

A Light for my Path (Part 1)
“Why Study the Bible Today?”
(Psalms 119:105 & 2 Timothy 3:16)

Introduction: As we begin our new sermon series, we are confronted with a question; “Why study the Bible today?” I can assure you there are a number of reasons to study the Bible today among which are; God does not intend for us to wander around in the darkness of life wondering what we are supposed to do, where we are supposed to go, and who we are supposed to be. In a dark world we have the flashlight of God’s truth to guide us, and to help us to guide others.

This is why over the next five weeks, I want to spend time showing us how *every Christian can read, study, dig into and get out of the Bible the riches God has given us in His word.* The word of God is a tremendous resource for the believer... and today I want to give you six reasons why we should each study the Bible “God’s word” today...

1. We should study the Bible today because it is Infallible: The Bible in its entirety has no mistakes and is completely trustworthy!

A. God is its author - Ps 19:7-8 tells us,

B. The fact that God is perfect demands that His word be perfect...

2. We should study the Bible today because it is inerrant:

A. God’s word is pure and true - Prov 30:5-6

B. God’s word has been divinely preserved –

1. God used revelation -

- **He spoke through angels** - Gen. 18; 19; Luke 1-2; Matt. 28;
- **He spoke through an audible voice** - Gen. 3:9-19; 6:13-21; 12:1-3; Ex. 20:1-17; Josh. 1:1-9; 1 Kings 17:2-4.
- **He spoke in a still, small voice** - 1 Kings 19:11-12
- **He spoke through nature** - Psalm 19
- **He spoke through animals** - Num. 22:28
- **He spoke in dreams** - Gen. 28:12; Matt. 1-2; Matt. 2:19-22
- **He spoke through visions** - Isaiah 6:1-6; Daniel 7; 8; 10; Acts 16, 19
- **He spoke through Christophanies** – Gen. 18:1-33; Ex. 3:2; Dan. 3:25; 1 Kings 19:7

2 Pet. 1:21, tells us...

2. Then God used Inspiration – (2 Tim. 3:16; Matt. 4:4; John 6:63)

Jesus said, Mt.5:18 ;Mk 13:31; Lk 21:33).

The prophet Isaiah said (Isaiah 40:8).

And Peter said (1 Peter 1:24-25).

3. We should study the Bible today because it is complete:

a. Nothing needs to be added – (Rev 22:18-19)

b. What we have we need to acknowledge –

- 1. Believe it** – (John 6:68; Luke 16:31)
- 2. Study it** – (Acts 18:24; Luke 24:32; 2 Timothy 2:15)
- 3. Honor it** – (Job 23:12; Psalms 19:9,10)
- 4. Love it** – (Psalms 119:97)
- 5. Conform to it** – (Isaiah 8:20; Nehemiah 8)
- 6. Contend for it** – (Jude 3) and...
- 7. Proclaim it** – (2 Timothy 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 2:13)

4. We should study the Bible today because it is Authoritative:
Isa 1:2 gives great advice:

1. The Bible demands our obedience -

a. Jesus said – (Jn. 8:30, 31)

b. Paul said - (Gal 3:10)

c. James said – (Js 2:10)

2. The Bible demands that we be doers (Js. 1:22)

5. We should study the Bible today because it is all sufficient:

a. The need for salvation – (2 Tim. 3:15)

b. The need for perfection – (2 Tim. 3:16, 17)

c. The need for hope – (Rom. 15:4)

d. The need for blessings – (Josh. 1:8; Js. 1:25)

6. We should study the Bible today because it is effective: (Isa. 55:11).

Conclusion: What is the Bible to you? For today, ask the Lord to help you simply settle the issue that the Bible is the, Word of God. Accepting that by faith will be a great benefit to you because what we believe determines what we do. And we should study the Bible today!