

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Does the Old Testament apply to New Testament believers?
2. Note Deuteronomy 4:2. In what ways do people try to add to or diminish from God's book?
3. Today, there are many different understandings of God's teachings. In what ways will **God** teach us **His** truth?
4. Specifically, what are the benefits of regular Bible study habits?

## SUMMARY:

God spoke to the children of Israel through Moses His servant pointing out to them His commandments and the necessity of living in obedience to them, bringing to remembrance that He has destroyed the disobedient and has preserved the obedient. Although "*no man has seen God at anytime*," yet many have heard His still small voice as He spoke in various ways. God does not want man to worship a shape or a form of any kind, but rather the Creator of all things. God has not left us without instruction, but rather has given us His Holy Word by inspiration of His Spirit through holy men chosen by Him. It is a Word that is not for a particular generation, but rather one that is for all peoples and for all generations and for all time as God will give it to men.

## NOTES:

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[SoF:1] We believe that the Bible is inspired by God, and is the complete, infallible Word of God.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #1

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Third Quarter

## THE BIBLE - GOD'S WORD <sup>[SoF:1]</sup>

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Deuteronomy 4:1-14; 2 Peter 1:15-21*

**LESSON SETTING:** Moses exhorts Israel to be obedient to God's Law.

**TIME:** The Law was written approximately 1490 B.C. The New Testament was written in the first 95 years A.D. or the first century.

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- I. INSPIRED COMMANDS.** Deuteronomy 4:1-14
  - A. God's Commandments. Exodus 20:1-17
  - B. God's Word—Sacred. Deuteronomy 12:32; Revelation 22:19
  - C. God's Law—Perfect. Psalm 19:7; Romans 7:12, 14
- II. INSPIRED EXPERIENCE.** 2 Peter 1:15-18
  - A. Unseen God. Exodus 33:20; John 1:18; 1 Timothy 1:17
  - B. Voice of God. Genesis 3:8; 1 Kings. 19:12; Matthew 17:5
  - C. Idolatry. Acts 17:29; Romans 1:23
- III. INSPIRED WRITERS.** 2 Peter 1:19-21
  - A. God's Word is Sure. 1 Kings 8:56; Matthew 5:18; Luke 21:33
  - B. God's Word a Light. Psalm 119:105; Proverbs 6:23
  - C. God's Word by Inspiration. Jeremiah 36:2; Acts 1:16; 2 Peter 1:21; Revelation 14:13
  - D. Examples: 2 Samuel 23:2; Jeremiah 1:9; Ezekiel 3:17

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD, AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS.*

2 Timothy 3:16

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Deuteronomy 18:15-19; John 5:39-47

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Psalm 22:1-31; John 1:1-5;  
Colossians 1:15-29

**QUARTERLY THEME:** The Bible and the Christian Life

**TOPIC:** CHRIST, THE THEME OF THE BIBLE

**INTRODUCTION:**

Throughout all Scripture, Christ is mentioned. In the Old Testament the prophecy of His coming is told. In the New Testament the dispensation of Grace is given us. When we speak of the Bible as God's Word we must realize that it means life. It is a living Word, breathing instruction, comfort, and salvation to us. Without it we are dead and worthless, meaningless and lost. The Bible teaches us how to live to be pleasing to God. It is our comfort when in trials or sorrows. We go to it for solace, rest, and peace, but above all, it is our means of salvation and this is through Christ.

God's very own spoken Word took the form of flesh in Christ, who came to this world to be our salvation. Therefore, we must accept Him as our Savior, becoming new beings, reflecting His Bible, His living Word. As it is sometimes stated that Christians are the only Bible some people ever read, we, therefore must be very certain that we are reflecting His Word in its purity and truth. Christ should become the very theme of every heart. Even as He is the theme of the Bible, He becomes the theme of each believer.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Those who are not Christ-centered are off-center.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES; FOR IN THEM YE THINK YE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE: AND THEY ARE THEY WHICH TESTIFY OF ME.*  
John 5:39

The Bible is God's Word, its author is the Holy Spirit and its theme is the Son of God. When the Holy Spirit inspired prophets and psalmists to record God's Word they always wrote of the Savior who was to come. So all prophecy, poetry and even history in old covenant scripture points to Christ. No wonder Jesus said: *"they testify of Me."*

Christ completed the plan of salvation, shed His atoning blood on the cross, arose from the dead and returned to His Father in Heaven. Then the Holy Spirit was showered upon the Apostles and they preached the Gospel of the Kingdom. They always showed "by the scripture" that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God, nor is there salvation in any other.

So we have the Father, Son and Holy Spirit working for our soul's welfare. It behooves us to *"search the scriptures daily, whether these things are so."*  
Acts 17:11

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 7 - 13**

M. \*Christ, the Theme of the Bible. Deuteronomy 18:15-19; John 5:39-59

T. Balaam Prophesies of Christ. Numbers 24:15-19

W. Job Speaks of Christ. Job 19:21-29

T. David sings of Christ. Psalm 40:1-17

F. Isaiah Prophesies of Christ. Isaiah 53:1-12

S. Luke Writes of Christ. Luke 2:1-20

S. Peter Preaches of Christ. Acts 2:22-38