

THE BIBLE THE WORD OF GOD

Lesson 6

Is the Bible more important than reading a newspaper or a current magazine? The answer is a definite, yes!

WHY THE BIBLE IS SO IMPORTANT?

It is the only book that tells what the true God is like. (since no man has ever seen Him)

It is the only book to tell how the world was created. (since no one else but God was there)

It is the only book that tells the real truth about man. (Since God made man, He is the only one that knows what he is like.)

It is the only book that tells how to get to Heaven. (since Heaven is God's Home and He decides who gets to live there)

HOW DID THE BIBLE COME FROM GOD TO US?

In some instances' God spoke the Word to a man and it was written down. **Jeremiah 30:2** says "Thus speaketh the Lord God of Israel saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book." In other instances' God spoke to the heart of a man in a quiet way, put the Words in his mind, and burdened him to write. **II Peter 1:21** reads " . . . holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." The Scriptures clearly present this truth in **II Timothy 3:16**. that "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God . . ." Does this mean that one must believe the whole Bible - after all some Bible passages are more

inspirational than others? Consider these thoughts:

How would I know which Scriptures are not from God, and what if I was wrong?

Would I be telling God that I consider myself smarter than He?

Should I not, in childlike faith, eagerly accept what He has said about His Word?

HOW CAN WE UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE?

John 16:13 tells us "Howbeit when He the Spirit of Truth is come, He will guide you into all truth . . ." The Holy Spirit, who comes into your heart when you get saved, will be your guide and teacher as you study God's Word. If you have recently been saved, you will notice that you will begin to understand the Word better than you ever did before you came to Christ. Why not pray this prayer before you begin to read His Word each day "Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." **Psalm 119:18** Then depend on Him to be your teacher, for without His help the Bible will be a closed book.

WHAT IS THE PROPER ATTITUDE TOWARD THE BIBLE?

Believe the Bible

Hebrews 11:6 "Without faith it is impossible to please God for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Faith in God (simply taking Him at His Word) brings honor to God and blessing to your soul.

Obey the Bible

When you are reading the Bible and you find

out that there is something you are doing that God says is wrong, stop and ask God for forgiveness and promise that you will stop doing that thing. **Psalm 28:13** tells us "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." On the other hand, if God speaks to your heart about something that you should do as a Christian, stop, promise God right then that you will begin doing that thing that He has spoken to you about. Jesus said in **Luke 11:28** "Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it."

LET'S BEGIN READING THE BIBLE TODAY

1. If you are beginning for the first time or as a brand-new Christian, begin reading in the book of John, then read the whole New Testament, and for the rest of your life read some out of the New and some out of the Old each day.
2. Read slowly asking the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart about things right and wrong and to help you understand what you are reading.
3. Write down in a book or at least on paper what God is showing to you.
4. Share with others the things that God shows to you.
5. Remember what you have learned by thinking about it during the day and talking to God about it.

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