

“Why to Read the Bible”

Psalm 119:9-11

Introduction

- I. It is no secret that many people do not read the Bible.
- II. The level of ignorance is disturbing and tragic (Hos. 4:6).
- III. How can we convince ourselves, and others, to read the Bible more?
 - A. Reading the Bible will give us knowledge.
 - B. Reading the Bible will give us strength.
 - C. Reading the Bible will give us comfort.

Discussion

- I. Reading the Bible will give us knowledge.
 - A. Secular knowledge is one thing, but Scriptural knowledge is far superior (Psm. 119:105; 2 Cor. 4:3-7).
 - B. The Bible instructs us how to gain knowledge (Prov. 1:7; 8:10; 15:14; 18:15).
 - C. The Bible is the only book written by the source of all knowledge and wisdom, God (Psm. 119:66; Prov. 2:6; 1 Sam. 2:3; Eph. 1:17).
- II. Reading the Bible will give us strength.
 - A. God wants us to be strong (1 Cor. 16:13; Deut. 31:6)
 - B. God is the source of true strength (Exo. 15:2; Psm. 31:24; Isa. 41:10; Phil. 4:13).
 - C. We allow ourselves to be weak by refusing God and His Word (Isa. 40:31; 2 Cor. 12:9-10).
- III. Reading the Bible will give us comfort.
 - A. God is the source of true comfort (2 Cor. 1:3-4; Matt. 28:11-30; cf. 1 Sam. 30:6).
 - B. In moments of greatest distress, we can find comfort in the Word of God (1 Thess. 4:13; Psm. 23:4; 119:50; cf. Heb. 13:5).

Conclusion

- I. When one stops and thinks about the advantages of reading the Bible, why would we choose not to do such?
- II. If you would like to increase in knowledge and strength, and if you would like to find comfort, then read the Bible.