

**Presented to Brother .....**



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*My Brother, several months ago, when you first knelt here at the alter, you were shown the great light in Masonry and were taught, in a simple and beautiful explanation, the Mason's attitude toward the Holy Bible and you were taught that Masonry commands each of it's brothers to diligently seek therein the way to everlasting life by the light he shall find, and as he there shall find it.*

*If we as Mason's are to obey this injunction, which each of us has received, we should have a proper conception of just what the Great Light is and how it has come down to us. And our understanding may well begin with recognition of the significant fact that the church and religion did not grow out of the Bible. The Bible grew out of religion and the church. A number of men, living close to the heart and thought of God and therefore inspired by him, picked up, used in this great task, and laid down in their turn the working tools of life, over a span of hundreds of years. The Bible is a collection of their writings, the result of a long, slow, process of growth.*

*Different writers wrote with different purposes. One was a historian, another a poet, another a theologian or a preacher, a teller of stories or a user of parables. So the Great Light which has illumined man's steps through the centuries is not merely a book, but a whole library of sixty-six books, of widely different content but all filled with the revelation of God's love for man, his purpose for man, and Man's effort to reach up to him.*

*The Holy Bible my Brother, is the world's supreme record of Man's experience with faith. It is the Mason's trestle board in character-building, that important work to which you have dedicated yourself, and which was emblematically represented by the Master Mason's tool, the trowel.*

*In this book, my Brother, are laid down the principles of successful living. It's great men loom large upon the background of world's history. They lived, they fought, they loved they sinned, they repented. And they have left behind them, here, the testimony that the keeping of God's laws and the doing of God's will are the things worth living for. We need to know the Bible, to learn its precepts, to reverence it as our great book and friend.*

*And now my Brother, in order that your feet may not stumble, and that your path may be well-lighted, your Lodge has commissioned me tonight to present to you the Bible upon which you took the obligation of a Master Mason. I present this bible to you with a prayer in my heart, that it may indeed be a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path.*