

The Lost Bible

2 Chronicles 34:14-15

INTRODUCTION:

A. Lesson Text: **2 Chronicles 34:14-15** - Now when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the LORD given by Moses.

15 Then Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the LORD." And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan.

B. Background and context of this passage.

C. I am saddened today that the Bible is lost to:

1. Our public school system.
2. Moslems in that they have they have taken the Koran instead.
3. Communists in that the writings of Karl Marx are accepted instead.
4. Many religionists in that they have shredded its truths so that they are no longer recognizable as they were originally given.

D. I am thankful today that the Bible is still precious to many.

1. To this congregation:

- a. The Bible is precious to me. It always has been and it always will be.
- b. The Bible is precious to our elders.
- c. The Bible is precious to our deacons.
- d. The Bible is precious to our Bible class teachers.
- e. The Bible is precious to our members as God's source of authority in all matters.

2. To so many in this nation.

3. To many in foreign lands wherein it is highly sought . . . and deeply treasured.

C. However, in our study let us note some places where is Bible is lost today.

THE BIBLE IS LOST TODAY IN MANY HOMES

A. **2 Timothy 1:5** – When I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

1. Where are the parents who will teach their children God's Word.
2. Where are the families wherein it is a high priority that every generation make sure each new generation is taught God's Word.

B. **2 Timothy 3:14-15** - But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

1. Untold families are not telling their children.
 2. The character education that used to take place in the home is now being taught in our public school systems.
 - a. Some of those teach character lack character themselves.
 - b. Humanism is their base and promiscuity is their product.
 - c. To them anything goes just as long as it is not the bible.
- C. **Ephesians 6:1-4** - Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.
- D. Yes, the Bible is still lost in many homes.

THE BIBLE IS LOST TODAY IN MANY PULPITS

- A. **2 Timothy 4:1-4** - I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:
 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.
 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;
 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.
- B. **1 Timothy 4:16** - Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.
- C. **1 Peter 4:11** - If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.
- D. Every Gospel preacher should be able to stand before any and every audience he is privileged to address and be able to say with all truthfulness the words penned by Solomon in **Proverbs 4:2** – “For I give you good doctrine.”
- E. The Bible is lost today in many pulpits.

THE BIBLE IS LOST TODAY IN EMOTIONALISM

- A. **John 6:44-45** – No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.
 It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.
1. So much emphasis is placed on feeling that learning.

2. Feeling right rather than studying to be right.
- B. **2 Thessalonians 2:14** - To which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C. **Titus 2:11-12** - For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age.
- D. **Galatians 5:22-23** - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.
- E. The Bible is lost today in emotionalism.

THE BIBLE IS LOST TODAY IN THE RIPTIDES OF OUR SOCIETY

- A. Simply speaking, riptides are backward waves beneath the water.
 1. Dangerous riptides are not seen in advance.
 2. One does not know it is there until it is too late and he is caught up in it being carried back out to sea.
 3. Many drowning deaths. Many enter riptides in order to save someone, only to drown trying.
 4. People panic and try to fight the riptide by trying to swim in the direction of the safety of the beach. This is the absolutely wrong thing to do.
 5. You do not want to be swept out to sea, but that is where the riptide is carrying you. You want to swim to shore, but the riptide won't let you.
Solution: Swim parallel to the shore until you swim out of the riptide, then swim to shore.
- B. Many get caught up in the riptides of society and the world and are unable to free themselves.
 1. Jobs
 2. Habits
 3. Pleasures
 4. Lifestyles
 5. Influences
 6. Etc.
- C. Just as with the riptides in the oceans, there is a way out, but not the way that seems most reasonable and available. It takes time and effort, but it can be done.

CONCLUSION:

- A. Yes, the Bible is “lost” today in:
 1. Many Homes
 2. Many pulpits.
 3. In Emotionalism

4. In the riptides of our society
- B. In **2 Chronicles 34:14**, Hilkiah the priest said, “**I have found the Book of the Law of the Law of the Lord.**” It revolutionized their day. God’s Word can still revolutionize your life today.
- C. **God’s Plan for Man’s Salvation**