

God Has Spoken

Lesson 12

Luke 16:19-31; 2 Timothy 3:16-17;
2 Peter 1:19-21; Hebrews 1:1-3

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Luke 16:19-31

How to avoid “this place of torment.”

- Resurrection of Lazarus?
- But he said to him, “If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.”

The Revelation of God

- **General – God revealed in creation**
 - God is (Romans 1:20)
 - We are guilty (Romans 2:15)
 - Judgment is coming (Romans 1:18)
- **Special – God revealed in the Bible**
 - Inspiration (2 Timothy 3:16)
 - “God-breathed”
 - God is good – we need not go to “this place of torment.”

Revelation of God's Goodness

Jesus loves me! this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
they are weak but He is strong.

Jesus loves me! He who died
heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
let His little child come in.

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

The Doctrine of the Bible

- TBC Doctrinal Statement – We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, inerrant in the original manuscripts, infallible, and the sole authority on matters of faith and holiness.
- tbcpx.org: We believe that the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible, inerrant Word of God. We believe that the Bible is our final and complete authority for salvation and for the lives of believers. It is the only written revelation from God, and about God.

The Bible is God's Word

- A circular argument
 - Why should we believe this?
 - The Bible says so!
 - Why should we believe the Bible?
 - The Bible is the Word of God!
- No external authority
 - It is accepted by faith
 - Faith comes by hearing the Word.

The Context for Revelation

- the nature of God
 - God – eternal, infinite, transcendent – unknowable (Isaiah 55:9; 1 Timothy 6:15-16; Isaiah 45:16)
- the nature of man
 - Man – a creature, dead in trespasses and sins – ignorant and incapable of knowing (1 Corinthians 2:14; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Romans 3:11)

God has revealed Himself

- **1 Corinthians 2:9-10**
 - The truth of God's grace is beyond human comprehension
 - God has revealed through His Spirit
- **The Bible is that revelation**
 - It makes that claim about itself
 - This lesson is for believers

The Bible is the Word of God

- “Thus saith the LORD . . .”
- The testimony of the O.T. writers
 - Jeremiah 1:4-10; 20:7-9
 - Ezekiel 2:1-3:4
 - 2 Samuel 23:2
 - Numbers 23:35: 24:13

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- The testimony of Jesus Christ
 - John 10:34
 - Matthew 15:4-6
 - Matthew 19:4-5
 - Matthew 5:17-18
 - Luke 24:25-27
 - Matthew 26:54
 - Matthew 22:29
 - Matthew 23:35

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- The testimony of the N.T. writers
 - Galatians 3:8 (Genesis 12:1-3)
 - Romans 9:17 (Exodus 9:16)
 - Hebrews 3:7 (Psalm 95:7-11)
 - Acts 4:24-36 (Psalm 2:1)
 - Acts 13:34 (Isaiah 55:3)
 - Acts 13:35 (Psalm 16:10)
 - Hebrews 1:7 (Psalm 104:4)
 - Hebrews 1:8-9 (Psalm 45:6-7)

How did God reveal Himself?

- **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

- All Scripture
- Given by inspiration of God – God-breathed

- **2 Peter 1:19-21**

- Not by private “origin” or by the will of man
- Holy men spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit

How did God reveal Himself?

- **2 Peter 3:16**
 - Paul spoke with wisdom given him
 - as the rest of Scriptures
- **Hebrews 1:1-3**
 - God spoke by the prophets
 - God spoke by Jesus Christ
- **John 14:17, 26-27; 16:12-15**
 - Christ speaks by the apostles

The Doctrine of Inspiration

- **Infallible**

- Unfailing in authority and guidance – true
- Caveat: a cover for denial of inspiration

- **Inerrant**

- Without error in the original manuscripts
- Psalm 12:6; 18:30; 9:7; 119:160; Proverbs 30:5
- Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18

The Doctrine of Inspiration

- ▶ We do not have the original manuscripts
- ▶ Not dictation
- ▶ Not sanctification
- ▶ Not omniscience – 1 Peter 1:10-11
- ▶ Not without figures of speech
- ▶ Not without lies and errors of a speaker
- ▶ Not without apparent contradictions
- ▶ Textual problems

The Doctrine of Inspiration

“If, here or there, I stumble upon something which seems not to agree with the truth, I make no doubt that either the copy is faulty, or the translator did not express exactly the thought of the original, or that I do not understand the matter.” – Augustine

The Doctrine of Inspiration

“Give me the plenary, verbal theory of inspiration, with all its difficulties. Rather than doubt, I accept the difficulties and humbly wait for their solution. But while I wait, I am standing on the rock.” – J.C. Ryle

The Bible is God's Word

- God is good – Romans 2:4
- We must love God's Word – Psalm 119:97
- We must study God's Word – 2 Timothy 2:15
- We proclaim God's Word – Psalm 119:130
- The Word of God is sufficient – 2 Peter 1:3