

THE BIBLE WORD SERIES

A Brief Study of those Important Words found in the Bible that we need to understand, not just skip over.

THE WORD OF GOD

The "Word of God" is "The Word that Comes from God". FOR US, THAT IS THE BIBLE.

THE WORD OF GOD IS REVEALED TO US. (This is called "Revelation")

This is the giving of the truth from God to man. If God had not given it, man would never know it.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 *But as it is written: "Eye has not seen nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him". But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.*

1. Can our natural senses & intellect find the truths of God? Yes No
2. Are the truths of God a recent thing just cooked up for us now? Yes No
3. How do we receive the truth of God? _____
4. Could we know the truth any other way than through God? Yes No

Isn't it interesting that ever since God said, "Let US make man in OUR image" in Genesis 1:26, mankind world-wide knows deep down that there is a "higher, supreme" god.

There is "Natural" Revelation.

Psalm 19:1 *The heavens declare (reveal) the glory of God; and the universe shows His creative power.*

Acts 14:15 *Why are you worshipping dead idols? Turn to the living God Who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all the things that are in them.*

Romans 1:20 *For since the creation of the world God's invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the created things we can see, even His eternal power & Godhead, so that they are without excuse.*

5. When you look around, what does God expect you to see? _____
6. Those who choose to reject God, what do they see? _____

Some thoughts:

- *Creation ("Natural Revelation") reveals the existence of God only.*
- *It does NOT show someone how to receive salvation & eternal life (God's main purpose).*

There is "Special" Revelation.

7. Notice these revelation methods used by God:
 - a. Dan. 2:19 God sent a _____ to Daniel.
 - b. Gen. 37:5-11 God sent a _____ to Joseph.
 - c. Ex. 3:4 God actually _____ to Moses.
 - d. Ex. 34:5 God gave the _____ to Moses.
 - e. Ex. 3:2 God appeared to Moses as a _____.

8. Two other ways God revealed Himself & His salvation:

Hebrews 1:1-2 *God, Who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son*

John 1:18 *No one has seen God at any time. God's on-and-only Son has revealed the Father.*

John 14:9 *Jesus said to Philip, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father".*

Psalms 19:7 *The law of the Lord (God's Word) is perfect, converting the soul...*

Psalms 19:8 *The commandment of the Lord (God's Word) is pure, enlightening the eyes.*

a. _____ ("spoken unto us by His _____")

b. _____ ("The _____ of the Lord is perfect")

Some thoughts:

- "Natural Revelation" focuses in on the existence of God.
- "Special Revelation" focuses in on how to know God, how to be forgiven, & how to be saved.

THE WORD OF GOD IS WRITTEN DOWN FOR US. (This is called "Inscription")

This is the process of putting the revealed thoughts of God into the vocabularies of the human authors.

1 Corinthians 2:12 *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit Who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.*

1 Corinthians 2:13 *These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches about spiritual things.*

2 Peter 1:20-21 *..No preaching (prophecy) of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for proclaiming this message never came by the will of man, BUT holy men of God spoke as they were moved along by the Holy Spirit.*

9. Answer these questions from the verses above.

a. Where did the Bible writers get their information? _____

b. Where did the Bible writers NOT get their information? _____

c. Are Biblical writer's personal opinions used for their writings? ___Yes ___No

d. Biblical text never came from where? _____

e. What did the Holy Spirit do for the holy men of God?

Some thoughts:

- The Bible text (the Word of God) originated with God (& God alone).
- The Bible text was transferred to the Bible writers by the Holy Spirit's guidance.
- The Bible text was not put in these men like they were robots who would just repeat it.
- God supernaturally transferred the material into their personalities & writing style.

THE WORD OF GOD WAS WRITTEN BY GOD FOR US. (This is called "Inspiration")

This is the truth that God's Word is the same as if God were literally speaking it to us.

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.*

10. According to this verse, were the Bible writers inspired? ___Yes ___No

11. According to this verse, was the Scripture material inspired? ___Yes ___No

12. What four benefits do we get from the Scriptures?

a. _____ c. _____

b. _____ d. _____

The word "inspiration" means "God-breathed". (Breathed out, not breathed in)

13. Match the verses with the inspiration statement.

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| a. 1 Thess. 2:13 | ___ | "It is not you who speak" |
| b. 1 Cor. 2:13 | ___ | "The Holy Spirit will speak" |
| c. John 16:13 | ___ | "The Word of God" |
| d. 2 Sam. 23:2 | ___ | "According to the wisdom given" |
| e. Jer. 1:9 | ___ | "That I must speak" |
| f. 2 Pet. 3:15 | ___ | "My words are in your mouth" |
| g. Mk. 13:11 | ___ | "Taught by the Holy Spirit" |
| h. Num. 22:38 | ___ | "His word is on my tongue" |

Some thoughts:

- *The words in the original text are inspired, not just the concepts. (Verbal inspiration)*
- *The entire Bible is inspired, not just the words. (Plenary inspiration)*
- *The Bible writer knew it was God's Word and needed to write it down or preach it.*
- *The Bible writer may not have always understood the full meaning of the message or text.*

THE WORD OF GOD WAS WRITTEN FOR US TO OBEY. (This is called "Authority")

This is the expectation by God that His Word be listened to & obeyed.

<i>James 1:22</i>	<i>But be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only; otherwise, you are deceiving yourself.</i>
<i>Romans 13:1</i>	<i>...For there is no authority except from God, and any authority that exists is appointed by God.</i>
<i>Acts 17:11</i>	<i>..The Bereans were fair-minded - they received the Word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things taught were true.</i>

14. Answer these questions from the verses above.

- What are we supposed to do with God's Word? _____
- What do most people do with God's Word? _____
- Throughout the entire universe, God has all the authority. ___Yes ___No
- If you answered "yes" above, then can we agree that if Someone has all the authority, then His words would have all authority? ___Yes ___No
- Does a holy God have the right to expect obedience? ___Yes ___No
- What three things did the Berean believers in the New Testament do after they were exposed to the presentation of God's word?
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

Some thoughts:

- *You should learn the meaning of a command in the Bible, and then obey it.*
- *The Bible defends its own authority.*
- *The Bible warns that if man disobeys & ignores, he will held eternally accountable.*
- *The Bible has the authority to be profitable for our lives.*
- *The Bible has the authority to equip & train the believers.*

15. How is your Bible study making a difference in you? _____

THE WORD OF GOD WAS WRITTEN TO CHANGE US. (This is called "Animation")

This is the process of changing our lives by cutting us open & lighting a fire in us.

Hebrews 4:12 For the Word of God is living & powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul & spirit, and of joints & marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts & intents of the heart.

16. What kind of a sword is the Bible compared to? _____

17. "For the Word of God is _____ and _____."

18. What can the Word of God divide?

a. S _____ and S _____

b. J _____ and M _____

c. T _____ and I _____



Apart from God...
**NOTHING & NO ONE
CAN DO THIS!!**

John 6:63 Jesus said, "It is the Spirit that gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life".

It appears that the Bible (God's Word) promotes life & a living faith. Notice "living" & "life".

19. How can the Word of God (the Gospel of Christ) help **the unbeliever**? Match.

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| a. Romans 1:16 | _____ | The Word - being born again |
| b. 2 Tim. 3:15 | _____ | The Word - converting the soul |
| c. 1 Pet. 1:23 | _____ | The Word - everyone who believes |
| d. Psalm 19:7 | _____ | The Word - make you wise for salvation |

20. How can the Word of God help **the believer**? Match the columns.

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| a. 1 Thess. 2:13 | _____ | Produces fruitfulness in us |
| b. Heb. 4:12 | _____ | Makes us alert to sin |
| c. John 17:17 | _____ | Guides our lives |
| d. Psalm 119:105 | _____ | Increases our desire to read it |
| e. Matt. 4:4 | _____ | Feeds our spiritual lives |
| f. 1 Pet. 2:2 | _____ | Cleans our lives |
| g. Psalm 1:3 | _____ | Focuses our thinking on the truth |
| h. Psalm 119:11 | _____ | Evaluates our heart's condition |
| i. John 15:3 | _____ | Causes growth in us |

THE WORD OF GOD HAS A SPECIFIC MEANING FOR US. (This is "Interpretation")

This is the process of understanding what the Bible verses & passages mean.

2 Timothy 2:15 Make a serious & faithful effort to present yourself to God approved, not ashamed BY correctly handling the Word of God (truth).

21. Answer the following questions from the verse above.

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| a. God approves of our lives when we correctly study the Bible. | ___Yes ___No |
| b. We would be ashamed before God for carelessly studying it. | ___Yes ___No |
| c. Does it sound like God is serious about careful Bible study? | ___Yes ___No |

Some thoughts:

- *Literal interpretation* = The meaning is exactly what it sounds like in the reading.
- *Historical interpretation* = The meaning was written for a certain period of time.
- *Application* = It was written to someone else but I can use it in my life.

- STEP 1 IN INTERPRETATION** = Who is being written to or addressed?
STEP 2 IN INTERPRETATION = What exactly what written or said?
STEP 3 IN INTERPRETATION = What did the message mean?
STEP 4 IN INTERPRETATION = How can I apply this lesson/command to me?

There is **ONE** actual meaning that was intended by God. Interpretation
 There can be **SEVERAL** ways that it has meaning in your life. Application

1 Timothy 1:18 – This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the previous instructions given to you, that by them wage the good warfare, having faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck,

- A. Who is being addressed? _____
 B. What exactly was said? (Notice the underlined portion.)

 C. What does the underlined phrase mean? _____

 D. How could this instruction help you in your life? _____

1 Timothy 2:1 – Therefore, I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings, and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

- E. Who is being addressed? _____
 F. What exactly was said? (Notice the underlined portion.)

 G. What does the underlined phrase mean? _____

 H. How could this instruction help you in your life? _____

1 Timothy 6:11 – But you, O man of God, flee these things (obsession with riches & greed), and pursue (run after) righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

- I. Who is being addressed? _____
 J. What exactly was said? (Notice the underlined portion.)

 K. What does the underlined phrase mean? _____

 L. How could this instruction help you in your life? _____

THE WORD OF GOD CAN BE UNDERSTOOD BY US. (This is called "Illumination")

This is the special ability God gives people to understand the Scriptures.

John 16:13 *When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will tell you things to come.*

1. What is the Holy Spirit called here? _____
2. At this time when Jesus was talking, had He come yet? ___Yes ___No
3. Acts 2:4 "And they were all _____ with the Holy Spirit".
4. What two things will the Holy Spirit do:
 - a. "He will _____ you into all _____."
 - b. "He will _____ you things _____."
5. Before the Day of Pentecost (Holy Spirit came), who revealed truth?
 - a. Matt. 16:17 _____
 - b. Luke 24:32 _____
6. After the Day of Pentecost, who revealed truth?
 - a. John 16:13 _____
7. Why do we need the Holy Spirit to illuminate our hearts & minds? Match.
 - a. 1 Cor. 2:14 ___ Because we do not always live out the truth
 - b. 2 Cor. 4:4 ___ Because the Word is only spiritually understood
 - c. 1 Cor. 3:1 ___ Because we are immature infants most of the time
 - d. John 14:26 ___ Because we do not always remember or choose to
 - e. Heb. 2:20 ___ Satan blinds the minds of man
 - f. 1 John 2:20 ___ Some things need to be taught again.

There is no way any of us would understand any of the Bible without the illuminating ministry of the Holy Spirit. It is a supernatural working in our lives.

THE WORD OF GOD HAS BEEN PROTECTED FOR US. (This is called "Preservation")

The process of God allowing the Scriptures to be passed down through the generations accurately.

John 10:35 *The Scriptures cannot be broken. (stop carrying out its purpose)*
Matt. 5:17 *Not one letter or punctuation mark will fade away from the Word of God.*
Mark 13:31 *God's Word will absolutely not fade away.*

THE WORD OF GOD HAS BEEN TRANSLATED FOR US. (This is called "Translation")

THE WORD OF GOD HAS BEEN ORGANIZED FOR US. (This is called "Canonicity")

8. What have you learned new from this lesson? _____

9. Do you have confidence in the reliability of our Bible? ___Yes ___No
10. Do you study it everyday using some lesson format? ___Yes ___No