

The Importance of God's Word

Acts 7:1-3

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3 Questions to Ponder:

How did Stephen know that God said this to Abraham? Why was he now going to use this source for what he was about to say? What was his purpose in doing so?

I. The Author of the Scriptures

The Bible is God's Word. Every word is "God-b_____." He is the author of It a_____. (2Ti.3:16)

II. The Authority of the Scriptures

If the Creator God has spoken to His creatures, then it is authoritative. The One Who made us has the r_____ to tell us what to do. He has the r_____ to punish us if we are disobedient. (Psa.24:1; Heb.1:1-2; 2:1-3)

Hebrews 2: 1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let *them* s_____.

The Bible tells you what you o____ to your Creator. And you shall be judged by what is written in IT! The Bible a_____ is the final authority for mankind to know Who our Creator God is and what He requires of us! (Rom.3:19; Rev.20:11-13)

III. The Aim of the Scriptures

The chief aim of the Scriptures is to r_____ Jesus Christ. (Joh.5:39)

The Scriptures e_____ the need that all men have for Jesus Christ as their Redeemer. (Rom.3:19-26)

The aim of the Scriptures is to b_____ men to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. (Mar.16:15; 2Sa.9:5; Rom.1:14-16)

The aim of the Scriptures is to reveal the a____-sufficiency of knowing and walking with Jesus Christ. (2Pe.1:3-4)

To really know Christ is to have e_____ life. To be without Christ is to be without l_____. (Joh.17:3; 1Jo.5:12-13)

To love Christ is to love His W_____. (Joh.14;15,21)

To love His Word is to have "g_____ peace" and to be free from bitterness. (Psa.119:165; Phi.4:7; 1Pe.2:1-2)

In God's Word we have all that we need to ...

- a) be sound in d_____ (2Ti.3:16; 1Ti.4:13-16)
- b) show us when we are w_____ (2Ti.3:16; Psa.119:130)
- c) to c_____ us from our errors (2Ti.3:16; Psa.119:9)
- d) to teach us how to s_____ on the right path (2Ti.3:16; Psa.119:105)

As Stephen is now beginning to speak in the last moments of his life he speaks God's W_____. He knows It. It has been hidden in his heart. He is full of It. It is a part of him. How well do you know the Word of God? Is it your resolve to know It better this coming year? How?