

# RESPECT GOD'S WORD

## I. THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD

**Mark 7:13, Romans 10:17, Hebrews 4:12**

**Watch for the words "God's Word". It is the assertion of this lesson that, if a place is to be found called "God's Word", it is in this book, The Bible.**

## II. WRITTEN THROUGH MAN

**II Peter 1:21, Jeremiah 30:2, Daniel 12:8-9, II Peter 3:10**

**Of course, the Bible was written by men, but they were only the penmen, "holy men of old spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."**

**Jeremiah demonstrates this in 30:2, as Jeremiah was instructed by God to write the words, spoken by God in a book. We therefore have the book of Jeremiah.**

**Daniel did not understand what he was writing and said as much. God said that it was not for him to know, those in the last times (us) would understand. Daniel wrote about world empires, not in existence yet, peace treaties, the European common market, the destroyed and rebuilt temple in Jerusalem (not as yet destroyed), and other prophetic things that we can plainly see in hindsight.**

**Peter could not imagine the explosion mentioned his passage. We can plainly understand such an explosion that will melt the elements, but he knew nothing of it.**

## III. EVERY WORD BELONGS TO GOD

**II Timothy 3:16**

**"All" scripture is from God, not just some. In fact the four things mentioned in this passage are the purposes God had for including certain ideas into the scripture. As we read scripture, we should find those four things. Perhaps it seems that we are reading history or poetry but they are included in the Bible for one or more of those purposes.**

## IV. ITS PURPOSE II Timothy 3:16

**To Teach Doctrine - Psalm 119:99, I John 5:13**  
**“Doctrine” are those deep truths about God and his way or purposes. John gives a sample of doctrine.**

**To Reprove (rebuke)- Jeremiah 23:29, Matthew 5:21-22**  
**The scripture is like a refiners fire that exposes the motives of our heart. Matthew 5 is an example of the heart being the focus.**

**To Correct (expose error) - Psalm 119:104, Ephesians 4:14**  
**In Ephesians we are told of religion created by men. Would people actually create some religion that was wrong? Only the Bible is able to expose such error.**

**To Instruct (lead right) - Psalm 119:105, II Timothy 3:15**  
**Once we know error we need to know the right way. The Timothy passage shows that the Bible only shows the way to salvation (being right with God). That certainly eliminates a lot of religion.**

## **V. ONLY CHRISTIANS CAN UNDERSTAND IT**

**I Corinthians 2:14, John 14:26**  
**Until a person has experienced a spiritual connection with God, spiritual things make no sense to him. It is only with the guiding light of the Holy Spirit that we are able to search out the “spiritual” truths of scripture.**

## **VI. IT’S PRACTICAL USE**

**II Timothy 3:15, Salvation**  
**I John 5:13, Assurance**  
**Eph. 4:14, Error exposed**  
**I Peter 1:25, Eternal guidance**

## **VII. IT IS MORE THAN A SPIRITUAL BOOK**

**History**      **Isaiah 20:1, Mal. 3:6**

**Isaiah 20:1 has become an historic benchmark for dating events in world history. Prior to the discovery of the Palace of Sargon in the late 1800's, skeptics of scripture used this passage to say that the Bible was fiction.**

**Malachi tells us of the perpetual existence of the Jews, even though they have experienced so much persecution through the centuries.**

**Science**      **Isaiah 40:22, Lev. 17:11, Job 26:7, Gen. 15:5, Psalm 8:8**

**Isaiah gives us a hint that the earth is round and that 750 BC. When did we figure that to be true?**

**Lev. Instructs us that the life of the flesh is in the blood. No blood no life. George Washington was bled to death as the physicians tried to purge him of his fever by blood letting. Too bad they hadn't read Leviticus.**

**Imaging Job know that the earth "hangs on nothing."**

**In Genesis we find that the stars cannot be numbered. One might have thought differently until the Hubble telescope.**

**The ocean currents were mapped because a man read in Psalms that the ocean had currents.**

**Home**      **Titus 2:3-6, Eph. 5:21-33**

**Do you have a domestic issue? The Bible gives insight into how things should really exist.**

**Economics**      **Luke 6:38**

**What if everyone in the world practiced this kind of economics?**

**Relationships**      **Eph. 4:29-32**

**The world would be a safer place if we practiced this kind of relationship maintenance.**

**Psychology**      **Phil. 4:5-9**

**Here is the power of positive thinking.**

**Government**      **Kings, Judges**

**Good and bad alike are demonstrated for all to see.**

**Social**      **Proverbs 18:24**

**How simple is this to understand?**

**Prophecy     John 14:1-2**

**Prophecy is the thing that sets the scripture aside from all books of religion. IT dares to predict the future. Look for the fulfillment of these verses soon.**

## **VIII. HOW TO APPLY IT**

**II Timothy 2:15, Read it, study it**

**John 20:29, Believe it**

**John 13:17, Practice it**

**John 12:48, Be accountable for it.**

## **IX. SPECKA**

**Here is a technique for applying the scripture to your own life and heart. Ask these questions as you read the portions listed below.**

**IS THERE A:**

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