

LESSON 2

THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD

INTRODUCTION: God delights in speaking to His people. The Bible is God's word to us corporately, as well as individually. There are 66 books in the Bible. These books are divided into 2 sections; the Old Testament, consisting of the books of LAW, POETRY, and PROPHETS; and the New Testament, consisting of the GOSPELS, ACTS OF THE APOSTLES, EPISTLES and the REVELATION. The Old Testament is the story of a nation, Israel. The New Testament is the story of a man, Jesus.

I. WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

A. It is the basic tenant of our faith.

1. Romans 10:17

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

B. The Bible is the total source of our doctrine.

1. 2 Timothy 3:16

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine...”

C. The Bible is the inspired word of God.

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D. Who wrote the Bible?

1. 2 Peter 1:20-21

“Knowing the first that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in the old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”

II. WHY DID GOD GIVE US THE BIBLE?

A. God gave us the Bible to reveal Jesus and to show the way to salvation.

1. Romans 1:16
“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”
2. 1 Thessalonians 5:9
“For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.”

III. HOW SHOULD WE MAKE USE OF THE BIBLE?

A. The Bible should be read and meditated on daily.

1. Joshua 1:8
“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth: but thou shalt meditate therein day and night...”
2. 2 Timothy 2:15
“Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
3. John 5:39
“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.”

B. The Bible will transform your character by the renewing of your mind.

1. Romans 12:2
“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.”
2. Titus 3:5
“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.”

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