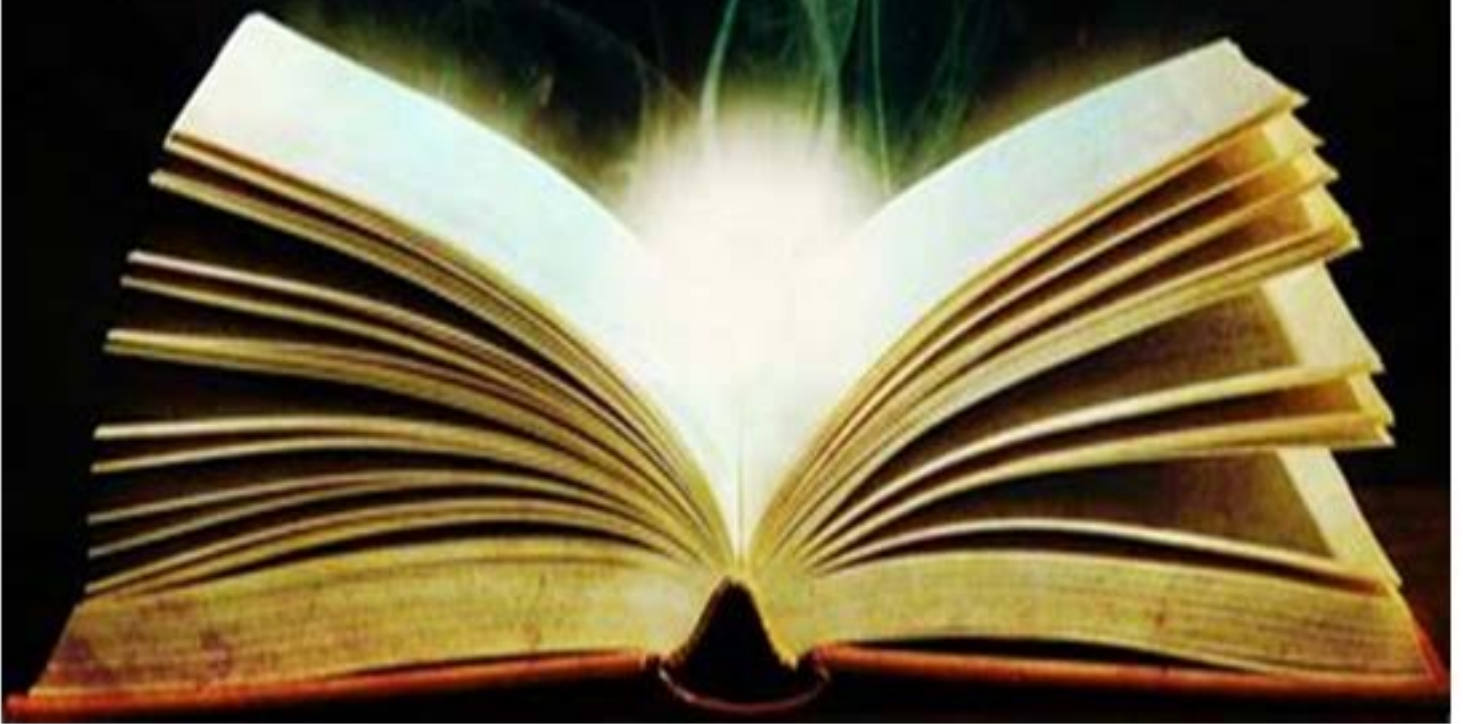


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**Your Word was to me the Joy  
And Rejoicing of my heart ...**

**Jeremiah 15:16**

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## Introduction

The Apostle John said that God and the word of God are one. Therefore, it is essential that our relationship with God be based upon His Word. To know God, we must know His word.

- **John 1:1**, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and **the Word was God.**"
- **Jonh 1:14** **The Word became flesh**, and lived among us. We saw his glory, such glory as of the one and only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.
- **I John1:1** That which was from the beginning, that which **we have heard**, that which **we have seen** with our eyes, that which we saw, and **our hands touched**, concerning **the Word of life.**

Our attitude toward the word of God actually reflects our attitude toward God. To reject God's word, is to reject Him!

- **John 12:48**, He who **rejects me, and doesn't receive my sayings**, has one who judges him. The word that I spoke, the same will judge him in the last day.

In the same way to neglect the study and the hearing of God's word is to neglect your salvation experience.

- **1 Timothy 4:13-16**, "... **devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.** 14 Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you. 15 **Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them**, so that everyone may see your progress. 16 **Watch your life and doctrine closely.** Persevere in them, because if you do, **you will SAVE both yourself and your hearers.**

## The Right Foundation

We are living in perilous times, and religious deception is a sign of the Last Days. For all true believers there is only one authoritative source that we can totally trust, and depend on, and that is the word of God. The word of God is our sure foundation built on the rock, that gives us stability, when everything around us is collapsing. We need to be very careful to build our lives on every word that has been spoken by God in the Bible (**Matt 4:4**), because everything else is sinking sand.

- **Matthew 7:24** "Therefore **everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.** 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But **everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.** 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

It is very sad to see "Christian" who build their house on something other than the word of God. Many sincere people base their lives on dreams, personal prophesies, and home spun revelations, while ignoring what God has plainly said in his written word, the Bible.

- **Jer 23:16-29** This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you; they fill you with false hopes. **They speak visions from their own minds,** not from the mouth of the LORD ... 25 "I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, '**I had a dream! I had a dream!**'" 26 How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, **who prophesy the delusions of their own minds?** ... 28 **Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully.** For what has straw to do with grain?" declares the LORD ... 29 "**Is not my word like fire,**" declares the LORD, "**and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?**"

## **The Primary Source**

If anyone could claim that they had a legitimate vision from the Lord, it was the Apostle Peter, he literally saw Jesus transformed before him. This actually happened, Peter saw Jesus radiate with glory, Moses and Elijah who had died centuries before speaking with him, and he heard God's audible voice, and it was all real, (**Matt 17:1-9**). But Peter said that we have something more stable and reliable than that. And what would that be? The written word of God.

- **2 Peter 1:16** We **did not follow cleverly invented stories** when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we **were eyewitnesses of his majesty.** 17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." 18 **We ourselves heard this voice** that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. 19 **And we have the word of the prophets made more certain,** and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning

star rises in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must understand that **no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God** as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## One True Gospel

The apostle Paul brings up another source that religious people give for direction from God, some people promote having experiences with angels. Even if they were legitimate experiences, if that angel or that person says anything contrary to the written word of God, they are to be cursed by God.

- **Galatians 1:8** But even **if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel** to you than what we have preached to you, **let him be accursed.** 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, **if anyone preaches any other gospel** to you than what you have received, **let him be accursed.**

## Our Responsibility

Also, we should not completely depend on teachers to feed us the word of God. We need to be diligent students of the word of God for ourselves. It is recommended that we verify what we have been taught, to make sure that it is correct, and rightly balanced with the all the scriptures.

- **Acts 17:10** As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. 11 **Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.**
- **2 Timothy 2:15** Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and **who correctly handles the word of truth.**
- **Heb 5:11** We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because **you are slow to learn.** 12 In fact, though **by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word** all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

## Impact of the Word

We cannot overemphasize the impact that the word of God makes upon our lives. The scriptures are God breathed inspiration that fills our soul and regenerates, renews, and empowers our lives.

- **2 Timothy 3:16**, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God." (N.I.V. All scripture is God breathed)

Look at the following list of adjectives that describe the Holy scriptures:

1. I Thessalonians 2:13	word of <b>GOD</b>
2. Colossians 3:16	word of <b>CHRIST</b>
3. Philippians 2:16	word of <b>LIFE</b>
4. James 1:18	word of <b>TRUTH</b>
5. Acts 20:32	word of <b>HIS GRACE</b>
6. Acts 13: 26	word of <b>SALVATION</b>
7. II Corinthians 5:19	word of <b>RECONCILIATION</b>
8. Hebrews 13:22	word of <b>EXHORTATION</b>
9. Revelation 3:10	word of <b>MY PATIENCE</b>
10. Hebrews 5:13	word of <b>RIGHTEOUSNESS</b>
11. Romans 10:8	word of <b>FAITH</b>
12. Hebrews 1:3	word of <b>HIS POWER</b>

Looking at that list, we start to get an idea of what a vital role the word of God plays in our lives. God's word is different from any other words in that it can impart spiritual life.

- **John 6:63** The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. **The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.**

The following verses show us the awesome impact the word of God makes upon our lives;

### **The Word of God saves us:**

- **1 Peter 1:23**, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever."
- **James 1:18**, "Of his own will begat he us with the Word of truth."
- **James 1:21**, "... and receive with meekness the ingrafted Word which is able to save your souls."
- **2 Timothy 3:15** "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

### **The Word of God Heals Us:**

- **Psalms 107:20**, "He sent his Word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."
- **Matthew 8:5-13**, "And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him ... The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed ... And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, [so] be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour."

## **The Word of God Comforts Us:**

- **1 Thessalonians 4:15-18** "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, ... the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so, shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."
- **Psalms 119:50**, "This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me" (your word has given me life, N.K.J.V.).

## **The Word of God Delivers Us:**

- **Psalms 119:170** "Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word."

## **The Word of God Will Test Us:**

- **Psalms 105:19**, "Until the time that his word came, the word of the Lord tried him." (*the word of the Lord tested him, N.K.J.V.*)

## **The Word of God Purifies Us:**

- **John 15:3**, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."
- **Ephesians 5:26**, "That he might sanctify and cleanse it (the church) with the washing of water by the word."
- **Psalms 119:9,11**, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word" ... "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

## **The Word of God Gives Us Instructions:**

- **2 Timothy 3:16**, "All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

## **The Word of God Guides Our Lives:**

- **Psalms 119:105,133**, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" "Order my steps in thy word."

## **The Word of God Feeds & Brings Spiritual Growth:**

- **1 Peter 2:1**, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."
- **Hebrews 5:13,14**, "For every one that useth milk is unskillfull in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age (mature), even those who by reason of use (because of practice) have their senses exercised (trained) to discern both good and evil." (See also Ps.119:103, Job 23:12, Amos 8:11)

- **Jeremiah 15:16**, "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of Hosts."

### **The Word of God Gives Us Wisdom:**

- **Psalms 119:98-100**, "Thou through thy commandments (word) hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies (words), are my meditation, I understand more the ancients (elders, old people), because I keep thy precepts (word)."

### **The Word of God is Our Provision:**

- **2 Peter 1:3,4**, "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises (the word): that by these (promises) ye might be partakers of the divine nature ."
- **Matthew 4:4**, "it is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

### **The Word of God Builds Our Faith:**

- **Romans 10:17**, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"
- **John 20:30,31**, "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."

### **The Word of God is Our Spiritual Weapon:**

- **Ephesians 6:17**, "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."
  - **Hebrews 4:12**, "For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (See also, Matt.4:4,7,10)

### **The Word of God Revives Us:**

- **Psalms 119:25,107,154**, "My soul cleaveth to the dust: quicken (give life, revive) thou me according to thy word."



## **The Word of God Keeps His Fire Burning in Our Soul:**

- **Jeremiah 20:9**, "But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones."
- **Luke 24:32**, "Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures."

## **Commitment**

We eat and drink every day, and if we miss a few meals, we get very hungry. In the same way our in our spiritual life, we need our spiritual food and drink daily. And in our Bible reading we need to read from Genesis to Revelation, every single verse. There is a saying, seven days without prayer or the Bible, makes one weak. Every believer in Jesus needs to be committed to daily Bible reading and prayer.

- **Matthew 4:4** But He answered and said, "It is written, '**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.**'"
- **Matthew 6:11** Give us this day our **daily bread**.
- **Acts 2:42** They **devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching** and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer ... 46 **Every day** they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,