

# GOD CANNOT LIE

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*A study on the infallible integrity of God's Word and  
the importance of knowing the Word.*

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*"That by two immutable  
things, in which it was  
impossible for God to lie,  
we might have a strong  
consolation who have fled  
for refuge to lay hold upon  
the hope set before us"  
(Hebrews 6:18).*



PART ONE:

# The Infallible Integrity of God's Word

## My Promise Will I Not Break

The main reason we are not quick to act on the Word is due to the fact we doubt the validity of the Scripture for us today. We doubt whether or not God will really do for us what He said He will do when we are confronted with real-life problems. If someone walks up to us and asks, "Do you believe everything in the Word of God?" We are quick to answer, "I certainly do," although we are sometimes very slow to incorporate the Lord's teaching in our lives.

How very easy it is to hear a beautiful teaching in a public meeting, or listen to a tape, or read a book, and affirm the truth of it mentally. Yet when taken from the realm of theory and put into the area of daily living, how much different it looks! This is the point where most believers make excuses for their unbelief.

The trial of our faith wars against the subtle impressions of the enemy. We can cast down imaginations and every high thing in our mind which exalts itself against the knowledge of God in our heart by swinging the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (see *2 Cor. 10:4-5; Eph. 6:17*).

The battle would be over much more quickly if we could believe with our hearts in the full integrity of God's Word. We now proceed to give scriptures that show us how infallible the Word of God really is.

"My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of My lips" (*Psalms 89:34*).

"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began" (*Titus 1:2*).

## *God Cannot Lie*

"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?" (*Num. 23:19*).

In Psalm 89:34, covenant refers to *promise*. God is saying, "My promise will I not break ..." Alter means *to change*. "Nor change the thing that is gone out of My lips." This means that God will never change what He has already said in His Word. God will not break His promises, He will always keep His word.

## **God Cannot Lie**

In Titus 1:2 we see that "*God cannot lie*." Men can. God can't. We usually say God can do anything/everything. There are some things, however, which God cannot do. God cannot lie; God cannot fail; God cannot err.

Usually Christians think, "Why surely this is true in here, for God is too good to lie." In actual fact, they are saying God can lie, but He won't. In actual truth, however, God won't lie, because He can't.

God cannot even be tempted by evil! (see *James 1:13*).

This brings us to Numbers 23:19: God cannot lie, even though men can, because "*GOD IS NOT A MAN....*"

Think about that for a while, will you? God is not a man. A man is not God. God is not a man. This shows us why we are so incompatible with Him much of the time.

To say God will not lie and leave it at that, is to imply He can lie, but due to His goodness He will not. To say what is written, "*GOD CANNOT LIE*," is to say, " . . . that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all" (*1 John 1:5*).

*God is not a man, that He should lie*; men lie, but God is not a man that He should.

Someone says, "True, God will not lie, but that does not mean He cannot change His mind. After all, we all change our minds about things." NO! again, "God is not a man, that He



should lie, NEITHER THE SON OF MAN THAT HE SHOULD REPENT ..." Do you know what the word *repent* here means? It means: *to change one's mind*. God, therefore, is not a man that He should lie, neither the son of man that He should change His mind. Instead of questioning as Balaam did, " ... hath He said, and shall He not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall He not make it good?" Let's confess and say with our mouths, "HE HATH SAID, AND HE SHALL DO IT! HE HATH SPOKEN, AND HE SHALL MAKE IT GOOD!!!"

## **Forever Settled**

God's Word cannot be changed or altered for another reason. In Psalm 119:9 the psalmist is pondering the infallibility of the Lord's testimonies. The Holy Spirit quickens him (see verse 88) so that he cries out with exclamation:

"FOREVER, O LORD, THY WORD IS SETTLED IN  
HEAVEN!"

This means that ages before holy men of God were moved by the Holy Ghost to speak (see 2 *Pet.* 1:21) God's Word was *forever settled*. The Throne gave the rule in the ages of eternity before time began. The same Word shall be unchanged when time shall cease and continue the same through endless ages. "Forever, O Lord, thy Word is settled in Heaven." That which was and is forever settled in Heaven, was communicated to men on earth. The Holy Spirit breathed upon them, inspiring inerrantly the testimony contained in the book commonly called *The Holy Bible*, making the words written, life and spirit to those who hear them, and health to all their flesh.

If one adds or takes away from the words of *The Book*, divine judgment shall surely follow (see *Rev.* 22:18-19). This is why James warns the church, "My brethren, be not many masters (*teachers*), knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation (*judgment*)" (*James* 3:1). In accord with this, Jesus solemnly says, "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven; but whosoever shall do and

teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (*Matt. 5:19*).

A further reason God's Word cannot fail is due to the divine decree that the earth, as well as Heaven, would first have to pass away. The Son of God, our precious Lord Jesus, says:

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

"For verily (*truly*) I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." (*Matt. 5:18*).

To further show by the scriptures the unfailing oath of God forever honored by Heaven, we read in Jeremiah 1:12, "Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten My Word to perform it." The marginal translation reads *watch over* rather than *hasten*. Either rendering is suitable. The Lord is saying He will be quick to perform His Word wherever anyone claims it as theirs. He is also saying that when we speak and hide His Word, He will watch over what we meditate and speak to perform, or to fulfill, it. This is how we grow in the divine nature.

## **Precious Promises**

We find an area of our lives that does not measure up to the divine nature. We find a promise or provision in the Word that adequately fits our particular need. Then we treasure that scripture by claiming it and praising God, by virtue of His truth and unfailing promise, to make it good in our lives, to perform it perfectly in and through us. This must be Peter's meaning when he speaks by the Holy Spirit:

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (*2 Pet. 1:4*)

God has given unto us exceeding great and precious

promises in His Word, that by these we may be sharers, associates, partners, and companions of the nature in our Heavenly Father; the *divine nature*. By the incorporating of His Word in our lives, we do escape the corruption and pollution that is in the world through its perverted desires. "According as His divine power hath given unto us *all things* that pertain unto life and godliness ..." (*verse 3*).

Everything in this universe is upheld by "the Word of His power" (*Hebrews 1:3*) and by Him "all things consist" (*Col. 1:17*). Were He to fail to make His promise good, all the creation would disintegrate. "God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar . . . " (*Rom. 3:4*).

*Alive!*

"For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (*Heb. 4:12*).

Quick means alive. The Living Word, Jesus (*Rev. 19:13*), lives forever "after the power of an endless life." (*Heb. 7:16, 25*). The written Word which becomes life and spirit as the Holy Spirit reveals and shows it unto us is alive. "I will never forget Thy precepts: for with them Thou has quickened me." (*Ps. 119:93*). Or, " . . . by them You have kept me alive." "For they (*My Words*) are life ..." (*Pro. 4:22*). The Word that God speaks is living and full of energy, aggressive and accomplishing the purpose for which it was sent. "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" (*Isa. 55:11*). God's Word is living and what was spoken thousands of years ago still stands. It was written and spoken and given and still stands written, spoken, given, and *operative*, for God will still make it good to those who rely upon it. The Word is not dead. The Word is that which is written, taken by the Spirit and applied to us as we partake of it. The Word is not the black and white (*the letter*) alone, but that which

was recorded and made real to us by the Holy Spirit. Taking the letter by itself, without the unveiling and revealing of the Spirit, can bring death. Man's traditional doctrines, full of the letter but void of the Spirit, make the Word of God of none effect. Only the Spirit of Truth can reveal the Word of Truth (see 2 Cor. 3:6 and Mark 7:13). The Word is operative on our behalf when we are established in the truth, not bogged down with tradition. The Holy Spirit who inspired men of old to write, reveals to men today who read, study and meditate in the Scriptures.

### ***Powerful!***

The Word of God is powerful! "Power belongs to God" (*Psa. 62:11*). "The voice of the Lord is powerful!" (*Psa. 29:4*). Powerful means active and operative or effectual. In other words, anything God says fully fulfills what was spoken by nature of the One Who gave it. "The Lord gave the Word" (*Psa. 68:11*) and backs what He speaks with His unlimited, inexhaustible, unending power to make it completely good and openly manifested. "He giveth power to the faint and to them that have no might He increaseth strength" (*Isa. 40:29*). What He has promised He shall make good, "according to the Word of the Lord" (*Josh. 22:9*). After He exerts His power with a display of divine strength, He feels no weakness or drain of energy. "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of His understanding" (*Isa. 40:28*). God is God! "The worlds were framed by the Word of God ..." (*Heb. 11:3*).

### ***Sharper!***

The Word of God is *sharper* than any sword (*word*) the adversary can whisper. Sometimes His hands wound, but they also heal. He inflicts pain (*the convicting word*), but He also gives relief (*the Comforter*). "I wound, and I heal . . ." (*Deut. 32:39*). "If I whet My glittering sword . . ." (*Deut. 32:41*). Sometimes God causes His prophet to lift up his voice like a trumpet and declare to Jacob his sin (see *Isa. 58:1*). Sometimes He gives a cutting word, not for the purpose of killing us, but rather to

cleanse us. Example: Notice the sharp corrections Christ gives the churches in *Revelation 2 and 3*. Also see *Hebrews 12:5-14*. The Word, like a two edged sword, cuts out the blemishes and excesses; making whole and perfect by removing hindrances in our walk. A sharp, "What is that to thee? follow thou Me," got Peter in line rather than looking at his brother in Christ. (see *John 21:20-22*) "Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O most High ..." "... for the sword of the Lord shall devour . . ." (*Psa. 45:3 and Jer. 12:12*). That is, "the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God" (*Eph. 6:17*). Have you ever read something in the Word that pricked your heart?

## **Is Any Part of God's Word Impure?**

One day it was remarked that there are certain passages of Scripture that should not be preached on or taught publicly. The reason given for this statement was that there are certain areas in the Word where lewdness and uncleanness are brought forth. References to Judah and the woman by the road; David and Bathsheba; the Song of Solomon; and other sections of the Prophets were commented on as *pornographic*, and should be omitted from pulpit exposition.

Having been taught the Way of the Lord more clearly, the author responded by the certain clear statements of Scripture unmistakably pointing out the error of such an attitude. Our Lord Jesus overcame temptation to the flesh by renouncing the tempter with, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but *by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God*" (*Matt. 4:4; cf. Deut. 8:3*). To further emphasize the responsibility of Gospel ministers to preach "the whole counsel of God" (*Acts 20:27*), Paul definitely instructed Timothy (a young messenger of the Word in public meetings), "All scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine (*teaching*), for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness ..." (*2 Tim. 3:16*).

The erroneous attitude and popular opinion among many modern pulpiteers today that anything in the whole of the Scriptures can in any wise be *pornographic* vividly demonstrates

the reasoning of the natural, carnal mind which does not receive the "things of the Spirit of God" (1 Cor. 2:14), and is in "enmity against God" (Rom. 8:7). The obvious fact that people in the Scriptures at points did yield to temptation is by no means condoning similar actions to the students of the Word. Even a casual reading of David's tragic stumbling with Bathsheba points out clearly the judgment of God upon adultery (e.g. *the baby's death; uprising of Absalom, etc.*).

Either God's Word is true or it is not. The Father speaks eternally saying, "EVERY WORD OF GOD IS PURE," (Prov. 30:5) and, "THE WORDS OF THE LORD ARE PURE WORDS: AS SILVER TRIED IN A FURNACE OF EARTH, PURIFIED SEVEN TIMES," (Psa. 12:6). Seven speaks of perfection. God's Word is perfectly pure. Only Satan questions, "Can God's Word ever be impure or lewd?" You must answer, "NO!" It was written and still stands written, "THY WORD IS VERY PURE: THEREFORE THY SERVANT LOVETH IT" (Psa. 119:140). Say it until every doubtful imagination of impurity in the Word is gone, "EVERY WORD OF GOD IS PURE ... EVERY WORD OF GOD IS PURE ... EVERY WORD OF GOD IS PURE."

## **Is God's Word Ever Wrong?**

At another time I was present during a conversation between a Christian and her pastor. She was faced with a very real dilemma because the logical course of action to take, it seemed, was to go in the opposite direction God's Word teaches. To do what the Scriptures teach looked disastrous indeed. Her pastor wisely remonstrated that in every situation, in the face of every contradictory circumstance, God's Way is always *the right way*, and God has no other way than that which His Word teaches. God is not doubleminded. He will not instruct by Scriptures a certain path to take and by impressions of gifts instruct another route. There is no *variableness* with the Father of lights (see James 1:17).

Satan often attacks the thoughts of believers with the doubting imagination. "Can the instruction in God's Word ever be wrong, even once? Under most circumstances what the Word

teaches is what you should do, but this is a little different. God understands that things have changed since He spoke the Word. Go ahead this time and do what everyone else does." And thus many Christians follow the instruction of the world (Satan) rather than the instruction of the Word (God).

Listen closely at this point. No matter what you are facing, how hard the road may seem, under every circumstance, before every situation, always choose to go God's way ...

"FOR THE WORD OF THE LORD IS RIGHT . . . "  
(*Psa. 33:4*).

Can God's Word ever be wrong? NO!!! "SATAN, YOU DOUBTER OF TRUTH, IT WAS WRITTEN AND STILL STANDS WRITTEN, 'FOR THE WORD OF THE LORD IS RIGHT'." Vocally confess this until all doubting imaginations have gone, and all decisions you make are in full accord with the divine counsel of Scripture. Remember, God's Word can never be wrong, "For the Word of the Lord is right ..."

## **Can God's Word Be Bound?**

Another mistake many of God's saints make is to leave a meeting where God's Word was preached, and because a lot of thrills were not seen and chills were not felt, say, "It was all bound up tonight." We agree the people may have been bound, the worship quenched, and God's will not fully accomplished, but it was not ALL bound up. "THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT BOUND" (2 *Tim. 2:9*).

Never allow your lips to confess something unscriptural such as, "Well, the meeting last night was free, but tonight it was all bound up." Satan and the flesh may well hinder, "BUT THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT BOUND."

## **Thirdly Teachers, After That Miracles**

Today it is easily evident that miracle ministries are far more popular among the Body of Christ than ministries that center around and accent the teaching of God's Word. Miracle

ministries have to do with those things that occur through the NAME of Jesus, such as healing the sick, casting out demons, and other operations of the Holy Spirit that are clearly supernatural. While teaching ministries often see miraculous confirmation of their message (*see Mark 16:20; Heb. 2:3-4*) the primary thrust is the public exposition of the Word of God followed by the demonstration of the Spirit and power (*see 1 Cor. 2:3-5*) as confirmatory rather than spectacular in purpose and nature.

## **Magnified Thy Word**

In Psalm 138:2 David exclaimed, "...for Thou hast magnified Thy Word above all Thy Name." In the New Testament the Apostle Paul was listing the ministries in the Church according to their rank and importance.

"And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues" (*1 Cor. 12:28*).

Please notice in particular the phrase, "... thirdly teachers, AFTER THAT miracles, THEN gifts of healings ..." If we were more attracted to spiritual truth than outward manifestations (which we should be), we would rank teaching ministries as more important for the edification of the church than miracles and gifts of healings. The preaching of God's Word should always have the preeminence in the public meetings.

The gifts of the Spirit are to confirm the preached Word, rather than being the focal point of the entire meeting. Those in the old line groups often say, "It was a great meeting—the preacher didn't even get to preach!" In all humility may I ask, what was so great about that meeting that the focal point of the service was excluded? God has used *Miracle Services* in a great way, for Jesus still makes believers through His works, notwithstanding:

"If ye continue in My Word, *then* are ye My disciples



indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (*John 8:31-32*).

"Then shall we know, *IF* we follow on to know the Lord" (*Hosea 6:3*).

We can become acquainted with His acts by witnessing His miraculous works, but can only become knowledgeable of His ways by applying our hearts to His Word (*c.f. Psa. 103:1*).



## PART TWO

# The Importance of Knowing God's Word

## Lack of Knowledge

Further progress in the Christian life is necessary for spiritual well being. "*Let us go on*" to deeper things in God. Once we thought sincerity was enough, now we see, "My people are destroyed for lack of *knowledge*," not sincerity, and must be wise as the crafty serpents that are all about us (see *Hosea 4:6*). However, most Christians blindly close their eyes to the Father's admonition, "My son, attend to My Words" (see *Prov. 4:20*). Sluggish in study and slothful in Scripture reading, they willfully reject the divine admonition, but not without correction, for He then says:

" . . . because thou hast rejected knowledge I will also reject thee" (*Hosea 4:6*).

The purpose of this book is to show why the knowledge of God's Word is so very important for all of God's children to have. God's Word is infallible, and by having it living within you, you are also free from error and all *the snares of the evil one*. The insulation of the Word will protect you from the infection of the world.

## Strength Comes From the Indwelling Word

" . . . I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the Word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one" (1 *John 2:14*).

John writes to the three classes of Christians present everywhere. They are: little children, young men, and fathers.

Little children are babes in Christ. Notice in verses 12 and 13 that these *little children know your sins are forgiven you for His Name's sake*, and *ye have known the Father*. These are the two basic realizations of every newborn in Christ. Every sin committed in the past is forgiven; God is not only Creator, but now He is Father. It is good for the little children to know these two truths for to know them, is to have eternal life in the Son. Jesus blesses the little children today and instructs us to not offend them. Paul, speaking to the Thessalonians concerning their babyhood in Christ says, "But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children" (1 *Thess.* 2:7). It is easy to bruise babes, so be gentle in caring for them. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 *Pet.* 1:23). The incorruptible seed of the Word, which is Christ the Living Word, is planted in the spirit upon conversion to Christ, which is the new birth and is operated by the Spirit (see *John* 3:7). Newborn babes cannot as yet eat the Word (young men and fathers can), they can only drink it:

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere *milk* of the word, that ye may grow thereby: if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious" (1 *Pet.* 2:2-3).

Most of us are young men. As adolescents we are living in a painful stage. We have grown enough to know we should behave maturely, yet often behave in a very childish manner. Growing up is a painful process for the Father applies by situations and circumstances that which we study and meditate upon. At this point in Christian growth the enemy seeks to overcome us by many subtle tricks. Notice in verses 13 and 14 of First John, chapter 2 the twice uttered, "ye have overcome the wicked one." In verse 14 John explains why the young men are overcoming the wicked one; "because ye are strong, and the Word of God abideth in you ..." God's Word abiding, living, dwelling, making residence in us enables us to be spiritually strong against all temptation. When the enemy comes in like a flood, the maturing believer prays for grace relying on the promise of Jesus:

"If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (*John 15:7*).

And thus he overcomes one temptation followed by another (see *1 Cor. 10:13*). The fathers are full grown in Christ. Twice John affirms, "... ye have known Him that is from the beginning." The deep revelations come later, as we grow from young men into fathers.

## **Thy Word Have I Hid In Mine Heart**

Most Christians refer to the Word of God as *the Bible*, although there is no place from Genesis to Revelation where we are told to do so. *The Bible* comes from the Latin word for *book*. *Holy Bible* means *holy book*. The Holy Bible does contain the Word, but THE SCRIPTURES ARE THE WORD. Jesus often used the phrase *the scriptures* as did other persons in the New Testament. Even more often do we find *word* preceded by *the*, *Thy*, or *My*, etc. *Logos* or *rhema*, written or spoken, the Word that proceeds from God is alive and powerful. You cannot hide the Bible in your heart, or swing it as a sword. You can hide the Word in your heart, and take "the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God" with you everywhere you go (see *Eph. 6:17*).

Looking up the scriptures where the Word is mentioned you will find that Psalm 119 mentions *word* more than any other chapter in the whole of the scriptures. A careful study of the longest chapter in the Word of God reveals again and again the key attitude one must have in regard to the Word. The relationship of a believer to the Word is especially noted in the following verses: 9, 11, 16, 38, 43, 50, 57, 74, 81, 89, 97, 101, 103, 105, 114, 116, 133, 140, 147, 154, 160, 162, 165, 168, 170, 172.

Verse 11 is our key text, "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." *Hid* is rendered *treasured* by many authorities. The psalmist is saying, "Lord, Your Word is my highest love and chiefest objective. To have it anywhere but in my heart will do me no good. In my heart the Word will keep me from sin." Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there will

your heart be also" (*Matt. 6:21*).

If God's Word is really sacred and holy to you, you will treasure it IN YOUR HEART—that is, study, meditate, confess, obey and give first place and full pre-eminence to it. Most people treasure God's Word on the shelf with a large "Family Bible" full of unscriptural pictures in full color. They will invariably have the book turned to some picture rather than opening it where the Word can be read as the family passes by the coffee table. Having the Word on the shelf, or holding the scriptures in your hand will do no good in actual warfare against the powers of darkness. Even having the Word in your heart does not mean it will be there permanently unless you TREASURE it. Satan can snatch it from you through unbelief or doubt. Notice "... then cometh the devil, and taketh away the Word out of their hearts" (*Luke 8:12*). Holding and hiding the Word as precious treasure will protect us in time of trial.

## **Separated By The Word**

A study of John 17 shows how that Jesus did not want His disciples to ISOLATE themselves from the world. "... these are *in* the world . . . I pray not that Thou shouldest take them *out* of the world ..." (*verses 11 and 15*). Rather He prayed the Father would INSULATE them from the world with the Word.

"They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth" (*John 17:16-17*).

*Sanctify* means to *set apart and make clean*. While in the world, we are not of the world. God preserves us from the evil (one) in the world by purifying His chosen ones by the truth in the Word. During the same conversation with His disciples (a few moments before He prayed to the Father) He said to the eleven, "Now ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you" (*John 15:3*). Today we compare this with Ephesians 5:25-27: " . . . Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with *the washing of water by the Word*, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not

having spot (*impurity*), or wrinkle (*division*), or any such thing (*semblance of sin or strife*); but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Before unity comes purity. Before Christ irons out the wrinkles, smooths out the folds and creases that divide the church, He is going to cleanse us from all spots and semblances of sin. Today some try to iron out the wrinkles before the spots have been cleansed. Take your garments back to the Cleaners (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and get the spots and impurities out. Conformity is when people seek unity without purity. You N I Tie (U-N-I-T-Y) when the spots are gone out and we are clean. Then we are one even as Jesus and the Father are one.

The world seeks to INFECT the church with its INFLUENCE as evil INVADES the minds of believers who have not INSULATED themselves from the world with the Word. Why did the psalmist hide God's Word in his heart? " . . . THAT I MIGHT NOT SIN AGAINST THEE." (Overcome the tempter.)

The washing of water by the Word means that just as water washes your outer man, the Word washes your inner man—your mind is renewed by the Word of God. Even when you do not understand what you are reading, it still does you good, for it washes your mind and disciplines your thinking processes; re-computing, re-programming, and recycling your thoughts so you will think as God thinks, not as the world thinks.

## **Treasure God's Word!!!**

Jeremiah exclaimed jubilantly:

"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" (*Jer. 15:16*).

Have you ever been reading along in the Word and then all of a sudden, HALLELUJAH!!! That's when you *find* God's Word. Something stands out and leaps up at your eye, runs in your mind, and drops in your heart. Then you chew on it for a while,

you shut your eyes and speak in tongues and meditate over and over on that truth. That's when you *eat* God's Word. At this moment of inspiration and revelation, the Holy Spirit bears witness to the truth of the Word in your spirit and that's when the Word becomes *the joy and rejoicing of your heart*. This gives you a sense of divine dealing, and your place as a child of God, so you cry out, *I am called by Thy Name, O Lord God of hosts*.

## **Believer or Disciple?**

A believer is one who has fully trusted in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. A disciple is a believer who continues in Christ's teaching, accepting the progressive revelation of truth which sets him free. As long as he continues in the Word, he is the Lord's disciple, and life is an adventure into the depths of God. Most believers who are genuinely born of the Holy Spirit, and know God as Father, do not really qualify as disciples because they fail to apply to practical situations the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please notice the distinction Jesus made between being simply a believer or a disciple:

"As He spake these words, many believed on Him. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed: And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (*John 8:30-32*).

The Jews became believers in verse 30 upon hearing the Word of Christ. (see *Rom. 10:17*). In verse 31 Jesus challenged them to become His disciples by *continuing* in His teaching, doctrine, Word. Notice the *if ye* signifying discipleship unto Him (Jesus). The blessing of being Jesus' disciple is the knowledge of pure, divine truth making him completely free. In verse 36 Jesus, Who is Truth, says He is the one who makes the disciple *free indeed*. So, as a believer continues in Christ's Word, becoming His learner, student, pupil, and follower, he knows the Son, Who is the Truth, and is made free.

Seeing then the condition upon which we are made free, we should never apply verse 32 to an unbeliever, as is often done in



evangelistic meetings. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," takes place after conversion as one walks with Jesus the Master (Teacher).

Christ said, "If ye continue in My Word." Paul spoke supernaturally, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another ..." (*Col. 3:16*) and, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth" (*2 Tim. 2:15*). Allow us to emphasize the first word, *study*, this way: "Labor in your studies to shew thyself approved unto God ... God is a rewarder of them that DILIGENTLY seek Him" (*Heb. 11:6*).

## **Attend to My Words**

"My son, attend to My Words; incline thine ear unto My sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (*Prov. 4:20-23*).

Here God is calling His child to *attend* to His Words. In the Hebrew *attend* means *to prick up the ears*. To use a more common term, in our vocabulary *attend* is used to mean, *to make of primary importance*. If I met you on the sidewalk and wanted to fellowship with you, but there was pressing business on your heart, you would tell me there was something you must attend to at the moment. You would not be slighting me. There is just something of necessity to take care of. The infusion of God's Word into our systems should be our pressing business at hand. To gather the manna early is necessary to having the manna, for when the sun gets hot it melts. We *must pick up the ears* whenever we are hearing or reading the Word of God. To be negligent hearing, or casually reading the Word of God will cause us to miss the *meat* He would spread for us.

Educators for many years have known there are two avenues to the brain. The first is the *ear gate*. Lecturing has always been the most common teaching method. If the student

daydreams, he profits little from the lecture. Flee from wandering, distracting thoughts when studying the Word.

The second avenue of entrance into the attention and mind of the pupil is through the *eye gate*. Books are given to read, illustrations are drawn on the board, visual aids of all kinds are used to get and keep the attention of the learner. We learn from what we see.

Considering this, take into account that thousands of years ago, the Lord spoke through Solomon, " . . . incline thine ear unto My sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes;" God says, "Open the ear gate. Hear My sayings preached and taught." After you allow Him to open your ears (He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;" — *Rev. 2:11*) He captures your imagination and memory for the Word. "Take heed what ye hear" (*Mark 4:24*). "Faith cometh by hearing ..." (*Rom. 10:17*). Then the Spirit saith unto a member of the church (that's you). "Open the eye gate. READ AND STUDY MY SAYINGS. Do not allow My Words to depart from your eyes, even for a day."

By obediently opening the ear gate and the eye gate, His disciple fulfills the next line from the Father, " . . . keep them (My Words and My sayings) *in the midst of thine heart.*"

In the spirit of the student of God's Word LIFE comes to him as he FINDS the Word by revelation and enlightenment. This is the spiritual reward of diligent study. In the flesh of the Lord's pupil comes health and medicine directly from the Word. In the Hebrew *health is curative, medicine, remedy, and healing*. Divine health is ours. "He sent His Word and healed them" (*Psa. 107:20*).

Everything there is in life, flows from your heart, " . . . out of it are the issues of life." For this reason He instructs, "Keep thy heart with all diligence."

## **Study Tips For Learning the Word**

There are six primary ways to learn God's Word. Hear, Read, Study, Meditate, Confess and Do. The last two ways take the learning from the inner thoughts and put them into outward

actions.

## **Hear the Word**

As it was already pointed out, God expects His children to incline their ear unto His sayings. Hear the Word, for faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Hear the Word preached (*see Matt. 13:9-17; Acts 2:42; Rom. 10:14-17*). Hear the Word taught, hear the Word exhorted (*see Heb. 10:25*).

When listening to a message from the Word, take notes and be careful to keep your attention focused on the message, not the messenger, nor the people around you. Jesus said, "Let these sayings sink down into your ears ..." (*Luke 9:44*). The Word coming forth by the unction of the Spirit will sink down into your ears, into your mind, and sink down all the way into your spirit. Feed your spirit, Give close attention to what you hear, for coming through a man, there may be and usually is, chaff with the wheat. Sift in the Spirit. Take heed what you hear. Ask the Lord for practical applications.

## **Read the Word**

Let them not depart from your eyes, even for a day, keep your scriptures open and as you go about doing daily tasks, stop by the Word and rest awhile. Read portions of God's Word frequently through the day. Have a regular time each morning and evening for the sake of just sitting and reading for the enjoyment of it. Read, read, read, and read some more. After conversion the author read around 40 chapters daily. Nowadays we do more studying than reading, but reading is good. Studying key verses sometimes loses the spirit of the context. By reading a lot we keep the spirit of the Word within us.

"And these Words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine

hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.  
AND THOU SHALT WRITE THEM UPON THE POSTS  
OF THY HOUSE, AND ON THY GATES" (*Deut. 6:6-9*).

In our home we have several scripture plaques hanging. The *Word on the wall* is a reminder to keep the Word in the heart and a blessing to all who visit us. What a conversation piece!

## **Study the Word**

Having noted 2 Tim. 2:15 we now give some tips for studying the Word. First let the Holy Spirit impress a particular topic on your heart. Go to the concordance (I like Strong's best) and run a survey of references. Look them up in the Word and make notes either on a separate sheet of paper, or right in the Bible itself alongside the verses under consideration. Pray and ask for the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him (see *Eph. 1:17*). God will give you understanding on the certain theme. This brings us to the fourth learning exercise.

## **Meditate in the Word**

"But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night" (*Psalms 1:2*).

*Meditate* here means *to ponder*. In other scriptures the word *meditate* means *to converse with oneself to muse, pray, talk with, and to revolve in the mind*.

Revolve God's Word around in your mind. This is how you chew the Word, or eat it. After revolving the Word in your mind awhile, the Spirit will quicken you and it shall drop in the belly of your spirit. Praising God while meditating in the Word is like drinking water while chewing food. It helps you to swallow better. Some things are pretty hard to swallow in the Word of truth, but drinking the Spirit of truth helps us to eat the meat of the Word and grow thereby.

"Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed

unto thyself, and unto thy doctrine (*teaching*); continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save (*deliver*) thyself, and them that hear thee" (1 Tim. 4:15-16).

Give yourself wholly to the Word. Spend all your time with a verse in mind. I think about and on the Word almost always. In the back of my head something is always going on. Active minds in the Word are pure minds. The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance what you store in your thinking faculties at needed times. (see John 14:26).

It has been a great blessing to meditate in the Word. I used to sleep all night with the scriptures playing on record to me. Anymore I just go to bed soaked with the Word of Christ, and Jesus talks to me in my sleep. Having had problems with tense sleep, the Word is my portion in calming my nerves and bringing peaceful sleep. Take some of God's Word tonight and sleep (see Prov. 3:24).

The last two steps are to Confess and Do the Word. Please notice in Joshua the connection between meditating, confessing, and doing.

*(confessing)*

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth;

*(meditating)*

but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that

*(doing)*

thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for them thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Joshua 1:8).

## **Confess the Word**

There is a wealth of teaching in many books on this subject. Almost everyone is teaching about confession of God's Word. Actually, however, *we speak those things that fill our hearts* (see Matt. 12:34) and if we concentrate on meditating in the Word, speaking it will naturally follow. In Joshua 1:8 the Lord instructs Joshua as to how the book of the law would not depart out of his

mouth (*confession*), " . . . BUT THOU SHALT MEDITATE THEREIN DAY AND NIGHT."

## **Do the Word**

"But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (*James 1:22*).

There are many who are hearers but not doers. This is where confusion gets hold of so many minds. Hearing many teachings, but failing to act on the Word, fills the mind with principles that soon lose relevance. The move of God seems unreal to many, for they hear but fail to do. Lack of discipline easily deludes the *hearers only* of the Word.

True happiness comes from doing the Word of God. Jesus instructed, "If ye know these things, happy are ye IF YE DO THEM" (*John 13:17*). In fact, those who hear the Word of God and fail to do it, *may not be His brethren at all!* "And He answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these *which hear the Word of God and do it*" (*Luke 8:21*).

Think on that one awhile.

***"... the Scripture cannot be  
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