**Is The Bible Relevant? (Ps. 119:105-112)**

 “Is the Bible relevant for our times? How can it be? Let us study three points that will demonstrate the relevancy of the Bible to modern people.

**I. Books And Passing Time**

A. It must be admitted that books written by men quickly lose their relevancy to society. The only books written ages ago that have much to offer are those that dealt with the nature of man.

B. The philosophies of men still intrigue us.

1. Why? Because they deal with the nature of people and that nature has not changed. Unfortunately, after studying ancient and modern philosophies, one is still left in the dark (Jer. 10:23).

2. Whenever people give up the knowledge of God, the result is always the same (Rom. 1:21f).

**II. The Bible Is Relevant Because It Is The Word Of God.**

A. The Creator and Designer of all things can open the door to the meaning and purpose of life.

1. God made us in His image (Gen. 1:27). Who is better qualified to answer the questions of life?

2. People cannot intuitively tell or investigatively discover where they came from, where they are going, or why they are here. The Bible answers all those questions (Acts 17:24-31).

B. The Bible is from God (2Tim.3:16f). One evidence is the fulfillment of prophecy (Is. 42:8f). God’s Spirit directed men as they wrote (2Pet. 1:21; 1Pet. 1:24f). As the Word of God, it must be relevant.

**III. The Word Of God Meets The Needs Of Modern Man.**

A. What are man’s basic needs and how does the Bible meet those needs?

1. The Bible does not meet the physical needs of man; that is not its purpose. But man is more than physical (Matt. 4:4). Man is a twofold creature of body and spirit.

2. When one only satisfies the body and ignores the spirit, he is bound to be frustrated. He is bound to yearn for what is missing.

B. Since man is not just body, his needs are more than physical (Matt. 4:4).

1. Man is a rational being with an eternal spirit, a moral consciousness and freedom of will. Whether he becomes the salt of the earth or a menace to society depends on his development.

2. The Bible is the source of that development. Man lives spiritually by the Word of God (Heb. 4:12; 2Pet. 1:2-4). God knows all about His creation and provides for each one (Matt. 6:26).

C. Man needs to be loved. How does the Bible meet this need?

1. The Bible tells us that no matter who we are, God loves us (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8; Jn. 15:13). God loves us with the greatest love ever known to man.

2. We also need to express love and again the Bible is the answer (Matt. 22:37; 1Jn. 4:19; Matt. 22:39).

D. Man needs peace.

1. The most important and valuable peace is available through the gospel of Christ. The Bible tells us how (Jn. 14:27; Rom. 5:1). What can be more relevant to man in this day of unrest, anxiety, and disquietude?

2. Faith in Jesus is what brings peace through His forgiveness (Lk. 7:50).

E. Man needs important work.

1. Man needs a reason for living. What work is of more lasting value than serving God? Each Christian has an opportunity and obligation to share the good news (Mk. 16:15f).

2. Our service must be to God, not to mere men (Eph. 6:7).

**IV. The Bible Answers The Problems Of Modern Man.**

A. There are many social and moral problems and the Bible answers them all.

1. If all people believed according to the Bible’s principles, there would be no drunkard, etc. (1Cor. 6:19f; Gal. 5:21).

2. There would be no broken families or lawlessness (Gal. 5:19; 1Cor. 6:9f). It is not that the Bible is irrelevant, it is that people do not wish to abide by it.

3. The Bible would remove all robbery and murder (1Cor. 6:10. Home problems would cease (Eph. 5:23-25; 6:1-4). Racial prejudice would not be a problem (Matt. 7:12).

B. The Bible answers ecological problems.

1. If we recognized our stewardship of God’s creation, could you imagine what changes would be made? (Ps. 24:1)

2. What is the cause of all the ecological problems other than ignorance? Greed (Matt. 22:35-40).

C. Above all, the Bible answers the problem of sin.

1. Of all the solutions and answers the Bible gives to the problems of life, none is more important than this. The Scriptures provide the only viable solution to man’s guilt and shame.

2. The gospel tells of God’s great sacrifice to atone for sins. It tells men how to be saved through the blood of Christ (Rom. 1:15f; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16). We should accept God’s way (James 1:21).

3. The Bible tells us of man’s soul and destiny (Rom. 2:6-11; Matt. 25:46)

 Is the Bible relevant? Yes! It is essential! (Rom. 3:23; Jer. 10:23; 2Tim. 2:15; Acts 22:16).