

## GOD'S REVELATION

When Sir Walter Scott was lying on his death bed, he turned to his son-in-law, Lockhart, and said, "Give me the Book." Whereupon Lockhart questioned, "Which book?" as he was looking around at many shelves, containing numerous volumes, Scott replied, "Which book", there is but one book!" Of course Scott was referring to the book of books, the Bible. I wonder what book you and I will be most concerned about when we are laying upon our deathbed. I do know which book we will be most concerned about on Judgment Day. "The Book" is:

1. GOD'S DIVINE REVELATION: The Bible is our chart and compass for life. It gives purpose and meaning to our lives. It is our roadmap from earth to Heaven. It gives hope after death. The Bible claims to be God's Word. Over 2,500 times Scriptures claim to be "God's Words." Expressions such as, "The Lord said," "God spake," and "These are the words of the Lord" are found at least 1,300 times in the Old Testament. We would also point out that Jesus upheld the claims of the Old Testament writers. The Bible is God's revealed Will for us. We should treat it as such (II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:21; I Corinthians 2:10-13; I Thessalonians 2:13-14).

2. THE BIBLE IS GOD'S FULL REVELATION: Jesus made a promise to His apostles. He said He would guide them *into all truth* (John 16:13). This means, "Into all parts of the truth." Did He keep His promise? I believe He did!

3. THE BIBLE IS GOD'S FINAL REVELATION: When the final book of the New Testament was written down, God's revealed Will to man was complete. All who have claimed divine revelation after the first century are false prophets! (Jude 3-4). The authority of the Bible is final. The Bible should be the standard to which we turn to settle all religious and moral questions. There is no higher authority to which any of us can appeal. The Bible is God's final and complete Word.

4. THE BIBLE IS GOD'S STANDARD OF JUDGMENT: Those who lived during the time of the Patriarchal system will be judged under that system. Those who lived and died during the time when the Law of Moses was binding on the Jews will be judged by that Law. We today live under the time of the New Testament system, and will be judged by the New Testament (John 12:48; Romans 2:16; II Corinthians 5:10). Let us thank God for "the Book"—our Bible .

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