

God Speaks Through the Bible

Unit 5 Day 4 of Experiencing God

Introduction: Henry Blackaby proposes that the Holy Spirit speaks through the Bible. This raises a few questions.

How is the Bible God's Word when it was written by men?

1. It was already in written form for well over _____ years before Jesus was born.
 - a. It was translated into G_____ around 250 B.C.
 - b. By the time of Jesus, the O.T. was well circulated among the Jewish synagogues in two languages.
2. Records prophecies about the Messiah that only Jesus fulfilled.
 - a. Micah 5:2 – where He would be b_____
 - b. Is 7:14 – the nature of His conception – a v_____ conception.
 - c. Dan 9:24-27 – the time frame of the completion of the Messiah's ministry in putting an end to sin as being _____ years after a certain decree made in 457 B.C.
 - d. Is 53 – gives a remarkable description of the crucifixion as well as being buried in a r_____ tomb.
 - e. Ps 16:10 – the Holy one would not undergo d_____ and so implies His death and resurrection.
3. Since Jesus proved His identity, we must believe all that He says.
 - a. Jesus authenticated our present Bible as Scripture
 - 1) Luke 11:49 – God sent a _____ and prophets to convey His word
 - 2) Matt 22:43 – David wrote in the S_____
 - 3) Lk 24:44 – He fulfilled the Old Testament described as the L_____, Prophets, and the Psalms.
 - b. Peter authenticated Paul's l_____ as scripture (2Pet 3:15,16)
 - c. All scripture is i_____ by God (2Tim 3:16)

How is the Bible God's Word to me when it was written to others?

1. Jesus stated to the Sadducees in Matt 22:31,32: *have you not read what was spoken to you by God* and then quotes Ex 3:6, which was a record of what was spoken to M_____
 - a. Jesus viewed the Scriptures as God s_____ to us.
 - b. I must view the Bible as God's w_____ to me.
2. We must take responsibility to u_____ what God has already spoken (e.g. Phil 4:13 – *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*)
 - a. Put yourself in the time and culture of the author and the audience so you can understand it as o_____ intended.
 - b. Put it in c_____ to see how it fits with the surrounding verses.
 - c. A_____ it to your life.

How does God speak to me by the Holy Spirit through the Bible?

1. 1Cor 2:11,12 – the Holy Spirit is within you, ready to i_____ with the scripture to speak to you

2. 2Tim 3:16 – the Holy Spirit will do at least one of four things
 - a. T_____ you a truth
 - b. C_____ you with your sin
 - c. S_____ you the correct way to live
 - d. E_____ you for a task in serving Him
3. If you are reading the Word daily, God will speak to you daily.

Conclusion – Get into God’s word. Listen and obey.

1. Luke 11:28 – *Happy are those who hear the word of God and observe it.* – Are you HAPPY?
2. Col 3:16 – *Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you* – Are you ENRICHING yourself?
3. Eph 6:17 – part of the armor needed to fight off Satan and his demons is the sword of the Spirit called the word of God. – Are you ARMING yourself with God’s word?