

Why I Believe the Bible. By David James Burrell, Pastor of the Marble Collegiate Church, New York. 1917, Fleming H. Revell Co. 199 pp. \$1.00 net.

"This book is dedicated to Our Old-fashioned Mothers who, with all their knowing, 'just know their Bibles true' and live that way." I quote this dedication because of its beautiful sentiments and also because it is a sort of index to the attitude that is found throughout the discussion of the twenty-two chapters. This means that the severely scientific critic, who knows no test for truth save the cold criterion of intellectually weighed facts, and who fancies that the range of facts now discoverable in a field nearly two thousand years trampled by tradition puts him in position to contradict the testimony of the best men of the time, that such a man will curl his haughty lip in scorn and pass this book by. But there are other men who know how to use all the senses of their souls and do not shut themselves off from all knowledge save what comes through the narrow ranges of "scientific" history and sense experience. Such men will follow these chapters with growing insight and convictions and will come into fresh assurance of faith in God's Book in a day of doubts and into fresh appreciation of its power and beauty.

For "five and forty years" Dr. Burrell has tried out this Bible in a singularly rich and fruitful ministry, since that night when a dying sinner called on the young theological skeptic to tell him in frank truth whether he had for that poor sinner any sure word of God. Dr. Burrell has conducted this ministry amid the very winds of doubt that blew cold chills of unbelief into the hearts of many. But in the busy work of ministering to needy souls the wind blew no chills into his soul, but only gave more stimulus to the fires of faith fed by fine sentiment and holy endeavor.

So the man in maturity of age comes at length to give the beautiful and reassuring tribute to the Bible that was once the stay of the mother whose consecrating love dedicated him to the ministry of Jesus, and that has been his own unflinching instrument in lifting and guiding his fellow men in the way of peace and safety.

The publisher advertises that herein the Bible "is viewed from all angles". At all events it is here viewed from very many angles and from such as give the truest views of it. And any reader can understand it all.

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