



Section 1: Concerning The Bible (Cont.)

Question 4: What is the general purpose of the Bible?

Answer 4: The general purpose of the Bible is to reveal the person and plan of God to man.

Memory Verse: **Genesis 1:1**
In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Support Verses: **John 1:1-5**
1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2 The same was in the beginning with God.
3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Isaiah 41:4
Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he.

Psalms 119:18
Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

Discussion Points:

1. Genesis 1:1 sets the tone for the whole Bible... "In the beginning GOD!"

- God does not set out to prove His existence in the Bible.
- Or should we say, the purpose of the Bible is not to prove the existence of God.
- God has simply stated that He exists.
- We have the declarative statement of God about himself from the beginning of His word, and that same tone is carried throughout the scripture from beginning to end.
- Examples that follow are found in Exodus 3:14, Hebrews 11:6, Revelation 1:8, and many more.
- This fact alone assumes the ability of man to exercise faith.
- What an amazing thought, that the very first revelation of God to man in His word assumes the ability of man to believe that God is.
- Which also assumes that the creator has a desire to reveal Himself to man... He wants you to know who He is.
- He is a personal God, not a distant unknowable deity like the pagan gods.

2. Beyond a general knowledge of God, we see from these verses that God is distinct from, but at the same time, in control of His creation.



- The Bible immediately refutes any form of paganism that leads to pantheism, which is the belief that God is nature and nature is God.
- God is clearly distinct from His creation and preeminent over His creation.
- From the simple fact that He was in existence before the beginning, we see that He is not subject to the constraints of space and time.
- But rather, He is the creator of both space and time.
- Consider these statements from the psalmist in Psalm 90:2 and Solomon in Proverbs 8:23 regarding the distinct nature of God in contrast to creation

3. We also see that it is the purpose of God to reveal Himself to His creation.

- This alludes to the truth that He is a personal God, rather than an impersonal God.
- What a blessed thought... God wants you to know Him in a personal way!
- He in fact, reveals Himself in a very unique way calling himself the "Word."
- That implies that He wants to communicate who He is to you.
- Everything He has written was for the purpose of you knowing Him personally.
- The psalmist picked up on the nature of God's word, and responded with the request for God to open his eyes to the truth of God in His word.
- The Devil will do all he can to keep men blinded from God.
- He will do all he can to keep men from getting a clear view of, and an understanding of God. (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- That is one of the reasons that we must take up the cause to contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. (Jude 3)
- That Faith is a revelation of God Himself to man and was given to us in His book.

Notes:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs:

- "Every Promise In The Book Is Mine" (Chorus)
- "God Has Spoken By His Prophets" (Hymn - #183 - Rejoice Hymns)
- "Trust His Word" (Hymn - #182 - Rejoice Hymns)