

# “Handling Aright the Word of God”

## 2 Tim. 2:15

### Introduction

- I. Mankind needs to understand that the Bible is the standard by which all will be judged (John 12:48).
- II. Without a proper perspective of the Bible, mankind will be utterly ignorant and lost.
- III. We can understand how to use the Bible properly, but it will take our effort (2 Tim. 2:15; Heb. 9:15).

### Discussion

- I. Learning that there are two, separate Testaments.
  - A. A testament is equivalent to a covenant, will, or agreement.
  - B. Mankind has lived under two different testaments (Old and New; Heb. 1:1-2; 9:15-17).
  - C. We must live faithfully to the testament under which we live.
- II. The Old Testament
  - A. The Old Testament is composed of thirty nine books that contain the history of two different dispensations of time (Patriarchal and Mosaic).
  - B. The Patriarchal Age
    1. Patriarch=father of the family
    2. God worked directly with the patriarchs (Gen. 3:16-17; 12:1-3).
    3. Sin was still sin (1 John 3:4; Gen. 6:5; 2 Pet. 2:6).
  - C. The Mosaic Age
    1. The law was given to Israel through a lawgiver, Moses (Exo. 20:1-2; John 1:17).
    2. The law of Moses was only given for a specific period of time (Gal. 3:23-25).
    3. Jesus fulfilled the law of Moses and took it away (Matt. 5:17; Rom. 10:4; Col. 2:14; Heb. 10:9).
    4. Hebrews chapter eleven explains how that both patriarchs and Israelites under the law of Moses lived by faith (hearing God's Word and obeying it).
- III. The New Testament
  - A. The New Testament is composed of twenty seven books that teach man how to live under the law of Christ (Gospel accounts, church history, epistles, and prophecy).
  - B. Today, we live under the Christian dispensation of time (Heb. 10:10-17; there will not be another).
    1. Mankind is commanded to obey the Gospel in order to receive the gift of salvation (Rom. 1:16; 6:23; 2 Thess. 1:7-9).
    2. Mankind is to obey the law of Christ to be pleasing and acceptable to God (Heb. 5:9; Matt. 17:5; John 14:6; 12:48).

### Conclusion

- I. Today, those who are living cannot find salvation, how to live faithfully, nor how to worship acceptably in the Old Testament.
- II. We must handle God's Word correctly by living true to the New Testament.