

THE WORD OF GOD

The Bible says that **all scripture is given by inspiration** of God. This settles any arguments by educated scholars. Firstly, the “Word” is inspired of God. Its function is to bring perfection into our lives. (2 Tim 3:17)

2 TIM 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for **instruction in righteousness**: 17 **That the man of God may be perfect**, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

The possession of a Bible is not enough we must allow the truth of the Word to change our lives.

Paul describes some (including him) as “living epistles” known of all men. These men and women had allowed the Word to make them living examples of what a man or woman of God should be.

His Word has Power and Authority:

1. The Word is underwritten with a promise:

JER 1:12 Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for **I will hasten my word to perform it.**

ISA 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: **it shall not return unto me void**, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and **it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**

PSA 12:6 **The words of the LORD are pure words:** as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

NUM 14:21 But *as truly as I live*, **all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.**

2. The Word has creative power

JN 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and **the Word was with God**, and **the Word was God**. 2The same was in the beginning with God. 3**All things were made by him**; and **without him was not any thing made that was made.**

PSA 33:6 **By the word of the LORD were the heavens made**; and all the host of them **by the breath of his mouth**. 7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

PSA 33:9 For he **spake, and it was *done***; he commanded, and it stood fast.

2 PET 3:5 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, **by the same word** are kept in store, **reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.**

The same Word that created the heavens and the earth is presently reserved till that day of judgment when fire will destroy many of its ungodly inhabitants.

1 PET 1:23 Being **born again**, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, **by the word of God**, which liveth and abideth for ever.

When we think of what Christ and the work of the cross, we must think in terms of the eternal values of the living Word.

3. The Word has eternal value.

PSA 119:89 For ever, O LORD, **thy word is settled** in heaven.

ISA 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but **the word of our God shall stand for ever. Read : Psalms 119:142;160**

MAT 24:35 "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but **my words shall not pass away.**"

The Word of God will never change, because it has eternal covenant value. God's eternal purposes apply to all men and women. His salvation is available to all; with God there are no favorites. He is the God of "equal opportunity".

NUM 23:19 God *is* not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and **shall he not do it** ? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? 20Behold, **I have received *commandment to bless*: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.**

1 PET 1:25 But **the word of the Lord endureth for ever.** And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

4. The Word's Function in the Inner man.

To cleanse the outer body we must wash in water. To continue cleansing and purifying the inner man we must read the Word of God. The Word renews our mind. The more we read it and obey its principles, the more we will think as God thinks.

When our thought life has been sanctified; we think right, then we will live right.

EPH 5:26 That he **might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.**

ROM 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

The renewing of the mind is the way the believer can apprehend the perfect will of God. It is easier to obey God when the mind is renewed.

PSA 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that **I might not sin** against thee.

JN 15:3 "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

5. The Word Refreshes like Rain.

DEUT 32:22 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and **as the showers upon the grass:**

Read: Isa 55:9-11. Note v.10. "**and maketh it bring forth and bud**"

ISA 55:9 For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

ISA 55:10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and **maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:**

ISA 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: **it shall not return unto me void**, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and **it shall prosper** *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

6. The Word will quench the thirsty.

ISA 44:3 For **I will pour water upon him that is thirsty**, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: ⁴And they shall spring up *as* among the grass, as willows by the water courses.

ISA 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, **come ye to the waters**, and he that hath no money; **come ye, buy, and eat**; yea, come, buy wine and milk **without money and without price.**

As food digests, its nourishment becomes part of our body, so the Word of God as it is digested becomes part of our inner man.

7. The Word will satisfy the hungry.

JER 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.

EZE 3:1 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; **eat this roll**, and go speak unto the house of Israel. ²So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll. ³And he said unto me, **Son of man, cause thy belly to eat**, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat *it*; and **it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness**.

DEUT 8:3 That he might make thee know that **man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD** doth man live.

8. The Word provides food for all ages.

The new “Born Again” believers can partake of the liquid milk i.e. the learning of the first principles of the Word of God. The “older saints” may partake of the meat or solid food of the Word of God, in order that His Word may be ministered to others.

1 COR 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ. ² I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able *to bear it*, neither yet now are ye able.

1 PET 1:2 As newborn babes, **desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:**

Growth takes place when there is a right attitude towards the Word of God. We must water the seed of the Word. Christ must prune the branches in order that we can reproduce or bring many souls into the Kingdom of God.

Read John chapter 15.

9. The Word will purge the believer.

JN 15:2 "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and **every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.**"

The purging mentioned in John chapter 15 is done by the Word (Christ); this usually results in disciples bringing forth much more fruit. i.e. our fruit baskets of souls should increase in volume.

Read the parable of the Sower: Matthew 13:3-9; 18-23

2 COR 9:10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for *your* food, and **multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;**)

PSA 126:6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, **bearing precious seed**, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, **bringing his sheaves *with him*** .

Sow to yourselves.

HOS 10:12 **Sow to yourselves in righteousness**, reap in mercy; **break up your fallow ground**: for *it is* time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

It is the responsibility of every believer to break up his/her own spiritual fallow ground. If we plow our ground deeply we get more nutrients to the roots.

Sow to the Spirit.

GAL 4:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: **for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.** **8For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption;** but **he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.**

10) The Word gives Light.

Read the words of Christ.

JOH 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light**, because their deeds were evil.

JOH 3:20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.

JOH 3:21 But **he that doeth truth cometh to the light**, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

PSA 119:105 **Thy word is a lamp** unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

PSA 119:130 **The entrance of thy words giveth light;** it giveth understanding unto the simple.

2 PET 1:19 We have also a **more sure word of prophecy**; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as **unto a light that shineth in a dark place**, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

11) The Word brings order.

PSA 119:133 **Order my steps in thy word:** and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

An ordered Christian life is a life where the Word has cancelled the domination of iniquity. Obedience to the total content of the Word of God will bring order.

12) The Word is a Sword

HEB 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**.

JN 12:48 "He that **rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words**, hath one that judgeth him: **the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day**.

EPH 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, **and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:**

13) The Word has authority.

LUK 4:36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, **What a word is this!** for with **authority and power** he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.

Also read: Matt 8:16; Luke 4:1-13

All believers who are totally yielded to the Word (Christ) shall have authority and flow in great power (anointing).

14) The Word is truth.

PSA 119:142 Thy righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, and **thy law is the truth**.

PSA 119:160 Thy word *is true from the beginning*: and every one of thy righteous judgments *endureth* for ever.

JOH 8:32 "And ye shall **know the truth**, and **the truth shall make you free**.

15) The Word cleanses the Inner Man.

PSA 51:7 Purge me with hyssop, and **I shall be clean**: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

16) The Word is a Protector

EPH 6:13 Wherefore take unto you **the whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

PSA 91:4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: **his truth shall be thy shield and buckler**.

17) The Word is perfect

PSA 19:7 The law of the **LORD is perfect**, converting the soul: **the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple**. **8The statutes of the LORD are right**, rejoicing the heart: **the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes**. **9The fear of the LORD is clean**, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD *are true and righteous* altogether. **10More to be desired are they than gold**, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. **11Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward**.