

"Returning to God Through Scripture"

2 Timothy 3:13-17

Introduction

Imagine driving on a stormy day and trying to look out of your rear window to realize you can't see anything. Imagine that you've had this car for several years but had no idea there was a windshield wiper in the back. Even though the wiper was mentioned in the manual that came with the car, you were unaware that it existed or how to take advantage of it. The Bible is our manual of grace and is designed to show all God's provisions for every believer. However, the manual is not intended just to be available to the believer. It is intended to be used! God's Word is powerful and can tell us how to live in this world and how things work.

If we are serious about returning to God, the person, we have to return to God through His Word. God's Word is inerrant. It is an errorless revelation of Him. He has disclosed Himself and what He wants us to know about Him based on His Word. The Holy Spirit oversaw the recording of the inspired Word and ensured that the perfect revelation would be comprehensive, complete, and sufficient. Scripture is the voice of God in print, not merely information about God, so we need to take Scripture seriously.

Scripture is the provision given to us by God to help us clearly see ourselves and our world. However, it does us no good if we don't utilize it through reading, memorizing and obeying God's truth. Scripture can operate because it is alive. It works when the hearer of Scripture is willing to receive the Word and when the enemies of Scripture are rejected. When the Word of God is believed and acted on, we will see the accomplishment of Scripture and its transformational work in our lives.

Getting Started

1. How often would you say you read your Bible in a typical week?
2. How will you approach the Bible differently in light of this message?

Let's Get Personal

1. In what way has God's perfect revelation proved sufficient, comprehensive and complete in your life?
2. In what ways can you practice not just being a hearer of the Word but a doer?
3. How much time do you spend hiding Scripture in your heart? Does God bring Scripture to your mind when you need it? Why do you think that is?

Take the Next Step

1. What are your major challenges in believing Scripture?
2. Spend time in prayer and introspection. Ask the Lord to show you how you can be more obedient to His Word.
3. Want to go deeper? Take time to look at the following passages: John 17:17; Psalm 119:1-176; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 19:7-14; Hebrews 4:12-13; Matthew 4:4; Psalm 12:6; Psalm 30:5; Psalm 18:30; Psalm 33:6; Psalm 33:9; Isaiah 55:9-11; Matthew 5:18; John 10:34-36; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Luke 8:4-15; James 1:19-25; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18; John 8:31-32; Isaiah 66:2

Renew Your Mind

"Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

John 17:17
