

LESSON ESSENTIALS

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

LESSON 7: THE WORD OF GOD

Why read self-help books written by other mere people when God has written out for you the best instructions for living? The Word of God is the only book that can transform your life just by reading it!

Jesus, Himself, quoted scriptures to counter the temptations of the devil and the questions of the unbelieving Pharisees. Read on to see how the Word of God is an essential part of building your faith.

The Word of God is a precious treasure! This lesson will help you focus on the importance and power of God's Word in our lives.

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And God said “Let there be light,” and there was light. Gen 1:3

Think about it...

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The Bible is not an ordinary book with a collection of interesting stories and wise sayings. It is the word of God Almighty.

If God spoke and created the universe, imagine what power there must be in that little book, sitting in the corner of your shelf, called the Bible.

According to 2 Timothy 3:16 “All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,”

When we say God-breathed, the picture we get is that of God actually breathing His life into the writings of the authors. God’s inspiration of the authors can be the only possible explanation for how a book written over more than a 1000 years by several writers from various backgrounds gives one coherent message.

Yes, one coherent message because experts in the Bible say that the Bible never contradicts itself. In fact verses from different sections of the Bible only affirm one another. In John 10:35, Jesus says, “Scripture cannot be broken”. What greater proof do we need that the word of God is reliable and true?

Jesus quoted the scriptures very often. From resisting the temptations of the devil in the wilderness to countering the unbelief of the Pharisees and Sadducees, His defence was rooted in the scriptures. Jesus’ use of the scriptures reflected the authenticity of His divine nature.

The scriptures clearly point out that the source of salvation is Jesus Christ. We cannot have faith in God unless we have heard about Him first. When we believed in the gospel, it was because someone told it to us, or because we read from it. The Gospel message itself is the Word of God! 1 Peter 1:23 says, “... you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.”

The Word of God is not just meant to lead us to Christ. It also is a valuable guide, helping us to know about God, and to walk in accordance with His will. We often pray to God for his guidance on important decisions in our life and then wonder how he will

answer us. Turning to the word of God will definitely give us answers. As Paul says in 2Timothy 3:16-17, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work”

God wants us to be able to live a truly abundant life in knowing Him and doing His will. Therefore, He has taken the time to reveal Himself and His plans for us through His word.

We often wait for cards, emails, or an SMS from a special person in our life and when we receive them, we treasure them. We keep reading them, thinking about what is written and sometimes even show them off to close friends and family. How much more we should cherish what God has written to us!

The Psalmist says we should think about God’s word day and night. We should also pass these precious words along to our friends, family, and children. If possible, we should memorize the Word of God, so that it is always in our heart. But we must not simply read the word or memorize it. Whenever we read a Bible verse, we must think about what that Bible verse is telling us. What is the lesson to be learned from a Bible story; what is the message? Once we discover the message, we must then apply it in our lives.

Some parts of the Bible might have been written more than 2000 years ago but they carry deep wisdom and are applicable today. The scriptures are relevant to everyday living, because, while the world changes around us, the Word of God stays the same and the Kingdom values stay the same. Read carefully and you will find that the Bible deals with corrupt or evil authorities, abuse and oppression of weaker groups of people, war, poverty, health problems, romantic relationships, family issues, depression and low self-esteem. These are the very challenges we seek answers for today.

The word of God is reliable and true, it is living and abiding, and it has wisdom and power. Most importantly it reveals God’s love for you. May you find the Bible the most exciting book you will ever read!

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IN REVIEW

- The Bible is God's Word. God spoke through different writers across time to write a story about God's plan for this World.
- Jesus, Himself, made extensive use of the Scriptures in His messages, and affirmed that the Scripture, God's Word, is reliable and true.
- The Word of God has great influence on our faith in Jesus Christ, because it is through the hearing of the Word that we are believers.
- The scriptures are written as a hand-book for the Christian life. We should meditate on God's word, understand what it means to our lives, and practise what it says.
- The Scripture, even after so many years, is relevant to our lives today.

HAVE YOUR SAY

- What evidence do you find that the Bible is the Word of God?
- Isn't it just enough to pray? Why do you think our spiritual life is incomplete without reading the Word of God?
- In today's world science is seen as the answer to all questions. Can you think of some problems that science cannot solve but the word of God can?

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