

The Bible is God's revelation of Himself to us, you cannot know Him without knowing it.

You cannot study the Bible without reading it...
but you can read the Bible without studying it.

Two questions (points)

Why read the Bible?

How do I read the Bible?

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Inspiration claimed implicitly throughout scripture

- **Hebrews 3:7** citing Psalm 95 says, “**So as the Holy Spirit says, today if you hear his voice do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion.**”
- **Acts 4:25** citing Psalm 2:1 it says, “**You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David.**”

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Inspiration claimed explicitly in scripture

- For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:21

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profitable for teaching

In other words if you want to learn about God and Christian doctrine then read the Bible. Not only is the Bible useful for teaching me, it useful for me to teach you from, or whoever is teaching. Teach the Bible from the Bible

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It is profitable . . . for reproof

which means rebuking for wrong behavior or wrong belief. If you hold a belief that is not in the Bible then you need rebuked, of course in love and gently.

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It is profitable . . . for correction

which means to bring something back to when it was in a proper condition, so **reproof** tells us we are wrong, **correction** tells us how to be right.

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It is profitable . . . for training in righteousness

of course we know that training is practicing to become better at something. We need trained in righteousness.

The Bible is useful for **teaching** (what is right), for **reproof** (what is not right), for **correction** (how to get right), and for **training in righteousness** (how to stay right).

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