

WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?

WHY STUDY THE BIBLE A GOOD QUESTION.

1. The preacher is expected to study the Bible.
2. It is the preacher's business to know it so that he may teach it to others.
3. All members of the church are supposed to read their Bible as a means of private and personal edification.

SOME REASONS WHY WE SHOULD STUDY THE BIBLE.

1. Because the Bible so widely and favorably known.
 1. We should not be ignorant of a book so widely known.
 2. The stories of the Bible are read or repeated in many homes.
 3. Directly or indirectly it creates tenfold more books than any other book in the world. More books are written about the Bible than any other book.
2. Because it is so little known.
 1. Men read about the Bible more than they read the Bible itself.
 2. Reading books written about the Bible more than we read the Bible one of our weaknesses.
 3. The Bible almost forgotten in most class work.
 - (1) In some classes the pupils rarely ever see a Bible.
 - (2) Quarterlies, film strips, all kinds and sorts of gadgets.
 4. How men feel about their literature versus the Bible:
 - (1) Some editors feel that it is impossible to have a wide awake membership or a successful church without their "publication." To them at least it seems to be more important to have the brethren versed on "brotherhood" affairs than on the Bible itself.
3. To realize its unity.
 1. The Bible is not merely one book. It is many books.
 2. Written by many men (about 40) over a period of several centuries.
 3. Little by little, age after age, its purpose unfolds "first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear." Mark 4:28

4. We need to study the Bible to preserve our faith in the Bible as the word of God.
 1. Along with the changing world there is the danger that we might cast away our faith in the Bible.
 2. The danger lies in our pathetic ignorance of the Bible.
 3. THE REMEDY
 - (1) The remedy is found in a better, more comprehensive knowledge of the Bible.
5. We need to study the Bible that we may be approved of God as good workmen.
 1. He must have skill in the right use of the word of God. "Handling aright the word of truth."
 - (1) His one book, weapon, interest, the BIBLE.
 2. Approved. Tried and tested he is found to be true.
 3. A Workman: He must be laborious. Not afraid of work. The term "workman" implies this fact.
 4. That needeth not to be ashamed: The negligent, or unskilled, ignorant workman can only produce work that will put him to shame.