

All the Scriptures

Identifying the Word of God

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I. Introduction (Mt 7:24-27; Lk 24:25-27, 32, 44-49)

II. The Whole Bible is God's Word

A. The Old Testament is God's Word

1. The Testimony of Jesus (Lk 24:25-27, 32, 44-49)
2. The Testimony of the Apostles (cf. 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:21)

B. The New Testament is God's Word

1. The Testimony of Jesus
 - a. Declared that His teaching is the foundation for life (Mt 7:24-27; Jn 12:44-50)
 - b. Commissioned the Apostles to speak and write for God (cf. Jn 14:26; 15:26-27; 16:13-15)
2. The Testimony of the Apostles
 - a. Claimed to speak for God (1 Cor 2:13-16; 4:1)
 - b. Treated writings as Scripture (2 Pet 3:1-2, 14-16; Rev 22:18f)

III. The Whole Bible Contains Sixty-six Books

A. Canon vs. Cannon

B. Old Testament Canon

1. The Law, the Prophets, the Writings (cf. Lk 24:44-45)
2. The OT Apocrypha (cf. Lk 11:51-52; Rom 3:1ff)

C. New Testament Canon

1. The Promise and the Challenge (cf. Jn 10:5; Acts 20:28-31)
2. The Three Criteria (cf. 1 Cor 11:2; Eph 2:20)
3. Did the Church Create the Scriptures? (cf. 1 Tim 3:15)

IV. Application

A. This is the Word of the Lord!

B. Singing the Very Words of God

C. Studying Nehemiah

V. Conclusion (2 Tim 3:14-15)