

The Holy Scriptures.

(2 Timothy 3. 15).

Every Word of God is Pure.

(Proverbs 30. 5).

THE Scriptures have been given with a definite purpose, and " whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning " (Rom. 15. 4). The Holy Spirit, through the apostle, emphasizes that the Scriptures were written for us (Rom. 4. 23, 1 Cor. 9. 10, 10. 11). Do we realize sufficiently how important such a statement is, and how valuable a treasure has been granted to us? God has not given us all the same experiences as His apostles and prophets of old, but the statement, " They have Moses and the prophets " reminds us that the revelation is a very definite one, so that if we are children of God, walking with Him, we have the **abiding** words of God which the

prophets had, and we not only hear the words once but the Holy Spirit is willing to make them a living power every day. Hence the precious emphasis "As the Holy Ghost saith," "What the Spirit saith" (Heb. 3. 7, Rev. 2. 7), where the thoughtful believer will see the power of the present tense. The Holy Spirit delights to use the once-written words again and again in the experience for all teachable believers. Do we expect God to speak so to our hearts through these words?

"The Holy Scriptures." "Holy Bible": we see this title printed, but do we feel what it means? Do we reverence God, and does our heart stand in awe of His word (Ps. 119. 161)? When we read that "every word of God is pure" do we think of pure gold without any dross (Ps. 12. 6)? There is no chaff mixed with God's wheat (Jer. 23. 28). The Scriptures are authoritative, and love's obedience should be devoted, a characteristic of all who, redeemed by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus, can call God "Father," and who therefore seek to walk in the Holy Spirit. Your Christian life depends much on your daily attitude to the Scriptures. Indifference is an unhealthy sign, and may even suggest "Is there LIFE at all?"