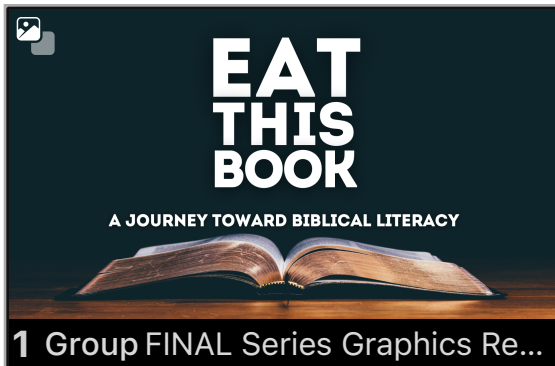


2024_1_14 The Nature and Purpose of the Scriptures



Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him and questioned him: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife behind but no child, that man should take the wife and raise up offspring for his brother."

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There were seven brothers. The first married a woman, and dying, left no offspring. The second also took her, and he died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise. None of the seven left offspring.

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Last of all, the woman died too. In the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be, since the seven had married her?"

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Jesus spoke to them, "Isn't this the reason why you're mistaken: you don't know the Scriptures or the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage but are like angels in heaven.

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And as for the dead being raised—haven't you read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the burning bush, how God said to him: I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob?

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He is not the God of the dead but of the living. You are badly mistaken."

Mark 12v18-27 (CSB)

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You pore over the Scriptures because you think you have eternal life in them, and yet they testify about me. But you are not willing to come to me so that you may have life.

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"I do not accept glory from people, but I know you—that you have no love for God within you. I have come in my Father's name, and yet you don't accept me. If someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him.

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How can you believe, since you accept glory from one another but don't seek the glory that comes from the only God? Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope.

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For if you believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me. But if you don't believe what he wrote, how will you believe my words?"

John 5v39-47 (CSB)

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But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you, and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

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All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3v14-17 (CSB)

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inspired = God-breathed

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CMA Statement of Faith

The Old and New Testaments, inerrant as originally given, were verbally inspired by God and are a complete revelation of His will for our salvation. They constitute the divine and only rule of Christian faith and practice (2 Pet. 1:20-21; 2 Tim. 3:15-17).

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"By inspiration of Scripture we mean that supernatural influence of the Holy Spirit on the Scripture writers which rendered their writings an accurate record of the revelation or which resulted in what they wrote actually being the Word of God."

Millard Erickson

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"Christians feed on Scripture. Holy Scripture nurtures the holy community as food nurtures the human body. Christians don't simply learn or study or use Scripture; we assimilate it, take it into our lives in such a way that it gets metabolized into acts of love, cups of cold water, missions into all the world, healing and evangelism and justice in Jesus' name, hands raised in adoration of the Father, feet washed in company with the Son.

Eugene Peterson

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Above all, you know this: No prophecy of Scripture comes from the prophet's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1v20-21 (CSB)

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The nature of the Bible isn't an impersonal text telling us about God. The nature of the Bible is a personal text inviting us to know God.

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"Every part of the revelation, every aspect, every form is personal - God is relational at the core - and so whatever is said, whatever is revealed, whatever is received is also personal and relational. There is nothing impersonal, nothing merely functional, everything from beginning to end and in between is personal."

Eugene Peterson

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God did more than just communicate information to us, he presented himself to us so that we might know him.

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The purpose of the Scriptures (2 Tim. 3v14-17):
teaching -> rebuking -> correcting -> training in righteousness

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"The purpose of this shaping by the living Word is to nurture us into being all God speaks us forth to be in the image of Christ."
Robert Mulholland

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The nature of the Scriptures reveals God to us so that we might know him. The purpose of the Scriptures is to grow us into wholeness in Christ.

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When it comes to our approach to the Bible, we aren't interested in primary knowing more, but becoming more.

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"Bible reading truly accomplishes its intention only when we become more aware of how much we are loved and so become more loving. For believers to follow Jesus implies, among other things, adopting the same attitude toward God's Word as Jesus had. Becoming like Christ involves accepting his example as one who reads the Bible.

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It means defining ourselves and our purpose in life in light of the Bible. "Follow Christ" also means practicing what the Bible says. Simply put, we cannot truthfully say that we are followers of Jesus if we neglect or refuse to obey what the Bible tells us, or if we use it in self-serving ways that are not what God originally intended."
Dr. Ray Lubeck

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We come to the Scriptures with hearts that are open, attentive, yielded, and obedient.

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