

It has been truly said that Christianity is a book religion. Christians do not worship the book, they worship God and Him alone. However, they realize that God has revealed His will to them through a book. ⁽³⁾ This is the very foundation of our religion. Every Christian doctrine, every Christian viewpoint, every Christian action must be tested by the Word of God. If it is in line with the Word of God, it is right. If it is contrary to the Word of God, it is wrong. /

We find this clearly taught in the statements of the Apostle Paul. An ^{instance} outstanding example is found in II Timothy 3:16,17. ⁽⁵⁾ "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, ~~thoroughly furnished~~ unto all good works." / According to the Apostle Paul, if a man of God then is to be thoroughly furnished for all good works, the way for him to become so, is to receive that instruction in righteousness which he finds in the Word of God. ⁽⁶⁾ Paul had no doubt as to the truth of God's Word.

All of it ~~was~~ ^{is} true. All of it ~~was~~ ^{is} given by inspiration of God. All of it ~~was~~ ^{is} profitable for doctrine, for reproof, and for correction. ~~Every bit of it is necessary.~~ it is God's Word. / Human ideas are far less important. We may figure some things are right and we may be wrong on other things. Human ideas make progress and then discover every new truth, but that which God has revealed is absolutely certain. Man may ~~plunge~~ ^{plunge} deeper into the ~~truth~~ ^{truth} that God has given. Man may come to understand it better and better, but anything that is clearly taught in God's Word is absolutely unquestionable and anything that we find taught in God's Word is something upon which we can depend.

Now there are many that think that this is an unreasonable idea. They point out that in medicine the books that are standard today are out of date a few years from now. In Physics, in Chemistry, in Geology, in all of our sciences, the books of 20 years ago are considered today as useless and out of date. Why then should it be different in religion, they ask? Why should a book that was complete nearly 2000 years ago be central and vital and important?