

The Bible IS God's WORD ~ 1 Peter 1.22-25

→Scripture Hebrews 1.1-2, Psalm 19.7-10

INTRODUCTION (NEXT week read ahead Psalm 119.89-96)

>>Handwritten Bible....

>>Pictures Voices of the Martyrs

We believe that the **Bible IS the Word of God**, FULLY inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. JP

This IS God's WORD ~ Hebrews 1.1-2

[1] In the past **GOD SPOKE** to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, [2] but in these last days **HE has spoken to us by his Son**, whom HE appointed heir of all things, and through whom HE made the universe.

Psalm 19:7-10 (NLT) The **INSTRUCTIONS** of the LORD are perfect, reviving the soul. The **DECREES** of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. [8] The **COMMANDMENTS** of the LORD are right, bringing joy to the heart. The **COMMANDS** of the LORD are clear, giving insight for living. [9] Reverence for the LORD is pure, lasting forever. The **LAWS** of the LORD are true; each one is fair. [10] They are **more desirable than gold**, even the finest gold. They are **sweeter than honey**, even honey dripping from the comb.

God's WORD Gives us...

- Perfect INSTRUCTIONS which RENEW the soul vs. 7
- Trustworthy DECREES which give WISDOM vs. 7
- Fair and Right COMMANDMENTS which bring JOY vs. 8
- Clear COMMANDS which give INSIGHT vs. 8
- True LAWS which are JUST and fair vs. 9

God's WORD becomes...

- More DESIRABLE than gold
- SWEETER than Honey

Matthew 5:17 (NIV) Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to FULFILL them.

Matthew 24:35 (NIV) Heaven and earth will pass away, but **MY WORDS will never pass away**.

IMPLICATIONS

→The Bible is NOT man's thoughts ABOUT God - it is God's REVELATION of Himself

→The Bible does not CONTAIN God's WORD - it IS God's Word

Mark 12:26-27 (NIV) Now about the dead rising - have you not read in the book of Moses, in the account of the bush, how God said to him, '**I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob**'? [27] He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken!

God's WORD Never FADES ~ 1 Peter 1:22-25

[22] Now that you have purified yourselves **by obeying the truth** so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. [23] For you have been **born again**, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the **living and enduring WORD of God**. [24] For, "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, [25] but **the WORD of the Lord stands forever**." And this is **the WORD** that was preached to you.

APPLICATION

→ God's Word IS Living and Enduring - it NEVER CHANGES

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TAKE AWAY??

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NIV) These commandments that I give you today are to be **upon your HEARTS**. [7] **IMPRESS** them on your children. **TALK ABOUT** them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

God's WORD should be...

- ON our HEARTS
- IMPRESSED on our children
- TALKED about

[8] Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. [9] Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

>>Pictures

Deuteronomy 6:10-12 (NIV) When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you - a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, [11] houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant - then **when you EAT and are SATISFIED**, [12] **be careful that you do not FORGET the LORD**, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

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