

Christian Doctrine

The Bible (Part 4)

How We Should View the Bible Personally

The Authority of Scripture

Authority of the Scripture refers to the fact that the Bible came to us from God Himself as the foundation of truth and therefore requires our complete obedience. Since some people do not accept the Bible for what it is, they look to other sources of authority for their life, such as:

- Themselves: Some people think they know what is best for themselves, regardless of what anyone else says.
- Church: Some people look to the leaders of a church or religious organization as their final authority.
*A biblical church should uphold Scripture as its authority.

Human beings are limited in knowledge and are capable of making mistakes. Therefore, to make ourselves or a church leader our source for truth would be a big mistake. Only the God of the Universe, who has spoken to us through His Word, is worthy of being our authority.

The Bible as Our Sole Authority

Many verses highlight the significance of the Bible:

- **Matt. 15:2-6** – It is more important than tradition.
- **Matt. 15:7-9** – Words of men cannot compare with God's words.
- **Acts 17:11** – Search the Bible to see if something is true.
- **II Tim. 2:15** – God is pleased when we study and apply His Word.
- **II Tim. 3:17** – It is all we need to learn how to live godly.
- **II Pet. 1:17-21** – Peter saw the transfiguration of Jesus with his own eyes, but he even says the Bible is more reliable as a source of truth than his own eyewitness account!

It is easy to say God's Word is important to us, but if we want to truly please God, we have to make it our authority. Making the Bible our sole authority shows that we trust God's Word as being true and that we are willing to be obedient to what God says. Only when we allow God's Word to go deep into our hearts and change us from the inside out is God truly glorified.