

## Lesson One

### INSPIRED WORD OF GOD

The Bible is God's love letter to each one of us. He tells us that His Son, Jesus Christ, died for us. He tells us of a wonderful place called Heaven. Because He loves us so much, He also tells of the torment in Hell for all who die without Christ.

The Bible is God's Word to us. The Bible was given to man from God. The Bible reveals Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only Saviour.

The Bible consists of 66 Books written by about 40 different men over a period of 1600 years. The Bible is a remarkable Book - It is God's Word!

### THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD

Look up the Bible references given below. Fill in all the blanks and answer all questions.

1. From where does all Scripture (Bible) come?  
( See II Timothy 3:16 ) "All Scripture is given by \_\_\_\_\_ ... "

KNOW THIS: The Holy Spirit directed the thoughts of the men whom God chose to write the different books of the Bible.

2. The Bible states in II Peter 1:21 that the \_\_\_\_\_ moved upon holy men of God to write the Bible. This means that the Bible did not come by any man's own origination. Peter, Paul, John and all the other writers did not just think it up!
3. Who is spoken of throughout the Bible? ( See John 5:39 ) \_\_\_\_\_
4. ( See Matthew 4:3-11 ) When Jesus was tempted, He met each temptation with God's Word.  
In verses 4, 7, and 10, Jesus said, "It is \_\_\_\_\_ ..."  
What did Jesus mean by this? \_\_\_\_\_
5. For how long will God's Word be true? ( See I Peter 1:25 ) \_\_\_\_\_
6. ( See Isaiah 40:8 ) How long will the Word of God last? "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand \_\_\_\_\_ ."
7. In I Peter 2:2, the Lord tells us that we need the Word of God just as babies need milk. Why?  
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8. Upon whom must I depend to teach me the truth of the Bible?

( See John 14:26 ) \_\_\_\_\_

9. In Luke 11:28, we are told that when we hear the Word of God, we are to:

- a. see if others follow it
- b. wait until the Pastor follows it
- c. keep it

10. In Psalm 119:11, David told why he read and memorized Scripture:

“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that \_\_\_\_\_.”

11. How often did the people in the city of Thessalonica study the Scriptures?

( See Acts 17:11 )

- a. daily
- b. only in church
- c. sometimes

12. What will “hearing” the Word of God produce? ( See Romans 10:17 )

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13. In what four ways are God's Word profitable (helpful) to me?

( See II Timothy 3:16 )

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_

14. As I read God's Word and obey It, how will this affect me?

John 8:31-32 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 119:11 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 119:41 \_\_\_\_\_

## THE PURPOSE OF GOD'S WORD

We want to see exactly why the Bible is important for our lives. If it were not for the Bible, we would never know if we were pleasing God or living in sin. God is not a big bully who tries to make our lives sad and hard. God loves us and gave us the Bible in order that we might know how to live right.

God's Book is without any error whatsoever. Therefore, It should be of help to us. The Bible lists four things for which the Scripture is profitable or good for us.

( See II Timothy 3:16 ) "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for \_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_ in righteousness... "

### I. The Bible is for DOCTRINE

This means that all Scripture is given for instruction. The Word of God, all of It, is to instruct us. It teaches us how to live right. It also teaches us how not to live wrong. The Old Testament is important as well as the New Testament. The Bible is for DOCTRINE, to instruct us on how to live.

### II. The Bible is for REPROOF

Reproof is very important in the Word of God. This means to rebuke or scold for doing something that is not right. Sometimes Bible verses, when we read them, bring conviction to our hearts because we have sinned. The Bible also warns us not to do certain things that we haven't done. Thus, the Bible keeps us from sin.

### III. The Bible is for CORRECTION

Correction means to set something straight again. The Bible corrects us by telling us where we go wrong. To find out if something is right or wrong, see what God says. Never take a friend's advice to do something that the Bible teaches is wrong. God wants to instruct us.

### IV. The Bible is for INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS