

CHRISTIANITY 101

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Psalm 19:1

I. “The Bible: God’s Word” – Part 1

INTRO.: Proposition - “Having made man in His own image (i.e., being spirit, having intellect, moral consciousness, etc.), God has revealed Himself and His will to man. *The Bible is that revelation.*”

A. Meaning of “Revelation”

1. In today’s reading, the claim is made that “scriptures” are “*God-breathed*” (inspired)
 - a. The need for “Revelation” is because of man’s limitation to know an *unlimited* God.

Isaiah 55:8-9

Psalm 147:5

Mark 10:27

Romans 1:20

Psalm 137:7-10

- b. Man is limited in two important ways...

James 4:14a, b

B. Necessity of Revelation

1. Without revelation from God, man by his own resources & wisdom could not know God & His will.
 - a. We cannot know God solely by His creation.

Romans 1:25

Acts 17:23

- b. We cannot know God by intuition. Some feel they have an “inner light” to instruct, guide them.

Proverbs 16:25

Jeremiah 10:23

- c. We cannot know God solely by human wisdom.

1 Corinthians 1:21

Jeremiah 8:9

C. The Possibility & Probability for a Revelation

1. Granting the premise that God created the heavens & the earth and man in His own image, the following propositions should be self-evident:

Luke 1:37

D. Can We Understand God's Revelation?

1. The prevalent idea in the world is that we cannot understand the Bible.
 - a. The Catholic idea as stated by Cardinal Gibbons, "*Faith of Our Fathers*" (94th Ed.; pgs 89-90)

 - b. Denominations believe we require "creeds" to understand the scriptures.

2. God, however, promises we can understand His revelation (i.e., the scriptures)

John 9:44-45

John 7:17

John 12:49-50

Ephesians 3:3-5

CONCLUSIONS:

Meadows: The Bible is complete for our every task...

2 Timothy 3:16-17

2 Peter 1:3

Guests: Salvation comes thru God's words:

Acts 2:40-41

Acts 11:13-14

Romans 1:16

Mark 16:15-16