

Lesson 3

The Authoritative Word Of God

Where lines are provided, look up the Scripture and write in the Scripture

The authority of the Bible is in the Bible. One of the most important evidences of authority is also the simplest because the Bible is its own proof. The Bible defends itself. God the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit bear witness to the authority of the Bible. For instance, just as the Holy Spirit bears witness to every believer that He is a Child of God (Romans 8:16), He also bears witness that the Bible is the Word of God (II Peter 1:20-21). Therefore, the final authority for our faith and practice (daily life) is Word of God.

The Bible is the authoritative Word because of God, the Son, Jesus Christ has set His stamp of authority upon entire Book

1. The Speaker and the Hearer in the Old Testament.

a. The Bible is the authoritative Word of God because He settled Word in heaven (Psalm 119:89) and “His” Word is true from beginning” (Psalm 119:160). Phrases such as. “And the Lord spake unto —, “ And God said —,” The Word of the Lord came unto—.” can be found 3,808 times in the Old Testament.

b. Phrases we accept and often overlook give the Bible its authority.

For example, let us take 35 examples in one book and see the words, “And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying — Underline these in your Bible.

Leviticus 1:1

Leviticus 4:1

Leviticus 5:14

Leviticus 6:1,8,19, 24

Leviticus 7:22,28

Leviticus 8:1

Leviticus 10:8

Leviticus 11:1

Leviticus 12:1

Leviticus 13:1

Leviticus 14:1, 33

Leviticus 15:1

Leviticus 16:1

Leviticus 17:1

- Leviticus 18:1
- Leviticus 19:1
- Leviticus 20:1
- Leviticus 21:16
- Leviticus 22: 1, 17, 26
- Leviticus 23:1, 9, 23, 26, 33
- Leviticus 24:1,13
- Leviticus 25:1
- Leviticus 27:1

c The speaker is the Lord God — the hearer is Moses. You will find this throughout the Old Testament. God speaks — the writer records “The Word of the Lord.”

2. God spoke His Plan of Redemption Into Being

a. Some of the most important words ever spoken by the Lord God are found in Genesis 3. In this chapter the fall of man and God’s plan of redemption are recorded. Underline Genesis 3:15

b. In the sovereignty and will of God, He made a way whereby we can be saved and we can know Him. He spoke into being the plan of redemption — knowing His Son would have to pay the price.

B The Testimony of the Bible

1. The Internal Evidence of the Authority of Scriptures

a. The Bible declares itself to be the word of God.

Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9. Write in verses 5 and 6 _____

Underline Joshua 1:8 and Joshua 8:32-35 in your bible

b. The word is sure, perfect, endures forever, is true

Look at Psalm 12:6.

Underline Psalm 19: 7-11. Notice the words of authority.

c. The Word is eternal

Write in Psalm 119:89 _____

I underline Psalm 119:152 and 160.

Look at Isaiah 40:6-8 and write in vs.8 _____

d. The Word is effective — it is the Gospel

Underline 1Thessalonians. 2:13

Read again 1 Peter 1:23 - 25 — note the words, “being born again ...by the Word of God.”

C. The Testimony of the Holy Spirit.

1. The Holy Spirit Bears Witness That the Bible is the Word of God.

a. Look again at (II Peter 1:19-21) and pay attention to (vs 19 and 21)

Note “ “Holy men of God spoke (wrote) as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”

b. Underline (I Peter 1:10 -11) in your bible, Peter is saying that the prophets wrote what they were told to write. They did not originate The message. The message came from God.

2. The Holy Spirit of God Gave the Message to the Writers.

a. Turn to (II Samuel 23:1-2) and write in verse 2. _____

b. Jeremiah felt his own weakness in speak the message of God to Israel
The Lord said He would put words in the mouth of Jeremiah. Read Jeremiah 1: 6-9) and underline (v.9).

c. In (Daniel 12: 8-9) Daniel wrote words given to him by divine Inspiration which he could not understand. The words were from God..

3. God Used Many ways to Reveal His Message.

a. He used “ the voice of God,” “the angels,”. “the prophets
Look at (Hebrews 1:1-2) and notice how God still reveals His message.

b. Underline (Zachariah 4:6) and write in the last part of the verse:
Not by might _____

c. The Holy Spirit bears witness to the believer that he is a child of God. Write in (Romans 8:16) _____

The Holy Spirit reveals the truth and the false.

4. The Word of The Scripture are Divinely Taught by the Holy Spirit
(I Corinthians. 2:9-13)

a. Underline verse 9 and 10 of I Corinthians in your Bible.

write in (I Cor. 2:13) _____

b. Spiritual things are taught in words given by the Holy Spirit.
This is accomplished by “comparing spiritual things with
Spiritual things. “ actually Comparing Scripture with Scripture.”

c. Notice Paul’s own testimony in (I Cor. 2:4) and underline the
last phrase of the verse.

D. The Testimony of Jesus Christ

1. The Authority of Jesus

The testimony of Jesus Christ is the highest authority to which we
can turn for the authority of the entire Word of God. If we accept the
teaching of Jesus, we must accept His teachings concerning the Bible.

2. According to Jesus, Divine Revelation is in the Word of God

a. Look at the following passages as proof:

Matthew 22:29 _____

Matthew 24:37 _____

Mark 7:13 _____

Luke 24:44 _____

(John 5:39) Search the Scripture; for in them ye think ye have eternal life:
and they are they which testify of Me.”

b. The way Jesus used the Scriptures proves His Love and reverence for the Word .

The way He quoted the Scriptures was amazing. In answering those around Him, He constantly referred to questions such as, "Have you never read?" and "It is written," and "Search the Scriptures." (Refer to the Sermon on the Mount in (Matthew 5 through 7, and notice how many times, He uses the phrase mentioned above.)

In Matthew 4 Jesus used Scripture to defeat Satan. Notice 4, 7, and 10)

Jesus Claimed Divine Inspiration for Teachings. " My doctrine is not mine, but that sent Me." Write in John 12:49

b. Jesus spoke divine, inspired words,
Underline (John 8:42-43)
Write John 12:50

Jesus spoke. As the Spirit of God told Him to speak
Underline Luke 4:18

5. Jesus Began His Public Ministry by Quoting the Scriptures

a. Read the context of His message in (Luke 4:16-21) and underline (v.21) Here Jesus was quoting Isaiah (61:1-2)

b. From this point, Jesus lived, taught and preached the Scriptures.

6. Jesus and the Scriptures After His Resurrection.

a. It was after the resurrection of our Lord that He set His seal on the entire Old Testament. If there was any doubt about His knowledge of the whole truth in the days of His flesh — there could be no question of his absolute knowledge after His resurrection (Luke 24:27) _____
Write in Luke 24:44

Underline the next two verses 45 and 46.

b. The Jews divided the Bible, our Old Testament, into three parts the Laws, the Prophets, and the Psalms or "the writing". Notice

after His resurrection, Jesus recognized the three divisions of the Old Testament and set His stamp of authority upon each one.

7. Jesus Promised that the Apostles Would be Holy Spirit Directed in Their Writing & Teaching.

- a. Jesus placed His stamp of authority upon the New Testament by anticipation. There was not a book of the New Testament written when Jesus ascended to glory. How did He authenticate the New Testament written by the apostles?

Jesus promised the guidance of the Holy Spirit in what the apostles would say and write about Him (Matt. 10:19-20).

Underline verses 19 and write in verse 20: _____

(Remember that this was just after the twelve were commissioned to go forth and preach, (Matthew 10:7)

- b. Jesus reiterated the same promise in Mark's account of the Olivet Discourse (Mark 13:11)
 - c. Jesus promised the apostles that they would have the Holy Spirit to teach them all things and bring to their remembrance all of the things Jesus had taught them. (John 14:26) Underline in your bible
 - d. The affirmation is repeated in (John 16:12-13). This is one of the most important passages in the New Testament. Underline (John 16:12) and write in verse 13 _____
 - e. The New Testament was given by the Holy Spirit, based upon the authority of Jesus Christ. They contain the *truth* Jesus would have us know after His departure (John 15:26-27) Underline verse 26 _____
-

V. What this Bible Truth Teaches Us Today

The entire Bible is the authoritative Word of God because of the testimony of God the Father, the testimony of the Bible itself, the witness of the Holy Spirit and the testimony of Jesus Christ. The Bible is the Word of God, and "cannot be broken" (John 10:35). In the volume of the book it is "written of Me" said Jesus (Psalm 40:7); (Hebrews 10:7)

Therefore, it is for us to bow to the authority of God's Word and to obey its

teaching. It is God's message to man—total and complete for faith to live victoriously. It assures the believer of life everlasting.