



Lesson #1: God's Book (Series Intro)

I believe that God has revealed Himself to mankind. Revelation is God pulling back the _____. Theologians refer to two ways in which God reveals himself to mankind.

- 1) _____ **Revelation:** This is very simply general its audience – everyone has equal access to it.
- 2) _____ **Revelation:** This is very specific its audience. God revealed Himself to mankind in a special way through His prophets who spoke His Word, through His Son who spoke, vindicated, and fulfilled His Word, and through His chosen writers who penned what God directed them to write.

General revelation is what God uses to point us towards special revelation where we find the _____ of _____. There is one place in the world that you can go to for information knowing that the information you find there is absolutely perfect and complete true. That place is the _____.

GOD WROTE A _____

Don't just glibly pass by that fact. God wrote a book! The infinite God created the entire universe with His _____. He created everything you see with the power of His _____. He spoke and everything came to be.

That same God _____ and put His _____ in a book.

We can conclude that the origin of the Bible is divine, that the Bible is equivalent to the very word of God, and that the Bible is inspired. This book is not just ___ book it is the most important book in the history of the world. When you pick up a Bible you are picking up the very words of your creator. When you read the Bible you are listening to the Sovereign ruler speak to you. The Bible is more than a book, it is _____ book. It is more than a story, it is _____ story. We read and study the Bible because we know the Bible is without error and totally reliable because God wrote this book.

GOD WROTE A BOOK ABOUT _____

The Bible is almost like God's _____.

- _____ different books
- Written by about _____ different authors
- Over a period of _____ years
- In _____ different languages

You would expect a book with that much history to be long, boring, archaic, ancient, disjointed, and confusing. You would never expect it to be far and away the world's best seller. Other books number in the _____ but the Bible they number in the _____.

No other book compares to the Bible. Why? Because it's a book that God wrote about Himself! Do you realize that the OT reveals our need for a perfect priest, perfect prophet, and perfect king, and the NT reveals Christ as the _____ of those very needs? The OT ends with the word "_____" (Malachi 4:6) and the NT begins with the words, "The book of the generation of _____." (Matthew 1:1). That's who the Bible is about – Jesus!

GOD WROTE A BOOK ABOUT HIMSELF FOR _____

The Bible is a great _____. Scripture narrates for us four major events.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

Jesus Christ wants to make Himself known to us. If you would get to know Him better you would discover the riches that He has done for you. And what are those riches? They are His _____! In Psalm 19 we read of those Word's great value.

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

I began this sermon by asking this question: "How do you know who you can _____?" On an earthbound level there are two central sources of human knowledge: _____ and _____.

The Bible provides a third source of knowledge. It is _____; the belief that God has revealed Himself and His ways to man in Holy Scripture. This is the axiom of the Christian world view. The Bible is _____. Literally it is made up of the very Word of God. In other words, the Bible is God's very words to us. This story is not just a compilation of loosely connected fairy tales. It is divinely inspired and linked together to point to one central theme.