up in your face all the bad stuff you have done. That’s why its important to be saved.

1 John 2:1 – Jesus Christ is our Advocate with the Father. He is our lawyer. Everything bad we have done is underneath the blood. It is justified. It is forgiven. It is gone and can’t be brought up again.

Since the beginning of creation there is no privacy. God knows all. Everything is written down.

**The FIFTH BOOK – The Book of REMEMBRANCE**

Malachi 3:16 - *Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name.*
All of those people who talked about God, he had an angel write down just so they know how much they loved me and talked about me. I don’t know if God is still doing that today in the Church Age. It’s possible. I think God is listening to the saints and what they say. I think He’s writing down what we say. That makes me want to say only good and righteous things.

Maybe this was just O.T. God doesn’t need it written down – He is all powerful, all present and all knowing. (Proverbs 15:3) God remembers.

The SIXTH BOOK – The Book of PROPHECY
If the Bible is a book written by man then how can a man prophesy hundreds/thousands of years into the future? How can he write about things that will happen in 700 years time in full detail and they were accurate 100%. How is that statistically possible unless God wrote this?

It is a book of what happened in the past, but it is also a book of the future

HISTORY – His Story – the story of God. It is a historical book, but also a book that looks into the future and shows what is going to take place.

Revelation 22:19 - And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.

What does this mean? It means he will be blotted out of the Book of Life and the Holy City.

Look at Verse 20 - He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. 21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen.

It is a book of Prophecy and it talks about the coming of Jesus. Way back in the book of Daniel it talks about a Messiah that is coming. That was Jesus. It talks about the Rapture when Jesus will return for his bride. It talks about Jesus returning at the Battles of Armageddon. This Book of Prophecy (The Bible) says that there will be an anti-Christ who will come and force people to take a mark (hand/forehead) and he rules with a rod of iron.

We are seeing the kingdom of the anti-Christ coming together in our time. We are seeing the world preparing for the anti-Christ (chips in their hands that can transact and do everything in their lives, but who owns them? How will they control them?)
Bible is a book of Prophecy – it tells us that all this will take place. It also says that you better get ready because Jesus is coming. He gave us a book to tell us that he is coming. Everything is pointing to Jesus Christ’s soon return.

Are you ready for the return of Christ? People are getting scared. Are you saved?

God will judge the quick and the dead. It says when he’s going to do it. The quick (quicken means bring to life) at the Rapture – we will receive glorified bodies. Then at Armageddon Jesus will come back he will destroy all his enemies and then rule for 1000 years and then he will judge the dead (GWTJ).

The Bible says Jesus is coming soon. People are out there trying to get as much money or property or things as possible, and they could care less about Jesus’ return. They are just doing everything for themselves. They are not thinking about the Book of Prophecy the Bible that tells them that Jesus is coming soon. You better be prepared otherwise you will be blotted out and you will have to give an account of all your sin.

1 Peter 4:5-6 - But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 6 For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to human standards in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.

We are supposed to look to the Gospel of salvation. What is the Gospel? We find it in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 – the death, burial & resurrection – Christ died for our sins? How? Through the blood. It cleanses us and makes us righteous.

When you come to Christ and you trust his blood then your name is written in the Lambs Book of Life. Wouldn’t it be interesting if when we get to heaven each of our names is written in the blood of Christ? Wouldn’t it be great to see in each of our books that our sins are blotted out in the actual blood of Christ.

Like someone has taken a red pen and drawn a line through every sin you ever committed. No one can ever see them again because they are washed in the blood of Jesus Christ.

**Conclusion**

So are you saved? Jesus is coming soon. Very soon. If you are still alive and you have to live through the period of the Tribulation that will not be a fun time to live. It will be hard to be saved. You will have to deny the mark of the beast. You will either have your head cut off or you will die of starvation.
So the best thing to do is to come to Jesus now ... today ... and trust Him as your Saviour.

I have told you today about the Books of God so that you may all know. We talked about the Book of Life – everyone who has been born. When we come to Christ our names are recorded in the Lamb’s Book of Life. But if we haven’t accepted Christ our names will be blotted out. We will have to give an account of everything in our book.

The Bible is a book of Prophecy – it has proven to be true time and time again. So when it says Jesus is returning, when it says that the Anti-Christ will rise and deceive mankind, when it says that you need to be saved, you need to come to Christ for salvation – that is not a lie. That is true. So you need to be saved.

Are you saved this morning? Have you accepted Jesus as your Saviour. Have you allowed his blood to wash your sins? Do you trust him with your life? Do you trust him to record your name in the book of eternal life- the Lamb’s Book of life?

Today I pray that you will take the Books of the Bible seriously. They are true. There is a judgement coming, but thanks be to God that because of his death and blood for my sins, that I am forgiven, cleansed and righteous before God. Not because of anything I have done, but because of Jesus' blood.

**Closing Song – O Praise the Name**

Let’s Pray.