

Why You Need God's Word?

I. IT IS THE WAY TO KNOW GOD.

A. The Bible is God's revelation of Himself to Man.

1. The necessity of God to reveal Himself to us.

a. Our problem---God is infinite Creator. We are finite creation. Psalm 145:3.

b. God's answer---self disclosure. Matthew 11:27.

2. Revelation always precedes relationship. You can't have a relationship with someone you don't know.

a. Since God took the divine initiative to reveal Himself to us, it clearly implies that He wants to have a relationship with us---He wants us to know Him.

II. IT CAN BE TRUSTED IN EVERYTHING IT SAYS ABOUT GOD.

A. It is inspired. 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21.

1. Inspired means "God-breathed" or "God speaking."
In other words, Scripture claims to be the very Word of God.

B. It is inerrant.

1. David's conclusion about the Word of God. ---Psalm 19:7-8.

a. Because the Bible is God speaking, then it must be absolutely without error in everything that it says, since God never lies and is never wrong.

b. Thus, David's conclusion about Scripture----

1) God's Word is perfect, therefore...

2) God's Word is trustworthy.

c. The result of David's conclusion---

1) God's Word revives the soul.

2) God's Word gives wisdom to the simple.

3) God's Word gives joy to the heart.

d. These three things describe the person who loves God's Word and trusts in what it says.

III. MODERN ALTERNATIVES TO GOD'S WORD.

A. Relativism.

1. There is no God, therefore, no absolute truth.

2. No stability. Everything changes with the whims of society.

3. We create a culture of the absurd, where human opinion is its own authority and anything must be tolerated, no matter how ridiculous or contradictory.

B. Existentialism.

1. If there is no God and absolute truth, there is no eternity. There is only the here and now. There is no hope for tomorrow.

C. Feeling-oriented living.

1. If there is no eternal tomorrow and today is all there is to it, then my total focus is doing "whatever feels good."

D. What a powerless, hopeless way to live.

IV. THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD GOD'S WORD.

A. The state of one's heart is revealed by their attitude toward God's Word.

1. Romans 8:7 --- illustrates the attitude of the unbeliever toward God's Word.

a. To be saved, one must become convinced that the message of the Bible, the Gospel, is God's Word and, therefore, true and trustworthy.

2. Psalm 19:7-11. Attitude the believer should have toward Word.

- a. Heeding it warns me of danger.
- b. Obeying rewards me with blessing.

3. Look at Paul's attitude toward the Word of God, even in the midst of his own struggles with his flesh.---Rom. 1:22.

B. The right attitude must be present for the Word to be received and submitted to.

- 1. James 1:21-22.
- 2. 1 Peter 2:1-3.

V. THE IMPACT OF HUMBLE SUBMISSION TO THE WORD.

A. The more we understand about God's Word, the more we know God and His character. The more we know God, the more we love Him. The more we love Him, the more we want to please Him.

- 1. As we desire God's Word, our hatred of sin increases. Psalm 119:104.

B. It's impact---progressive sanctification.

- 1. Ephesians 4:22-24.
- 2. Romans 12:2.

C. Result----Christlikeness.