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“God’s Hammer”

II Timothy 3:15-17

Introduction:

“We teach the Bible as if lives depended upon it.”

I. GOD’S WORD COMES TO US FOR INSTRUCTION (vs. 15-17)

A. For Salvation (vs. 15) - “the wisdom that leads to salvation”

II Timothy 1:5
Acts 16:1-2

B. For Sanctification (vs. 16) - “for training in righteousness”

C. For Service (vs. 17) - “adequate, equipped for every good work”

II. GOD’S WORD CAME TO US BY INSPIRATION (vs. 16a)

A. *pasa graphe*

Luke 24:27, 45
Luke 4:21
I Timothy 5:18 (from Luke 10:7)
II Peter 3:16

The Anvil of God’s Word

John Clifford

I paused last eve beside the blacksmith’s door,
And heard the anvil ring...the vesper’s chime.
And looking in I saw upon the floor
Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.

“How many anvils have you had,” said I,
“To wear and batter all these hammers so?”
“Just one,” he answered. Then with twinkling eye:
“The anvil wears the hammers out, you know.”

And so, I thought, the anvil of God’s Word
For ages skeptics’ blows have beat upon.
But though the noise of falling blows was heard,
The anvil is unchanged - the hammers gone.

“... the Book itself is the best witness of its own inspiration. It is utterly inexplicable and unaccountable in any other point of view. It is the greatest standing miracle in the world. He that dares to say the Bible is not inspired, let him give a reasonable account of it, if he can. Let him explain the peculiar nature and character of the Book in a way that will satisfy any man of common sense. The burden of proof seems to my mind to lie on him.”

– J.C. Ryle, *Practical Religion*, p. 71

B. *theopneustos*

II Peter 1:21

“God superintended the human authors of the Bible so that they composed and recorded without error His message to mankind in the words of their original writings.”

– Charles Ryrie, *Basic Theology*, p. 81

III. GOD’S WORD HAS COME TO US WITH INTENTION (vs. 16b-17)

A. “for teaching” (*didaskalia*)

B. “for rebuking” (*elegmon*)

C. “for correcting” (*epanorthosis*)

II Timothy 2:24-26

D. “for training in righteousness” (*paideia*)

Psalm 119:9

Results = ***what’s right*** (teaching)
what’s not right (rebuking)
how to get right (correcting)
how to stay right (training)

Conclusion:

God’s Treasure

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There is a treasure,
Rich beyond measure,
Offered to us today;
Some folks despise it,
Some criticize it,
Some would explain it away.

Some never read it,
Some never heed it,
Some say, “It’s long had its day.”
But some people prize it,
And he who tries it
Finds it his comfort and stay.

God gave us this treasure,
Rich beyond measure;
His Word, how we need it today!
Let us believe it,
Gladly receive it,
Read it, mark it, and learn to obey.

Food for Thought:

- 1) What were the spiritual influences in Timothy’s life?
- 2) Explain “God-breathed” (*theopneustos* in Greek).
- 3) How is Scripture useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training? Are there other uses?
- 4) What are the elements/evidences of a thoroughly equipped man?