Lesson Three

THE BIBLE AND CONVERSION

The conversion of a sinner involves conviction of sin, a knowledge of the way to be saved, and a definite acceptance, by faith, of that way. The instrument God uses to accomplish all this is His Word—the Bible.

1. THE BIBLE CONVICTS MEN OF THEIR SINS.

Hebrews 4:12 “Word of God… is a discerner of the…heart.”

Romans 3:19-20 “By the law is the knowledge of sin.”

Galatians 3:22 “The SCRIPTURE hath concluded all under sin.”

ILLUSTRATION: Acts 2:37, 5:33, 7:54.

1. THE BIBLE ALONE REVEALS THE WAY OF SALVATION.

 II Timothy 3:15 “Scriptures… make thee wise unto salvation.”

 I Corinthians 15:3-4 “Christ died…ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES.”

 Acts 11:13-14 “WORDS, whereby thou…shall be saved.”

 ILLUSTRATION: Luke 16:30-31 (Word refused, no other message.)

1. THE BIBLE MUST BE BELIEVED IF WE ARE TO BE SAVED.

John 5:24 “heareth my WORD…believeth Him…hath, ect.”

James 1:21 “Engrafted (i.e. received) WORD…able to save.”

CONTRAST:

I John 5:10 “BECAUSE he believeth not the RECORD.”

Acts 13:46 “Word of God… ye put it from you…unworthy.”

Hebrews 4:2 “Word…did not profit, not…mixed with faith.”

1. THE BIBLE NOT ONLY DEMANDS FAITH BUT PRODUCERS FAITH.

Acts 17:11-12 “received…searched…Scripture…THEREFORE.

John 17:20 “shall believe on me through their word.”

Romans 10:17 “faith cometh by hearing…the Word of God.”

John 20:30-31 “these are written THAT YE MIGHT BELIEVE.”

John 4:41 “many more believed BECAUSE OF HIS WORD.”

1. BY THE BIBLE WE ARE BORN AGAIN.

I Peter 1:23 “born again … by the Word of God.”

 II Peter 1:4 Promises… by These … partakers…divine nature

 Jas 1:18 “begat He us with the Word of Truth.”

1. The Bible, IF NEGLECTED, WILL JUDGE US IN THE END.

 John 12:47-48 “the Word … shall judge him in the last day.”

 Heb. 12:25 “not… escape, if we turn away… speaketh.”

 Knowledge adds responsibility. Mat.25:26-27 “thou knewest.”

1. THE BIBLE AND SOUL WINNING WORK.

 Seeing, then, the place the Bible has in the conversion of a sinner,

the Christian worker should KNOW THE BIBLE and USE IT.

 II TIM. 2:15, Acts 17:2-3.

Illustrations: Acts 8:30-38. Eunuch saved through Bible.