

**The Bible And Its Importance**  
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All scripture is given by the inspiration of God and it is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and instruction in righteousness, so that mankind can be fully equipped to do every good work according to the will of God (II Timothy 3:16-17). Since this world and all of its inhabitants begin with God in creation (Gen. 1:1), it should be our desire to learn of His purpose for our existence and of His will for our lives. In the beginning God spoke to the fathers of the households by the word of His mouth so that they would know of His commandments and promises for them. As time went on, God told Moses to write the law on tablets of stone so that the people could see God's law and be reminded of His ordinances every day. When Jesus, the Son of God, came to this earth, He spoke the will of His Father for the new covenant that He would establish and told His apostles that He would deliver the rest of God's will to them through the Holy Spirit. These apostles were to be responsible for writing down the teachings of the Lord for the people of our day to learn and obey (See Heb. 1:1-2).

When you open your Bible, it is filled with inspired writings that have been given to mankind over many years. We who live under the new covenant will follow the New Testament (covenant) scriptures, so that we can be sure to learn of the Father's will for our lives, in this day and age. We, who live today, need to realize the importance of the Bible and its preservation up to this day. When you open your Bible, the book of God, you are looking at the very words of your Creator as he handed them down to you through inspired writers. God has a plan for your life. He has not left you in the dark but has given you the Light of His Word to follow (Psalm 119:105; John 3:19-21). Join us as we learn more about His holy word and His plan for your life.