

Be Careful How We Use The Scriptures

There is a naïve assumption on the part of many people that the Christian Bible has about it some kind of magic power for good, so that merely to read it or quote it is profitable, regardless of the circumstances.

This idea needs to be corrected.

We must not make the reading of the Word of God, the Christian Bible, as an end product, rather a medium through which we can penetrate to the divine Person of the Triune God.

2 Timothy 3:15 [New King James] *“and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”*

This goal of the scriptures is to make us “wise for salvation through faith which is in Jesus Christ.”

The Word of God, the Christian Bible, was inspired by God as a means of showing us what we need to have changed to be acceptable to a Holy Triune God, [2 Timothy 3:16] and reveal the plan of the Creator God for all humanity, [Genesis 1:26-27].

The purpose of the Christian Bible is to –

Inform us what is true, [**John 17:17**].

Inspire faith in the Creator God, [**Romans 10:17**].

Secure obedience in our lives by revealing rebellious sin in our lives, [**Romans 7:7; Romans 3:20**].

Be a guide to our present life, [**Psalms 119:103**].

We will be judged by God’s Word, [**Revelation 20:12**].

The Word of God, the Christian Bible, will do us good only as we approach it with a teachable mind that is humble enough to receive correction and surrender our will to obey what it teaches.

If we approach God’s Word, the Christian Bible, with this attitude of mind it will allow us to begin to know the very Creator God and begin a relationship that could be eternal, [**John 17:3; 1 John 5:11**].

John 6:53-69 [New King James] *“Then Jesus said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. This is the bread which came down from heaven, not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.’ These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum. Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, ‘This is a hard saying; who can understand it?’ When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, ‘Does this offend you? What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you who do not believe.’ For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. And He said, ‘Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.’ From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, ‘Do you also want to go away?’ But Simon Peter answered Him, ‘Lord, to whom*

shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’”

The words of Jesus Christ are life, both physical and spiritual, [eternal].

This is how we are to devour and digest them to know how our Saviour and Creator God wants us to live to inherit the eternal future with Him, [Romans 8:16-17; Revelation 21:7].