He Gave Us Scripture
Study Guide 3.2
Lesson 3: Investigating Scripture
Section 2: Theological Basis

OUTLINE FOR TAKING NOTES

III. Theological Basis

A. Writer

B. Audience

C. Document

  1. Organic Inspiration

  2. Divine Accommodation

REVIEW QUESTIONS

3.2.1 According to the lesson, why is the story of David's sin with Bathsheba only narrated in 2 Samuel, and not in 1 Chronicles?

3.2.2 What do we know about Jeremiah that helps us understand his biblical writings?

3.2.3 In what book of the New Testament can we find most background information about the apostle Paul?

3.2.4  What is "divine accommodation"?

3.2.5 What is an "anthropomorphism"?

3.2.6 What example is used in the lesson to demonstrate how God sometimes fit revelation to cultural expectations?

3.2.7 What does the lesson teach about the wisdom of using modern translations?

3.2.8 What does the lesson teach about the wisdom of learning the original languages of Scripture?

3.2.9 What documents have the full authority of God and are without error?

3.2.10 What was Jesus' attitude toward the Old Testament, considering the fact that the original documents did not exist in His day?

3.2.11 What was the attitude of the early Church toward the New Testament, considering the fact that there were many copies of the New Testament circulating in their time?

3.2.12 What does the lesson indicate about how much scholarly research has been devoted to the study and comparison of ancient copies of Scripture?

3.2.13 According to the lesson, how much have the original biblical documents been altered, and how does this affect our ability to recover the original text?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. When you study a biblical passage, do you normally investigate information about the human author? How could you investigate more about that?

2. When you study a biblical passage, do you normally investigate information about the original audience? How could you investigate more about that?

3. When you study a biblical passage, do you normally investigate different translations? How could you investigate more about that?

4. Read Psalm 23 in several different translations. Find information about the author and the original audience. Use a commentary, a study Bible, or an Introduction to the Old Testament.

5. Have you ever studied the original languages of the Bible (Greek and Hebrew)? Would you consider that worthy of doing some day?