

THE PRECIOUS WRITTEN WORD

INTRODUCTION

- I. Several times in the Bible the expression "It is written" is found.
 - A. Jesus used it 3 times in His response to Satan's temptation to sin. Mt.4:4,7,10
 1. Jesus used the expression **correctly** and also when He referred to God's will.
 2. Satan used the expression **incorrectly** in a vain effort to cause Jesus to sin, and as an example to all false teachers to also pervert God's precious word.
 - B. Satan and his ministers still misuse, twist and pervert scriptures to deceive the world today. 2Pe.2:1,2; 3:16
- II. This lesson shall be an analysis of the expression "It is written."

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, we note that it is the WORD OF GOD under consideration.

- A. God used "oral" words to speak to Adam, Abraham and Moses. Gen.2:16,17; 12:1-3; Exo.3:1-6
 1. God wrote the 10 commandments upon the stones twice.
 2. Then, He inspired other writers through the years to write His will.
 3. When the time came, He sent His "Son" who is identified as the personal "Word" of God. Jn.1:1,14
- B. God's message now is confined to WORDS that are written in the Bible. Pr.30:5,6; Mt.4:4; Jn.20:30,31

II. 2nd, we note that it is the WRITTEN WORD we are studying.

- A. The word "write, wrote, written and writing" are found 100's of times in the Bible, and in every book of the NT except the book of James.
- B. The word is **written** that it might be **read**. Mt.21:42; 24:14; Lk.4:16; Ac.8:30-35; Ep.3:4; Col.4:16; Rev.1:3
 1. Reading the Bible is food for the soul, as regular food for the body.
 2. Each Christian should make it an enjoyable practice to read something from the Bible every day.
 3. Fathers and mothers should see to it that everyone in the family reads and/or hears the written word **every day**. Ep. 6:4
 4. My wife and I read from the written word every evening before prayer and retirement for the night.
 5. A marquee board reads *"When you carry your Bible, Satan has a headache, and when you read it he collapses."*
 6. The written word is God's principle weapon against evil. Ep.6:17
- C. The written word is referred to as **"scripture."**
 1. The word "scripture" is used 52 times in the Bible and always refers to the written word of God.
 2. ALL scripture is inspired by means of the Holy Spirit. 2Sa.23:2; 2Pe.1:20,21; 2Ti.3:16,17

III. 3rd, WHY do we have the written word of God?

- A. 1st, we have it in written form that we might **know** of God's wisdom and power and have reverence for Him. Mt.22:29
- B. 2nd, we have the written word of God that we might **understand** what He wants to do to be saved and to keep saved. Ps.119:34,73,103,104; Ep.3:4

- C. 3rd, we have the written word that we might **grow** spiritually and develop the character that pleases God, and will lead us to heaven. 1Pe.2:2 (KJV, ASV); Ac.20:32
- D. 4th, we have the written word to help us overcome temptation and resist evil. Ps.119:9-11; Js.4:7
- E. 5th, we have the written word to **verify** any teaching we receive, so as not to be misled and lose our souls. Mt.15:9; 1Jn.4:1; 1Th.5:21,22f; Ac. 17:11

CONCLUSION

- I. The written word is very precious to anyone wanting eternal life.
- II. Blessings come to those who obey the precious word. Ps.19:10,11