

By Faith Lesson 2

The Holy Bible-The Word of God

The Book of Books

The Bible is the most important of all books. You have a Bible at home. The Bible is always read at services. You can also read the Bible. Did you know that the Bible is the most marvelous book in the world?

Biblia = Books

The word "bible" comes from the Greek word "Biblia;" which means "books." When you examine the Bible, you notice that it is not one book, but that it contains several books which have been written by different people. You see, for example, books written by Moses, David, Ezra, Luke and so on, all writers of the Bible. But has not the Bible then, been given by the dictation of God? How then has the Bible truly originated?

Find 2 Pet. 1:19-21. This scriptural passage gives the answer.

The Revelation of God

The common characteristic of all the writers of the Bible is that they had the Holy Spirit. The Bible has been written according to the revelation of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible is divided into two parts: The Old Testament and the New Testament. When you open your Bible between these Testaments you get the result shown in this picture:

Testament= Covenant

The thicker collection of books is the Old Testament, OT, which was originally written in Hebrew. The New Testament, NT, was written in Greek. Even though the Bible has been written with different gifts and in different languages and even though it contains many books, it is nevertheless one completeness.

The Holy Spirit is the Key to the Bible

The Bible is a closed Book. It can be opened only by the Holy Spirit, which is the Key to the Bible. With this Key, we can enter inside the revelations of the Bible, which reveal the Lord Jesus and His Kingdom. The Old Testament writings promised that He, the Messiah, would come into the world. The New Testament is, briefly said, the fulfillment of that promise.

The Gospel

The central message of the Holy Bible is the Gospel or glad tidings concerning Jesus and His Kingdom. The very essence of the Gospel is the forgiveness of sins.

Exercises

1. Read Acts 8:26-40. Why didn't the eunuch understand the Bible?
2. Why is the text at the services of believers always read from the Bible?
3. What do the writings of the Old Testament promise? How are these promises fulfilled in the New Testament?