

# Pastors Thoughts of the Week

## Eternal Words

*John 6:68: ...Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.*

William Shakespeare was renowned for the might of his pen. 400 years after his death multitudes continue to ponder his prolific works including 39 plays and 154 sonnets. Many hail him as a transcendent genius—a master wordsmith that employed the perfectly crafted couplet to express his intriguingly, profound thoughts.

Yet for all the effusive praise with which he was lauded, he spurned the notion of being coronated the “Bard of Avon”. In a scene from his most famous tragedy, Hamlet is found contemptively perusing a book. Polonius asks him what he is reading to which Hamlet sardonically replies “Words! Words! Words!” It was Shakespeare’s wry way of saying that words which are written by men are just that — “words, words, words”. In modern vernacular we might say “blah, blah, blah”.

Was it not the sagacious Solomon that wrote “of making many books there is no end”? Library shelves abound with the musings of philosophers, poets, historians, and dramatists, but the Bible is the only book that can make the claim of divine origination. Embedded in its sacred pages are the answers to man’s most earnest interrogatories. Men’s words are the expression of the finite mind and heart of the writer and so appear trite and vapid. In contrast, God’s word is recondite and vivifying.

Sir Walter Scott, a famed British novelist and poet, was also a committed Christian. On his deathbed Scott is reported to have said to his secretary, “Bring me the Book.” His secretary thought of the thousands of books in Scott’s library and inquired, “Dr. Scott, which book?” “The Book,” replied Scott. “The Bible — the only book for a dying man!” And the committed Christian would have to add that the Bible is not just for a dying man, but it’s the only book for a living man, because it is the Word of God.

Have a blessed week,

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*Faith cometh by hearing: and hearing by the word of God Romans 10:17*