

## The Authority of the Scriptures

### Introduction

- A. The Bible is a book of utmost practicality. - Colossians 3:17
  - B. What should the Bible mean to us?
  - I. The Bible is God's Word, not man's.
    - A. Old Testament - 2 Peter 1:19-21
    - B. New Testament - Ephesians 3:1-6
  - II. As such, it is:
    - A. authoritative
      - 1. Old Testament- Matthew 5:17-19; John 10:33-36
      - 2. New Testament - 1 Corinthians 4:6
    - B. complete - John 16:13; Galatians 1:6-9; Jude 3
    - C. sufficient for our needs- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
    - D. unchanging - 1 Peter 1:24-25.
  - III - Our responsibility to it is to:
    - A. believe it - Acts 24:14; 1 Thessalonians 2:13
    - B. follow it- Colossians 3:17
      - 1. in word - 1 Peter 4:11
      - 2. in deed - Matthew 28:20; 2 John 9
  - IV. By it we shall be judged - John 12:48
- Conclusion:
- A. quote the "The Hammer and the Anvil," by John Clifford.
  - B. Make this book your rule of life and guide to heaven.