

LIFE TOGETHER
at
CHRIST THE ROCK FELLOWSHIP

LESSON 2

LAMP UNTO MY FEET

Introduction: The Bible is not an authorized collection of books but a collection of authorized books (Hammond p. 26). The Bible is not only a historical record and report of divine events, it is *The Word of God*, telling us who God is, how He revealed Himself, what He has done in Jesus Christ for our salvation, and showing us how to have fellowship with Him. It is the living, inspired word giving us life and direction as Christians.

In the final analysis, Jesus does not care how much we KNOW for knowledge sake of the Word, but what we DO with what we know.

Matthew 7:24-29; I Cor. 8:1; James 1:22-25.

Matthew 7:24-27

- 24 *Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, **and does them**, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:*
- 25 *And the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.*
- 26 *Now everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, **and does not do them**, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:*
- 27 *And the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.*

Key verse:

Psalm 119:105 - Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I. The Origin of the Bible

A. Five Canonical tests used by Rabbis and early Church Fathers to determine if writings were scriptural.

1. Was it authoritative?
2. Authority of the writer.
3. Was it authentic?
4. Must have internal evidence of unique characteristics as inspired and authoritative; life-changing?

5. Had to pass the test of time for acceptance in the churches. Was it read and collected by God's people?

B. Given by God. *II Timothy 3:16-17*

- 16 *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,*
- 17 *That the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

C. Man is the instrument used by the Holy Spirit to Give the Word:
II Peter 1:20-21

- 20 *knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,*
- 21 *for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

II Samuel 23:2

- 2 *The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, and His word was on my tongue.*

1. There are seven (7) ways that God spoke to man from which we got the scripture.

- a. **Audible voice:** *Matt. 3:16-17; Ex. 4 (burning bush); Ex. 33:7-11; Deut. 5:22-28; I Kings 18:10-12; Num. 12:4-8*
- b. **Angels:** *Hebrews 2:2; Genesis 18; Exodus 3; Judges 6:12; Judges 13:1-18; Daniel 9:20-22*
- c. **Spoke to man** (prophets): *Acts 3:21; I Peter 1:10-12*
- d. **Through Jesus:** *Hebrews 1:1-2*
- e. **Through Apostles:** *Acts 1:2*
- f. **Through visions:** *Isaiah 6; Daniel 7 & 8*
- g. **Through dreams:** *Num. 12:6; Matt. 1:21; Matt. 2:12; James 4:8; John 11:4*

II. Living Word - *Hebrews 4:12 and Romans 1:16*

- A. Source of guidance - *Psalm 119:9-16; Psalms 119:105; Romans 7:15***

Psalm 119:105

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

B. Medicine for the body - Proverbs 4:20-22

20 My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings.

21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart;

22 For they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh.

C. Manual for daily living - II Tim. 3:14; II Tim. 1:13; Titus 1:9; II Tim 3:14-17

14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,

15 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.

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

17 That the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

III. Man's Opinion in Light of God's Word

A. Obedience - James 1:21-25

23 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

24 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;

25 For he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

26 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

B. Subjection of personal opinion to scriptural authority. II Cor. 10:4-5

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

5 Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, brining every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

C. Becoming more like Jesus. II Cor. 3:18; II Cor. 5:17

18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

IV. Why is Bible Study Necessary? - Psalm 119:18

Psalm 119:18

18 Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law.

A. What does it say?

B. What does it mean?

C. How do I apply the Bible to my life today - or how does the Bible apply to my life today? *Psalms 119:9; Romans 10:17; Psalms 19:7; Phil. 4:7*

Psalm 119:9

9 How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to your Word.