LESSON 1

The Bible, Our Infallible Teacher

Read: Deuteronomy 11:18-21

1. Q. Where do we learn the true way of salvation?

   A. We learn the true way of salvation from the Bible.
   The Bible is the Word of God.

2. Q. What great truths does the Bible teach us?

   A. The Bible teaches:

   (1) The holy majesty and infinite glory of the only living and true God.
   (2) The wondrous divine creation of the heavens and the earth and of man in the likeness of God.
   (3) The fall of man and the origin of sin.
   (4) The greatness of man's sin and misery, and his inability to deliver himself.
   (5) God's redeeming love in Christ Jesus. This is the central theme of the Bible. The Old Testament foretells the coming of Christ. The New Testament tells us of the wonder of Christ's coming to this sinful world, of His lowly birth, of His precious Person (He is both God and Man), of His perfect sinless life, of His death in the place of sinners, of the good news that He arose from the grave, of His ascension into heaven, and that He is now seated at the right hand of His Father. Christ is the only Redeemer from sin. Every sinner needs Him!
   (6) The person and the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit applies the salvation accomplished by Christ to the heart of sinners. He is the Author of the New Birth, and the Teacher of all God's people.
   (7) Christ will return on the Judgment Day. That day will be majestic. Christ will be the Judge. God's people may look forward to that great day with a holy, joyful confidence. Their redemption will then be completed. But sinners who remain impenitent will then receive the due reward of their sins. Sad to say, their eternal future will be darkness, desolation and death.

We should prayerfully study the Holy Scriptures. When we do this, we may pray to God for the Holy Spirit's grace to enlighten our hearts and minds. This grace is needed to understand the Word of God. The Bible is the only book that reveals the true way of salvation.

A Prayer for Bible Readers

1. Anoint mine eyes,
O holy Dove!
That I may prize
This Book of love.

2. Unstop mine ear,
Made deaf by sin,
That I may hear
Thy voice within.

3. Break my hard heart,
Jesus, my Lord:
In the inmost part
Hide thy sweet Word.

I. The Divisions of the Bible

1. Q. How many books are in the Old Testament? A. _____
2. Q. How many books are in the New Testament? A. _____

The Books of the Bible can be listed into groups. For example, the first five books in the Old Testament are called the Books of the Law. The next twelve are on Old Testament History. Write the names of the books in each group. Begin with Genesis.

Number of Books	Description	Their Names (see index in the front of the Bible)
	Old Testament	
5	Books of the Law	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____
12	Old Testament History	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
5	Old Testament Poetry	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____
17	Old Testament Prophecy	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
	New Testament	
4	Gospels	_____ _____ _____ _____
1	Acts of the Apostles	_____
14	Epistles of Paul	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
7	General Epistles	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
1	New Testament Prophecy	_____

II. The Attributes of the Bible

1. Q. Why is the Bible called a "Holy" Bible?

   A. Because the Bible is the _ _ _ _ of _ _ _ .
2. Q. What do we learn from Romans 7:12?

   A. "The law is _ _ _ _ . The commandment is _ _ _ _ , and _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ ."
3. Q. What do we learn from Proverbs 30:5a?

   A. "Every _ _ _ _ of _ _ _ is _ _ _ _ ."
4. Q. What did Jesus say about God's Word in John 17:17?

   A. "Thy _ _ _ _ is _ _ _ _ _ ."
5. Q. What part did God have in the writing of the Bible?

   A. (a) 2 Timothy 3:16a, "All Scripture is given by _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of _ _ _ ."

   (b) 2 Peter 1:21, "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ."

III. The Great Message of the Bible

1. What is the great message of the Bible as found in the following passages?

   (a) Romans 3:23 - "For _ _ _ have _ _ _ _ _ _ and come short of the _ _ _ _ _ of God."

   (b) Matthew 1:21 - "and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for _ _ shall _ _ _ _ his people from their _ _ _ _ ."

   (c) Acts 4:12 - "for there is none other _ _ _ _ under heaven given among men, whereby we must be _ _ _ _ _ ."

   (d) Deuteronomy 10:12 – The Lord thy God requires thee "to fear the LORD thy _ _ _ , to walk in all _ _ _ _ _ _ _ , and to _ _ _ _ _ _ _ , and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy _ _ _ _ _ and with all thy _ _ _ _ ."
2. Q. What do Deuteronomy 12:32b and Revelation 22:18, 19 teach (in brief)?

   A. These two verses clearly teach that no man should add a word to the _ _ _ _ _ and that no one should take away one _ _ _ _ out of the sacred Book. God will punish those who do!

IV. How the Bible Should be Regarded

1. Q. What did Jesus say about those who do not want to give heed to the Word of God? (Matthew 22:29)

   A. "Ye do err, not knowing the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ , nor the _ _ _ _ _ of God"

2. Underline the correct statement:

   God's Word is in the Bible.

   The Bible is the Word of God.

3. Q. For whom is the Bible difficult to understand? (1 Corinthians 2:14a)

   A. "The _ _ _ _ _ _ _ man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of _ _ _ ."

4. Q. What does the natural man need to understand the Word of God? (See 1 Corinthians 2:12.)

   A. He needs the special grace of the S _ _ _ _ _ of God.

5. Q. What should be our prayer as we read God's Word?

   A. (1) "O _ _ _ thou mine _ _ _ _ " (Psalm 119:18).

   (2) "T _ _ _ _ me, O LORD" (Psalm 119:33a).

   (3) "G _ _ _ me _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ " (Psalm 119:34a).

6. Q. Where should the Word of God be kept?

   A. The Word of God should be kept in our _ _ _ _ _ _ . (See Deuteronomy 6:6.)

"Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

Psalm 119:18

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