To Study the Scriptures

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Romans 15:4.

This Holy Book has withstood the assaults of Satan, who has united with evil men to make everything of divine character shrouded in clouds and darkness. But the Lord has preserved this Holy Book by His own miraculous power in its present shape,—a chart or guidebook...
to the human family to show them the way to heaven.... This Word ...
is the guidebook to the inhabitants of a fallen world, bequeathed to
them, that by studying and obeying the directions, not one soul would
lose its way.

There never was a time when it was so important that followers of
Christ should study the Bible as now. Deceptive influences are upon
all sides, and it is essential that you counsel with Jesus, your best
friend.... David declares, “Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might
not sin against thee.” How many are betrayed into sin, because they
have not, through prayerful study of the Word of God, realized the
sinfulness of sin, and found out how they may steadfastly resist it.
When temptation comes upon them, they seem to be off guard, and
ignorant of the devices of the enemy. We are living in perilous times,
and as we draw near the close of earth’s history, there will be no
safety for those who do not become familiar with the Word of God....
Everything that can be shaken, will be shaken.... The children of God
have reached the most critical part of their pilgrimage; for the nets and
pitfalls of the enemy are on every side. And yet with the guidance of
the Lord, with that which is plainly revealed in His Word, we may walk
securely and not stumble.... A voice from heaven is addressing us in
its pages.

Obedience to God’s Word is our only safeguard against the evils that
are sweeping the world to destruction.

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