

Sermon Notes for February 26, 2006 A.M.

Morning: "It Is Written . . . The Power of the Word of God"

Ephesians 6:17; Luke 4:1-13 (Pew Bible pages 1042; 907)

(Spirituality: The Healthy Christian Life)

- The Bible is **Food** to nourish our souls! "And Jesus answered him, saying, **It is written**, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." Luke 4:4

"The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb." Psalm 19:9-10

- The Bible is the **Rock** upon which our souls stand! "And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for **it is written**, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." Luke 4:8

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." I Peter 1:23-25

- The Bible is the **Sword** which defeats the enemy of our soul! "And Jesus answering said unto him, **It is said**, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." Luke 4:12 "And take the helmet of salvation, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God." Ephesians 6:17 "For the **word of God** is alive, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

The Bible was written by forty authors in three languages across three continents over a 1,600 year period. Fishermen, farmers, tax collectors, doctors, kings, priests, soldiers, educated and uneducated men wrote this magnificent Book under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. For its diversity, the Bible tells one story, the message of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible is God's miracle book of unity in diversity. The Bible is "inspired in totality, regenerative in power and personal in application."

"The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here Paradise is restored, Heaven opened and the gates of hell disclosed. CHRIST is its grand subject, our good the design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents."