

Volume 2 Books of Poetry Psalm 119:169

"Give me understanding, according to Thy Word." Psalm 119:169

To know the Creator and His Word is to put you at an advantage in all of life's circumstances! Because the Word of God is not a dead book, a mere set of religious icons or stories; it has the ability to speak directly to your life. God-breathed, it is able to assist you in every endeavor, every trial, and every challenge! "According as His divine power has given unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that has called us to glory, and virtue; by which are given unto us exceedingly great and precious promises, that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." (2 Peter 1:3 – 4).

Many people have been taught wrongly that the Bible is difficult to understand or that it is a mysterious and "closed book" only readily available to a select few chosen and "holy" or "learned" men or women. For centuries the Church hid the Bible away from the common people thus effectively cutting them off from a personal revelation from God through His chosen means of illumination, the human heart! "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:105).

No thoughtful Christian would ever assert that the Bible is the repository of all scientific and natural truth. However, the Scriptures are clearly the key to knowing Him Who is Truth. (John 14:6). Further, the Bible is the record of God's redemptive workings with and for mankind. "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life, and it is these that bear witness of Me." (John 5:39).

May we like Timothy, know the Holy Scriptures, "Which are able to make *us* wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 3:15)

"LORD God, I may read your Holy Scriptures, but unless You give me understanding, it will be merely another old book. Open the eyes of my understanding that I may know what is the hope of my calling in You and that I might further know the inheritance You have given to me!" (Ephesians 1:18).

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