

"THE HOLY SCRIPTURES"

II Timothy 3:15-4:2

Intro:

- A. Paul warns Timothy of worsening conditions.
 - 1. "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse..." Vs 13
 - 2. "...deceiving and being deceived"
- B. Paul sets the right course before him.
 - 1. "But continue thou..." Vs 14 "Remain as you are"
 - 2. "...in the things which thou hast learned..."
- C.. The source of Timothy's learning.
 - 1. Paul, the Apostle of Jesus, his Mother & G.M.
 - 2. The Holy Scriptures.

I. The Power Of Holy Scripture. Vs 15

- A. "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures,..."
 - 1. "Child" = βρεφος = "the new born babe" According to tradition, Jewish parents began teaching their children the law, beginning on their fifth birthday.
 - 2. "Known" = οίδα = "to have perceived, or seen".
 - 3. τα ἱερα γραμματα = The name the Greek speaking Jews gave to the Old Testament.
- B. "...which are able to make thee wise unto salvation..."
 - 1. "Able" = δυναμαι = "to be able", "to have power".
 - 2. "Wise" = σοφιζω = "to make wise", "skillful", "expert".
 - 3. "Salvation" = σωτηρια = "safety", "preservation".
- C. "...through faith which is in Christ Jesus."
 - 1. "Through the faith which rests in..." - KNOX
 - 2. "By trusting in..." - TAY
 - 3. "Through the faith that leans on..." - WMS

II. The Source Of Holy Scripture. Vs 16a

- A. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God,..."
1. "Scripture" = γραφή
 2. "Inspiration" = θεοπνευστος = "God-breathed", "breathed into by God" The spirit of God rested upon the prophets and He spake through them.
 3. "All scripture is divinely inspired..." - GSPD
- B. Peter wrote the same truth.
1. **II Peter 1:16-21**
 2. "...but under the influence of the Holy Spirit men spake for God." - GSPD

III. The Usefulness Of Holy Scripture. Vs 16b

- A. "...and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof,..."
1. "Profitable" = ωφελω = "to confer benefit", "to further", "to help", "to aid".
 2. "Doctrine" = διδασκαλια = "teaching", "the result of teaching", "the substance of teaching".
 3. "Reproof" = ελεγχος = "means of conviction", "convincing argument".
 4. "For teaching, for correcting error".
- B. "...for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"
1. "Correction" = επανορθωσις = "to right up again", "to restore", "a setting right".
 2. Παιδεια = "the training of a child, including discipline and instruction, admonition, rewards and punishment".
 3. "For guiding, for instructing in right doing"

IV. The Aim Of Holy Scripture. Vs 17

- A. "In order that the man of God may be fitted..."
1. "Fitted" = αρτις = "complete", "capable", "sufficient", "able to meet all demands"
 2. "Well-prepared at every point" - TAY

- B. "...thoroughly furnished unto all good works."
1. "Thoroughly furnished" = εξαρτιζω = "to equip out fully", "perfectly prepared and fitted out".
 2. "...and abundantly equipped for every good enterprise."

V. Preaching The Holy Scriptures. 4:1-2

- A. Vs 1 "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ,..."
1. "Charge" = διαμαρτυρομαι = "to bear solemn and complete witness".
 2. "And so I solemnly urge you before..."
- B. "...who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;"
1. "Quick" = ζωντας = "living ones".
 2. "Appearing" = επιφανεια = "the shining upon".
 3. "Who shall judge the living and the dead in the time of His coming and His reigning."
- C. Vs 2 "Preach the word;..."
1. "Preach" = κηρυσσω = "to make proclamation".
 2. "Proclaim the tidings".
- D. "...be instant in season, out of season;..."
1. "Instant" = επικειμαι = "to lie upon", "to press upon as with entreaties", "be urgent".
 2. "Season" = ευκαιρως = "in good time".
 3. Out + ακαιρως = "not in good time".
 4. "...whether the opportunity seems to be favorable or unfavorable..." - AMP
- E. "...reprove, rebuke, exhort..."
1. "Reprove" = ελεγχω = "to shame by proving one is in the wrong".
 2. "Rebuke" = επιτιμαω = "to find fault with", "to admonish strongly".
 3. "Exhort" = παραινεω = "to speak near to", "encourage".
 4. "Make protests, say sharp words, give comfort"
BAS

- F. "...with all longsuffering and doctrine."
1. "Longsuffering" = μακροθυμία = "endurance".
 2. "Doctrine" = διδαχή = "teaching".
 3. "...with all the patience that the work of teaching demands"

