

A.M. — *Why Men Hate the Bible*

I. Introduction.

- A. "...the Bible will be forever buried in obscurity..."
- B. "There is nothing new under the sun." (Eccl 1.9)
- C. Why the hatred, opposition, and violence?

II. Because the Bible _____ us. (Heb 4.12; Ac 2.37; 5.33; 7.54; James 1.22-24)

III. Because the Bible _____. (Is 53.6; Rom 3.10,23; Lk 13.3,5; Ac 17.30)

IV. Because the Bible _____. (Mt 7.21; Lk 6.46; Ac 2.38; Heb 10.25)

V. Because the Bible will _____ us. (Eccl 12.13-14; 2Cor 5.10; Jn 12.48; Rev 20.11-12)

VI. Conclusion.

- A. "A hundred years from now the Bible will be forever buried in obscurity, and I will go down in history as the man who destroyed it." (Voltaire)
- B. But the Word of God _____!
(Mt 24.35; 1Pet 1.23-25; Ac 12.1-3,21-24)

"The Anvil" (author unknown)

*Last eve I passed beside a blacksmith's door,
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;
Then, looking in, I saw upon the floor
Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.*

*"How many anvils have you had," said I,
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"
"Just one," said he, and then, with twinkling eye,
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."*

*And so, thought I, the anvil of _____,
For ages _____ blows have beat upon;
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,
The anvil is unharmed — the hammers gone.*

- C. For our good, because it alone is the saving power of God. (1Cor 1.18; Rom 1.16)