

SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Psalm 119 deals with the Word of God.
 - i) Psalm 119:18
 - ii) Psalm 119:27
 - iii) Psalm 119:129
 - (1) In these passages, the author speaks twice of wondrous things and then says that they are wonderful.
- b) We have heard of the seven wonders of the ancient world, and today's message will share seven wonders of the Word of God.
- c) The great battle today is over the Word of God.
 - i) The danger is not so much from those who attack the church from the outside.
 - (1) These are like woodpeckers pecking on the church.
 - (a) We can see them and can shoo them away.
 - ii) But there are others who are on the inside who are more like termites, eating away at the foundation.
 - (1) These are liberals on the inside.
 - (2) Many preachers in today's pulpits deny the Bible and are destroying faith in the Bible.
 - d) The Bible is being attacked today.
 - i) There are those who say that there is no need to defend the Bible because the Bible will defend itself.
 - (1) But the Bible says that we're to earnestly contend for the faith.
 - (a) Jude 3
 - ii) The great preacher Charles Haddon Spurgeon said that the point of battle between those who hold the faith and their opponents lies in the true and real inspiration of the Holy Scriptures.
 - (1) The point of difference is what people believe about the inspiration of the Word of God.

2) THE BIBLE IS A SUPERNATURAL BOOK

- a) No other book was written as the Bible was written.
- b) 2 Timothy 3:16
 - i) The Greek word for "inspiration" literally means "God-breathed."
 - (1) Scripture is God-breathed.
 - (a) We couldn't speak without breath.
 - (b) The Bible is the breath of God.
 - (2) This literally means that God breathed the Scriptures out.
 - (3) The Bible is as much the Word of God as if God were here in a physical body speaking words.
 - ii) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, not part of it.
- c) We believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Bible.
 - i) "Verbal" from its Latin word means "word."

- (1) This means the word-by-word inspiration of the Bible; that every word of God is pure.
 - (a) Proverbs 30:5
- (2) Matthew 4:4
- ii) Some people believe that the Bible is inspired in its thoughts but not the words.
 - (1) But you cannot have accurate thoughts without accurate words.
 - (a) To have thoughts without words would be like trying to have mathematics without numbers.
 - (b) Words mean something.
 - (2) The Lord Jesus taught us that even a jot or a tittle in the Word of God is important.
 - (3) In the original manuscripts, every line, every point, every pen stroke, every jot and every tittle were placed there by the will and the purpose of Almighty God.
- iii) The Latin word for “plenary” means “full.”
 - (1) It is fully inspired.
- iv) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God.
- d) 3,808 times, the Bible includes a phrase such as “God said” or “The Lord said” or “Thus saith the Lord” or “The Lord spake.”
 - i) Either the Bible is the Word of God, or it is a bundle of lies because over and over again it says that this is what God says.
- e) If all of the Bible is the breath of God, then why do different books sound different from each other?
 - i) For example, the book of James doesn’t sound like what Paul wrote.
 - (1) Why is the language and style so different if it’s all given by inspiration of God?
 - ii) We can see the personalities, temperaments and characteristics of each human author.
 - (1) But Almighty God is behind all of them.
 - iii) God used human instruments to write the Bible, but behind these human instruments was Almighty God.
 - (1) 2 Peter 1:21
 - iv) The Bible is a very human book in that we see the prayers, the praises, the fears, the victories, the yearnings, and the frustrations of the men who wrote each book.
 - (1) It is marked by their personalities.
 - v) Yet, God, in and through these men, was the one who did the speaking and the leading.
- f) It has been said that the Bible is not such a book as a man would write because it condemns him or could write because it surpasses him.

3) THE BIBLE IS A SPIRITUAL BOOK

- a) The Bible, written by the Holy Spirit, must be interpreted by the Holy Spirit.

- i) Revelation is God's communication of truth to man.
 - ii) Inspiration is the recording of that revelation.
 - (1) Revelation and inspiration are not enough; we still need illumination to be able to understand the Word of God.
 - b) Psalm 119:18
 - i) This is a prayer.
 - c) Luke 24:45
 - i) The Lord Jesus opened their understanding so that they could understand the Scriptures.
 - d) 1 Corinthians 2:14
 - i) The "natural man" means the soulish man, the psychological man.
 - (1) This is the man apart from the Spirit of God.
 - (2) He cannot understand the Bible.
 - (a) He may be able to recite the names of the kings of Israel and be able to articulate the doctrines of the Bible in his own way, but he will never know the real message of the Bible until the Holy Spirit of God turns the light on in his soul.
 - ii) The natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God.
 - (1) This is why we must lay our intellectual pride in the dust when we come to the Bible and ask the Lord to speak to us.
 - e) Isaiah 55:7
 - i) Forsake your thoughts.
 - (1) Put away your intellectual pride and ask the Holy Spirit of God to teach you.
 - f) The Bible is a spiritual book, and we will not rip truth out of it.
 - i) God will reveal it to us, or we won't have it.
 - ii) We have a perfectly inspired Word of God; but until the Holy Spirit illumines us as a student of it, it will not be real in our heart.
- 4) THE BIBLE IS THE SAVIOR'S BOOK
- a) It is the Savior's book because He believed it and because it presents Him.
 - b) Jesus Christ is the hero of the Bible.
 - i) If you read the Bible and don't find Jesus Christ somewhere standing in the shadows or presented in plain view, then go back and read it again.
 - ii) The Bible is about the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - c) Jesus believed in the inerrancy of the Word of God.
 - i) John 10:35
 - (1) The Lord Jesus said that the Scripture cannot be broken.
 - ii) John 5:39
 - (1) The Lord Jesus was talking about the Old Testament in this passage.
 - (a) The New Testament had not yet been written.
 - (2) The Old Testament testifies of Jesus.

- (a) Don't get the idea that the Old Testament is about Israel, and the New Testament is about the church; or that only the New Testament is about Jesus.
 - (b) The Holy writings testify of Jesus.
- iii) John 5:45
 - (1) The Lord Jesus was talking to the Jews of His day.
 - (2) When He mentioned Moses, He was talking about the Pentateuch.
 - (a) The Pentateuch are the writings of Moses:
 - (i) Genesis
 - (ii) Exodus
 - (iii) Leviticus
 - (iv) Numbers
 - (v) Deuteronomy
 - (3) Jesus believed that Moses wrote the Pentateuch.
- iv) John 5:46
 - (1) Moses wrote of the Lord Jesus.
 - (2) Jesus is in the Old Testament, including the first five books of the Bible.
- v) The Lord Jesus put the writings of Moses and His sayings on the same plane.
 - (1) John 5:47
 - (2) The Lord Jesus endorsed what Moses wrote and put what Moses wrote on the same level as His own words.
- vi) Jesus is our Master.
 - (1) The servant's view of the Bible must be the same as the Master's.
- vii) Luke 24:25
 - (1) This is what the Lord Jesus would call us today if we don't believe all that the Old Testament prophets said.
 - (2) "Fools and slow of heart" means "dull of hearing."
- viii) Luke 24:26-27
 - (1) He started in the Pentateuch and went through the rest of the Bible.
 - (2) He showed them in all of the Bible (the Old Testament) the things concerning Himself.
- d) The Lord Jesus believed the Bible.
 - i) John 10:35
 - ii) John 5:39
- e) Jesus is the theme and the hero of the Bible.
 - i) In Genesis, He's the promised seed.
 - ii) In Exodus, He's the Passover lamb.
 - iii) In Leviticus, He's that perfect sacrifice.
 - iv) In Numbers, He is the star out of Jacob.
 - v) In Deuteronomy, He's the prophet that is greater than Moses.
 - vi) In Joshua, He is the Commander-in-Chief.
 - vii) In Judges, He is the deliverer.

- viii) In Kings, Chronicles and Samuel, He is the King of kings.
 - ix) In Ezra, He is God's temple.
 - x) In Nehemiah, He is the gate to the city.
 - xi) In Esther, He is the one come for such a time as this.
 - xii) In Job, He is the Redeemer who will stand in the last day upon the Earth.
 - xiii) In Psalms, He is the Good Shepherd.
 - xiv) In Proverbs, He is the wisdom of God.
 - xv) In Ecclesiastes, He is the one upon whom we attend.
 - xvi) In Isaiah, He is the virgin-born Son of God.
 - xvii) In Jeremiah, He is the righteous branch.
 - xviii) In the Song of Solomon, He is the one altogether lovely.
 - xix) In the book of Hosea, He is God's Son called out of Egypt.
 - xx) In Malachi, He's the Son of righteousness with healing in His wings.
- f) There are some who will accuse you of loving the Bible too much.
- i) They will accuse you of bibliolatry, which means that you've made an idol of the Bible; you worship the Bible.
 - ii) But if your love for the Bible brings you closer to Christ, then pay no attention to them.
 - (1) Just keep on loving the Bible.
 - (2) Because the Savior loved and believed the Bible, then we can love it and believe it.

5) THE BIBLE IS A SOVEREIGN BOOK

- a) The Bible is the supreme authority in spiritual matters, not human reason.
 - i) Don't take the Bible and parade it past the bar of human judgment to see if you agree with it or not.
- b) Conscience is not the supreme authority.
 - i) If you had to choose between obeying the Bible or obeying your conscience, obey the Bible.
 - ii) Conscience is not an infallible guide.
- c) We must look at the Bible in the light of the Holy Spirit of God, not the flashlight of public opinion.
- d) Tradition is not the authority.
 - i) Mark 7:13
 - (1) Jesus warned of those who make the Word of God of none effect through their tradition.
- e) Psalm 138:2
 - i) God has magnified His Word above His name.
- f) A man and his word may be different in this dishonest world in which we live, but God and His Word are the same.

6) THE BIBLE IS A SURVIVING BOOK

- a) It goes on and on and on.
 - i) Matthew 24:35

- ii) 1 Peter 1:25
- b) When the Earth becomes a cinder and the stars splinter and fade, the Word of God will be in existence.
 - i) It doesn't change.
 - ii) It survives.
- c) Don't be concerned that the Bible doesn't agree in every instance with modern science.
 - i) If it agreed with today's science, then tomorrow it might be wrong because science is constantly changing.
 - ii) Science, sooner or later, will catch up with the Word of God.
- d) Don't be ashamed of the Bible.
 - i) It is timeless.
 - ii) It is ultimate.
 - iii) It is indestructible.
 - iv) It is infallible.
 - v) It is eternal.
 - vi) It is the book of the ages.
 - (1) Psalm 119:89
- e) Romans 3:4

7) THE BIBLE IS A SUSTAINING BOOK

- a) Not only does it survive, but it enables us to survive.
- b) Just as we are physically sustained by physical nutrients, we are spiritually sustained by the Word of God.
 - i) Matthew 4:4
 - ii) Every word that comes from God's mouth is to our spirit what bread is to our body.
 - iii) Job 23:12
- c) 1 Peter 2:2
 - i) Many Christians remain baby Christians because they don't get enough of the Word of God, and they're not growing.
 - (1) Many Christians are only playing at Bible study.
 - (2) The only real nutrient they get is when they go to church on Sunday.

8) THE BIBLE IS A SUPERCHARGED BOOK

- a) It has incredible power.
- b) John 6:63
 - i) We read other books, but the Bible reads us.
- c) Hebrews 4:12
 - i) The word "quick" in this passage means that it is living, it breathes, it sings and it pulsates with power.
 - ii) There is power in the Word of God.
 - iii) It is quick and powerful and full of energy.

- d) The Bible is able to penetrate and scrutinize the innermost part of our personality.
 - i) The Bible is called a fire because it burns.
 - ii) It is called a hammer because it crushes.
 - iii) It is called a sword because it cuts.

9) CONCLUSION

- a) The purpose of the Bible is to present Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world.
- b) Romans 1:16
- c) James 1:18
- d) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- e) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16