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"THE BIBLE IS AS MODERN AS SPACECRAFT"

BY REV. GROVER SEWELL

There are many people, whom we all know, who agree that the Bible served a useful purpose in the past but now seem to be of the opinion that this is a day when something else can take its place.

Others may think that it is something to keep near-by as a symbol of faith but knowing what is in it may be another thing. One story relates of the experience that a minister had when he was making a visit in the home of one of the families of his church. When the minister arrived for a pastoral call, the mother sent her little girl to the door with instructions to talk with the minister a few minutes until she finished a telephone call. The family Bible was on a table near the minister's chair, so he asked the little girl if she knew what was in it. She replied that she certainly did, in fact, she knew all that was in it! Such a statement was rather unesual, so the clergyman asked her to tell him something of her knowledge of the contents. The reply was, "Well, there is sister's boy friend's picture, a lock of baby brother's hair, mama's favorite recipe, and daddy's

pawn ticket for his watch". The Bible should be more than a

fetish that demands a traditional rever

ence. The Bible is to be read and lived by as a basis for our lives. It is a type of constitution that is accepted by the Christian as God's Word, and thereby, to be helpful, it should be known. Americans should not have much difficulty understanding the meaning of a constitution, since, in the United States, we have a constitutional government. The constitution of our country gives us knowledge of our rights and privileges as citizens. It tells of responsibilities of leaders as well as the honor that should be shown them. Americans should accept it and although we do not worhip it, we respect it and should know its meaning. The Bible is a divine constitution and therefore should be used as such.

If you would receive help, and in turn be helpful, as you use the Bible, you should first ask God to give you the faith to accept it as God's word. Until you do so, you will not have the desire to study it nor will you be willing to obey it because sometimes it seems expensive to do so. Actually the most expensive thing in the world is to not believe and live by it, but this is not seen always.

Once you have accepted the Bible as God's Word, you will find a need for prayer along with your daily study. In prayer we talk to God and through the Bible He speaks back to us. (CON'T ON PAGE 11)

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