

**\*\* (Note: All Bible Quotes Are Taken From The Original King James Version)**

**Subject: The Scriptures:**

When you learn the Holy Scriptures, you will find that they are able to make you wise. When you don't have wisdom to guide you through life, you will create your own problems. Wisdom gives you good discretion over issues in life, helping you to make better choices.

All scripture is given by the inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine to help you in life. When you live according to the teachings of the scriptures, you will be living in the presence of God. When you first start out with the scriptures guiding you, you must first accept the reproof and correction that the scriptures give. When you were living without the guidance of the scriptures, you were most likely not doing things the best way, which created problems in life.

The scriptures were given by God to make life easier for you. God's way for you is better than your way. The scriptures will thoroughly furnish you unto all good works, that you may avoid hazards in life that caused problems. It is what you do that brings troubles to your life. When you do things according to the scriptures, you will have some trouble, but it will be minimal. The way that you follow the scriptures will help you to correct problems.

Now remember, when you follow the scriptures, they will completely furnish you with knowledge on how to go through life. Now the scriptures were not given just for you to go to some church, and quote them in a testimony or to sing with them in songs; they were given for you to live by.

The scriptures were not given for any private or personal interpretation. God will interpret the scriptures for you; you don't have to figure out what they mean. The scriptures will clearly show you what you are doing wrong, and how to do it right. What you don't understand in the scriptures is not for you to understand. God does not honor your ambition to know a lot, but He honors your ambition to live right.

The reason the world is divided today into religious denominations is that men have tried to interpret the scriptures to suit themselves. There is only one basic meaning that the scriptures teach; that is for men and women to turn from their sins. If Adam had not sinned, there would be no need for the scriptures.

**Subject: The Scriptures Were Given By God For The Benefit Of Man:**

It is important that the people of the earth know that God ruleth in the kingdoms of the earth as well as the kingdom of heaven. If the conduct of the people of a nation is pleasing to God, God will give such a nation a good ruler for the best interest of the people. If the people of a nation follow wicked devices, and sinful practices, then God will give the rulership of the nation to an evil leader.

The stories in the Bible were not written for entertainment, but that we might know the way God will do things today based upon the conduct of the people of a nation in past times in comparison with the conduct of the present day generation. Everything that is written in this book (Bible) was given by inspiration of God so that man might be instructed in righteousness, and be taught how to do the things that God is pleased with.

**Subject: Be Not Slow Of Heart To Believe The Scriptures:**

God, through the Holy Scriptures, has given us a thorough outline of His plan for creating this world and placing man in charge. The scriptures outline the work of redemption and the final judgment when the works of man will be judged according to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In spite of the erroneous claim that the world is millions of years old, and is capable of lasting for ages to come, time will soon end. The resources of the earth were only given by God for a limited period of time. Such resources cannot be continuously replenished by man indefinitely because of greed. God will not continue to resupply the needs of man because of his sins. Time will end before the forces of nature are spent. Time will end after the gospel has been preached throughout the world for a witness so that no human being will be able to stand before God and say that he or she has never heard the gospel.

The end of time means the end of this world or judgment day. This means the end of springtime, summer, winter, and fall. Now the end for some people comes every second of the day. There will nevertheless be an end for everybody at the same time. The world is getting worse every day, and people are more wicked. Men are merciless, cold blooded, and without honor or justice. Children do not stand a chance of surviving in the world, because of broken families and being born out of wedlock. Even nature is not compatible with human existence, putting out earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, and forest fires.

The conditions on earth have changed so radically that human life cannot long be sustained since the world is so different now from what it was when God created man and placed him in the peaceful setting of the Garden of Eden. All these changes are due to the fact that man has made sin such a habitual way of living that it deceitfully satisfies his cravings for life.

Man seeks to gratify sinful desires rather than to allow Christ to correct such cravings. Man fails to believe all that is written in the scriptures. Jesus said that they are fools, slow of heart to believe the scriptures. Listen to St. Luke 24:25-27:

Verse 25 - Then he said unto them, *O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:*

Verse 26 - *Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?*

Verse 27 - And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

Jesus noted certain prophecies regarding His own coming and ministry, but many failed to understand and accept the message of the prophet. Like people of today, they preferred giving attendance to false religious teachings just as the people of Jesus' day gave more attention to the priests and Levites who had translated the scriptures in a misleading and confusing language. If man fails to accept the instructions in the gospel of Jesus Christ, he will do that which will cause him to destroy himself.

**Subject: The Scriptures Were Written By Man But Dictated By God:**

Everything that is written in the Bible was given by the inspiration of God so that men might be instructed in righteousness. God gave the Holy Scriptures by His Spirit. The scriptures were not given by the will of man. Though man wrote the scriptures, God dictated them by His Spirit. The scriptures were given that man might be perfect.

If a person follows the principles of righteousness as are taught in the scriptures, the power in the word of God will make them perfect. The scriptures were given as a guide to govern and to direct man that he might be thoroughly furnished unto every good work.