

persons who put the Bible on the shelf, look toward it as an honored part of their homes, show great respect for it, but their attitudes may stop at that point. If one does so, he is indeed coming to a position similar to that of the heathen who puts an idol in a shrine in his home, and bows to the idol. The true Christian never makes the Bible an idol. He worships God and God alone.

### A Revelation from God

Although it is not an object of worship, the Bible has a very important part in the life of a Christian. It can be briefly summarized by stating that the Bible is a revelation from God.

Some people think of this word "revelation" as indicating an old medieval concept that has no part in present day life. Such an attitude shows a failure to understand what the word really means. Actually what we mean by revelation is communication. We mean by it that one person passes on ideas or thoughts to another person. When we say that the Bible is a revelation from God, we mean that this is the book by means of which God passes on to us ideas and attitudes that He desires us to have. Although the Bible is never to be worshipped, and must never usurp the place of God, it has a tremendously important place in showing us what God wants us to know and to do. It is our means of learning about God.

### One of the Commonest Features of All Human Life

As a matter of fact revelation is one of the commonest features of