

## 读经(贰)

### Reading the Bible (II)

#### 贰 圣经的功用

##### II. The Functions of the Bible.

(一) ‘给我(主耶稣)作见证。’约翰五章三十九节，路加二十四章二十七节，四十四节，四十六节，约翰五章四十六节。

##### 1. “Testify concerning Me” (John 5:39, see also v. 46; Luke 24:27, 44, 46).

圣经的第一个功用，是给主耶稣作见证。主耶稣是圣经的题目，是圣经的内容；圣经是主耶稣的说明，是主耶稣的发表。主耶稣是神活的道，圣经是神写的道。圣经这写的道，若没有主耶稣那活的道作实际，圣经就不过是空洞的道理，虚空的字句。主耶稣那活的道，若没有圣经这写的道作发表，主耶稣就是玄妙难得认识，渺茫难得捉摸的。但有了圣经这清楚确定的说明，明白的启示，主耶稣就能具体的给人认识，确定的给人了解。不只新约各书都是启示主耶稣的，就是旧约各部分，无论是1摩西的律法，2先知的书，或是3诗篇，（旧约共分这三大类，）无不都是为主耶稣作见证，说到主耶稣的。所以我们若要认识主耶稣，就非读圣经，非明白圣经不可。

The first function of the Bible is to testify concerning the Lord Jesus. The Lord Jesus is the subject and content of the Bible, and the Bible is the explanation and expression of the Lord Jesus. The Lord Jesus is the living Word of God, whereas the Bible is the written Word of God. If the written Word, the Bible, did not have the living Word, the Lord Jesus, as its reality, it would be nothing but empty doctrines and letters. If the living Word, the Lord Jesus, did not have the written Word, the Bible, as His expression, He would be abstract and vague and difficult to know and touch. Thankfully, we have the distinct and definite explanation of the Bible with its clear revelation so that we can know and understand the Lord Jesus. The books of the New Testament reveal the Lord Jesus, and even the books of the Old Testament, including the law of Moses, the books of prophecies, and the psalms and poetry, reveal the Lord Jesus. The Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms are the three general sections that comprise the Old Testament (Luke 24:44). If we want to know the Lord Jesus, we must read and understand the Bible.

(二) ‘使你…有得救的智慧。’提后三章十五节。

##### 2. “Make you wise unto salvation” (2 Tim. 3:15).

圣经的功用，一面是为着主耶稣，一面是为着我们；一面是为主耶稣作见证，一面是叫我们蒙恩典得建立。在为着我们这一面，圣经的功用第一就是叫我们有得救的智慧，将神在基督里的救法，和人因信得救的途径，启示给我们，使我们晓得蒙恩的路，明白得救的方法。

On the one hand, the Bible serves the Lord Jesus by testifying concerning Him, and on the other hand, it serves us by causing us to be saved and built up. The first function of the Bible in relation to us is to make us wise unto salvation. It reveals God’s way of salvation in Christ and our pathway to salvation through faith so that we may know and understand God’s salvation.

(三) ‘重生。’林前一章二十三节，雅各书一章十八节。

##### 3. “Regenerated” (1 Pet. 1:23; see also James 1:18).

圣经在我们身上第一步具体的功用，就是使我们蒙到重生。圣经是永活之神的话，里面含着神永活的生命。当我们用信心接受圣经的话到我们里面的时候，圣经的话就像生命的种子落到我们里面，将神的生命种在我们里面，使我们有了神的生命而得着重生。

The Bible causes us to be regenerated. The Bible is the word of the eternally living God, and it contains God’s eternal life. When we receive the word of the Bible through faith, the word is planted like a seed of life in us. The Bible functions to sow the life of God into us, imparting God’s life into us and regenerating us.

(四) ‘教训、督责、使人归正、教导人学义，…叫属神的人得以完全。’提后三章十六至十七节。

##### 4. “For teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete” (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

圣经使我们得着重生之后，就教训我们，督责我们，使我们在各方面归正，教导我们在凡事上学义，叫我们这蒙了神的重生，而属于神的人，得以在神面前成为完全。

After being regenerated by the word of God, [the Bible teaches, convicts, corrects, and instructs us in righteousness](#) so that we may [be complete before God](#) as regenerated men of God.

（五）‘教训，…生…忍耐，…安慰，…盼望。’罗马十五章四节。

**5. “For our instruction, in order that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope” (Rom. 15:4).**

圣经的教训，也能叫我们有忍耐、蒙安慰、而得有盼望。许多信徒，当他们落到患难病困中，无法忍受，伤心失望的时候，因着读到一段或一句圣经，就在心里有了忍受的力量，或蒙到无上的安慰，而得有出乎人意外的盼望。这是我们在遭遇苦难的时候，很容易从圣经中所得到的帮助和建立。

[The teachings of the Bible enable us to endure and provide us with encouragement and hope.](#) Many believers are unable to endure when they encounter difficulties or sickness. They become discouraged and lose hope. However, simply reading a section or even a sentence of the Bible often provides us with the inward strength to endure and supplies encouragement and hope that is beyond our expectations. [When we encounter difficulties, we are helped and established by the Bible.](#)

（六）‘鉴戒；…警戒。’林前十章十一节。

**6. “An example...written for our admonition” (1 Cor. 10:11). [546]**

圣经中也记载许多的事，作我们的鉴戒，使我们受警戒。我们每逢读到这些记载的时候，很容易得到前车之鉴，而生了戒心，免蹈前辙。这也是许多信徒常从圣经中所得到的帮助。

Many things are recorded in the Bible [as examples for our admonition](#). When we read the Bible, we can be warned by the experiences of some who went before us, and we can be careful not to follow their example. This is another help that believers find in the Bible.

（七）‘如同灯照在暗处。’彼后一章十九节。

**7. “A lamp shining in a dark place” (2 Pet. 1:19).**

圣经的话对于我们，许多时候也像明灯照在暗处。我们现在是在‘黑夜’，（罗十三 12，）所处的时代是黑暗的。在这黑暗的里面，圣经的话犹如明灯照亮，使我们识时达事，不至迷蒙糊涂。所以，在今日这黑暗的时代里，我们若要作一个明亮、通达时务的人，就必须明白圣经，有圣经的话存在心中，随时发光照亮我们。

[Often the Bible is like a lamp shining in a dark place.](#) We are in a dark night because the age in which we live is dark (Rom. 13:12). In this darkness the Bible is like a shining lamp. It causes us to know our situation so that we do not become lost and confused. If we want to be enlightened and knowledgeable in this dark age, we must understand the Bible and keep the word of the Bible in our hearts so that it can shine and enlighten us.

（八）‘脚前的灯，…路上的光。’诗篇一百一十九篇一百零五节，箴言六章二十三节。

**8. “A lamp to my feet / And a light to my path” (Psa. 119:105; see also Prov. 6:23).**

人在黑暗里走路，是需要灯光照亮脚步的。圣经的话对于我们，也有这个功用。我们行在今日这黑暗的时代里，真是需要天上的灯光来照亮我们每一步的脚步，使我们免走错路，免陷深坑。这种天上的灯光，是圣经的话常能供应我们的。我们若常读圣经，若把圣经的话存记在心，圣经的话就能作我们脚前的灯，路上的光，就能随时按我们所需要的，照亮我们的脚步。

[People walking in the dark need a lamp to shine on the path of their feet.](#) The Bible functions in this capacity. As we walk in this dark age, we truly need a heavenly lamp to shine on our every step so that we do not leave our path and fall into a deep pit. [The Bible is a heavenly lamp.](#) If we read the Bible and keep the word of the Bible in our heart, it will become a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. It will shine continually on our footsteps according to our need.

（九）‘发出亮光，使愚人通达。’诗篇一百一十九篇一百三十节。

**9. “Gives light, / Imparting understanding to the simple” (Psa. 119:130).**

圣经的话所发出的光，不只能在我们所行的路上照亮我们的脚步，还能叫我们愚昧人变为通达。许多生来愚昧的人，因着明白圣经而变成通达的。并且每一个在属灵事上通达的人，也必是通晓圣经，蒙了圣经光照的。

The light from the Bible not only shines upon our feet and path; **it also imparts understanding to the simple.** Many who are simple by nature have gained understanding through reading the Bible. Furthermore, anyone who wants to understand spiritual matters must understand the Bible and be enlightened by the Bible.

(十) ‘洁净…行为。’诗篇一百一十九篇九节。

**10. “Keep his way pure” (Psa. 119:9).**

圣经的话不只有照亮的能力，也有洁净的能力。照亮是对黑暗的，洁净是对污秽的。我们现今所处的这个时代，不只是黑暗的，也是污秽的。圣经的话能在我们身上消灭黑暗，照亮我们的脚步，也能在我们身上除去污秽，洁净我们——尤其是少年人——的行为。我们若常读圣经，不只必蒙光照，也必蒙洁净。我们每逢就近圣经，让其中的话从我们里面经过，圣经的话都要把我们照亮一下，也都要把我们洁净一下。圣经的话，即使我们读了就忘掉，也能把我们洁净一下。就如一个竹篮冲水，虽然水都漏去，仍被冲洗干净。所以我们要作一个洁净的人，就必须常读圣经。

In addition to containing the power to enlighten, **the word in the Bible has the power to cleanse.** Enlightenment is in contrast to darkness, and purification is in contrast to filthiness. The age in which we live is filthy and dark. **The word of the Bible causes all darkness to vanish when it shines on our feet. It cleanses our actions by removing everything that is filthy and impure.** This is especially important to young people. If we read the Bible frequently, we will not only be enlightened but also kept pure. Every time we approach the Bible, its word will pass through us and enlighten and cleanse us. The word of the Bible will cleanse us, even if we cannot always remember what we have read. This is like a bamboo basket being dipped in water; it will be cleansed even though the water leaks away. If we want to be pure, we must read the Bible frequently.

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