



Is er meer tussen hemel en tentamen?

Cursus aantekeningen

Week 5

// Bijbellezen: waarom en hoe?

Introduction

- The most popular book
- The most powerful book
- The most precious book

(Matthew 4:4)

God has spoken – revelation

- Inspired by God
- Difficulties in the Bible
 - historical difficulties (cf Luke 3:1-2)
 - moral difficulties (eg, issue of suffering)
- (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- 'Theopneustos' – God-breathed

Therefore it is our authority for:

- Teaching
- Rebuking
- Correcting
- Training in righteousness
 - ie, our manual for life

God speaks: relationship

'Salvation through faith in Christ'

(2 Timothy 3:15; John 5:39, 40)

1. To those who are not Christians

(Romans 10:17; John 20:31)

2. To those who are Christians

- Become like Jesus (2 Corinthians 3:18)
- Joy and peace in the midst of a storm (Psalm 23:5)
- Guidance (Psalm 119:105)
- Health/healing (Proverbs 4:20-22)
- Defence against spiritual attack (Matthew 4:1-11)
- Power (Hebrews 4:12)
- Cleansing (John 15:3)

How do we hear God speak through the Bible?

1. Time

- Plan ahead
- Develop a regular pattern

2. Place

- 'A solitary place' (Mark 1:35)

3. Method

- Ask God to speak
- Read the passage (try using Bible reading notes)
- Ask yourself:
 - what does it say?
 - what does it mean?
 - how does it apply?
- Respond in prayer
- Put it into practice
 - 'everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice...'
(Matthew 7:24)

Conclusion

- God speaks to us through the Bible
- Make a habit of reading the Bible regularly

Recommended reading

Holy Bible, New International Version

(New International Version is used in the DVDs, but we recommend any modern version)

Hodder & Stoughton

ISBN 9780340269695

How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth

Gordon Fee & Douglas Stuart

S.U.

ISBN 9780310246046

The New Lion Handbook to the Bible

Lion

ISBN 9780745938707

30 Days

Nicky Gumbel

Alpha International Publications

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