

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

MORNING MESSAGE

“The Bible on the Bible”

2 Timothy 3:14-17

- I. THE INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE (v.14)
 - A. Timothy was introduced to the Bible by his grandmother and his mother
 1. 2 Timothy 1:5, “When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which first dwelt in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also”
 2. Romans 15:4, “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope”
 - B. There is no book like this Book
 1. R.G. Lee, “It is supernatural in origin, divine in authorship, human in penmanship, infallible in authority, inexhaustible in adequacy”
 2. The Baptist Faith & Message, “It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter”
- II. THE INTENT OF THE BIBLE (v.15)
 - A. The intent of the Bible is to lead people to salvation
 1. Timothy was probably led to Jesus by Paul during his second missionary journey
 - a. Acts 16:1, “Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain woman (Eunice), which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek”
 - b. 1 Timothy 1:2, “Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith”
 - c. 2 Timothy 1:2, “To Timothy, my dearly beloved son”
 2. We are not told how it happened, but we can imagine
 - a. Acts 17:2-3, “And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus whom I preach unto you, is Christ”
- III. THE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE (v.16a)
 - A. The Bible was inspired by God
 1. “Inspiration” is a combination of two Greek words: “theos” meaning God, and “pneuo” meaning breath; it means “God-breathed”
 - a. Genesis 2:7, “The Lord formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul”
 - b. 2 Peter 1:21, “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost”
 - B. The Bible is trustworthy because it is inspired by God
 1. If you want to know the truth about creation, read the Bible (Genesis 1:1)
 2. If you want to know the truth about gender identity, read the Bible (Genesis 1:27)
 3. If you want to know the truth about marriage, read the Bible (Genesis 2:24)
 4. If you want to know the truth about salvation, read the Bible (John 14:6)

IV. THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE BIBLE (vv.16b-17)

A. There are two implications

1. The Bible is profitable (v.16b)
 - a. It tells us what to believe
 - b. It tells us how to behave
2. The Bible is perfecting (v.17)
 - a. It will enlighten you
 - b. It will enable you