

The Word of God

Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

Psalms 119:105

When we say the Word of God, we are referring to the Holy Bible. The Bible is God's revealed word to mankind. Over the centuries man has tried to change God's word to conform to his way of thinking. Revelation 22:18 says, "I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book."

It is very important that we always hold to the truth of the Bible and never try to change it or edit what is written. There have been many false teachers that have attempted to change the Word of God thus trying to make right, wrong and wrong, right. Man guided by Satan will try to destroy the credibility and authority of Scripture. As Christians we must never allow this to hinder our faith in the Word of God.

Turn to Psalm 119:11 and fill in the blanks below.

Whose word do we hide in our heart? _____

Why is this important? _____

If we hide the Scriptures in our heart, we will not against God.

Turn to 2 Timothy 3:16 and write out the verse below.

This verse tells us that all Scripture is God-breathed which means that all Scripture came from God by the Holy Spirit. Doctrine is just another word for teaching.

Write out Romans 15:4 below.

The Bible is a spiritual book. Only those who have the Holy Spirit can correctly understand Scripture.

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things but is himself to be judged by no one.

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 says, "But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he will instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ."

The natural, unconverted man cannot understand the things of God. In order to understand spiritual matters, the natural man must be born again and have his spiritual eyes opened.

Turn to Jude 19 and complete the following verse.

These are the ones who cause _____, worldly-minded, _____ of the Spirit.

This verse is talking about heretical groups who are not saved and are false teachers who set out to pollute the Word of God. This verse links in very well with Proverbs 28:5, which says, "Evil men do not understand justice, But those who seek the Lord understand all things."

Romans 8:9 continues, "However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him."

As we read in the introduction the Holy Bible was written over a long period of time. One fact we did not read was that the Bible was written by 40 different people. As you can tell God would had to have been behind the writing of the Bible as so many different men and women put pen to paper. The greatest miracle of God here, is that He used all these people in different ways to put the Bible together. Man alone could not write a book and have it agree all the way through. 2 Peter 1:20-21 testifies to this fact. "But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God."

Turn to Hebrews 4:12. Write out this verse below.

The Holy Bible is a living and powerful book, not dead like many often say.

Complete the verse from Ephesians 6:17.

And take the _____ of _____, and the _____ of the _____, which is the word of _____.

From Genesis right through to Revelation the message of God is about the intention of the heart. God looks upon the heart and man looks upon the outward appearance read 1 Samuel 6: 17. A good example of this is the story of Abraham and Isaac in Genesis 22. Abraham had the right heart attitude towards God. He fully trusted in God's promise and clear instructions. As a result, God blessed Abraham.

The last verse we are going to look at in this lesson is found in 2 Timothy 2:15. Write out the verse below.

Be diligent, correctly handle the Word of God and be cautious of false teachers is the main emphasis in this verse.

Lesson Summary

In this lesson we have learnt what the Word of God is and the importance of the Bible in our lives. We have learnt what a blessing the Bible is, as God has given us His written Word. We also learnt that the Christian life is all about the right heart attitude towards God and His people. God has given you His Word so that you may know what His will is and what He says is right and wrong. It is important to remember that the verse from the Book of Psalm states if we hide the Word of God in our hearts we will remember it and thus not sin against the Holy One.

Remembrance verse

1 Thessalonians 5:21

But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good

