

Sermon Notes

2 Timothy 3

May 3, 2026

TIMTalks: God's Word

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- I. Introduction: A Side Trip to The British Library
- II. The Most Accurately Transmitted Document in Antiquity
 - A. No one questions Roman History
 - B. Compared to the New Testament
 1. The oldest manuscripts
 2. The number of manuscripts
 3. The discrepancies between manuscripts
 - C. Conclusion
- III. But is it True?
 - A. The argument of absurdity
 - B. The acronym FEAT
 1. F _____
 2. E _____
 3. A _____
 4. T _____
- IV. 2 Timothy 3

All scripture is inspired and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

 - A. Meaning of the word "inspired"
 1. Theo
 2. Pneustos
 - B. ***"The Bible is the only judge, rule and norm according to which all doctrines and teachers alike must be appraised and judged. . . other writings of ancient and modern teachers should not be put on a par with but subordinated to Holy Scripture."***
 - C. Luther: ***"The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold on me."***
- V. The Word Alone

Daily Devotions

This week we focus on the power, gift and inspiration that we receive from God's Word.

Mon., May 4 Guidance Psalm 119:105 tells us, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light to my path." Today we ask for guidance from God's word. A lamp is not light a high beam flashlight. A lamp only lights enough for us to take a couple of steps, and when we get to the end of that light, another couple of steps will be revealed. Begin today asking God for enough light for you to take those couple of steps in faith, as much as he reveals.

Tues., May 5 For Life At the end of John's Gospel, the author gives a wink to his readers, telling us that Jesus did far more than any number of books could contain, but in 20:31 he assures the reader the purpose of these words, "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name." The purpose of the Bible is not to give us a rule book or to fill us with historical knowledge or to entertain us with stories, but to bring us to a saving relationship with Jesus. This book is for life!

Wed., May 6 Inspiration On Sunday we looked at 2 Timothy 3 in which Paul wrote, "All scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, that the person of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." The authority of scripture comes from this God-Breathed inspiration, but the purpose is to train and correct the believer to be complete and equipped with the Spirit to emulate the life of Jesus. This is your inspiration. Let the breath of God fill your heart.

Thurs., May 7 Any Additions? People have wondered, "Why are there no more books in the Bible? Are there newer books just as inspired that could be considered scripture?" One response to that is from Hebrews 1:1 "In many and various ways God spoke of old through the prophets, by in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son." The short answer is, "What more can we add than to what Jesus has said and through whom God breathed his Holy Spirit? It's not that we need more books. We need to read the ones we have!"

Fri., May 8 WORD/LOGOS The Greek word for "word" is LOGOS. It means more than a word on a page, but it means the very presence and power of God in the carrying out of his will. It was through the LOGOS that God created all things. It was through the LOGOS that demons trembled. It was through the LOGOS that seas parted, storms ceased and people raised from the dead. And then, John 1 tells us, "The LOGOS became flesh and dwelt among us." When we talk about the Word of God, it can mean the Bible or the preaching, but at its best, the LOGOS of God, is the person of Jesus.

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