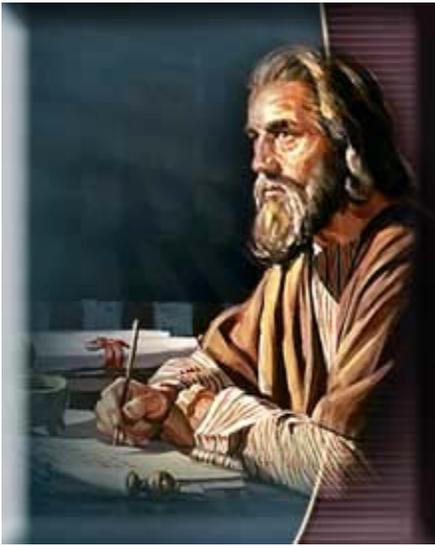


Lesson 1 The Word Of God



1. By what should we live our lives? Matthew 4:4

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15

2. How long ago did God reveal or declare His plans? Isaiah 46:10

3. Where did the holy prophets of God in ancient times get their information? 2 Peter 1:21

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

The Bible may be received *“not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God.” 1 Thessalonians 2:13*

4. What guarantee did the Psalmist give that the ancient words of God would still be trustworthy in the last days? Psalm 12:6, 7

5. Is it always safe to follow what seems right to us? Proverbs 14:12

6. Is it safe for us to interpret the prophecies of the Bible? 2 Peter 1:20

“Do not interpretations belong to God?” Genesis 40:8. Everyone interprets the Bible differently. That's why it is not safe to rely on anyone's interpretation, not even your own. Do not interpret the Bible; let the Bible interpret itself. When you read something in the Bible that you do not understand, instead of trusting your own ideas, look for other Bible verses that will explain the meaning of the more difficult passage.

The Bible itself tells us how it is to be studied: *“For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.” Isaiah 28:10.* Thus *“comparing spiritual things with spiritual,”* Scripture with Scripture, we allow the Bible to explain itself. 1 Corinthians 2:13. The Holy Spirit is to be our teacher John 14:26. Whenever we study the Bible we should always pray that the Holy Spirit will direct our thoughts and help us to understand His word.

7. False prophets shall arise and show what? Matthew 24:24

8. Their miracles are calculated to deceive whom? Matthew 24:24

The very elect are those who are studying diligently and obey the Word of God. Titus 1:1; 1 Peter 1:2

9. To prevent deception, what are we to do with all our ideas? 1 Thessalonians 5:21

10. According to what word are we to test all things? Isaiah 8:20

“And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” Revelation 19:10

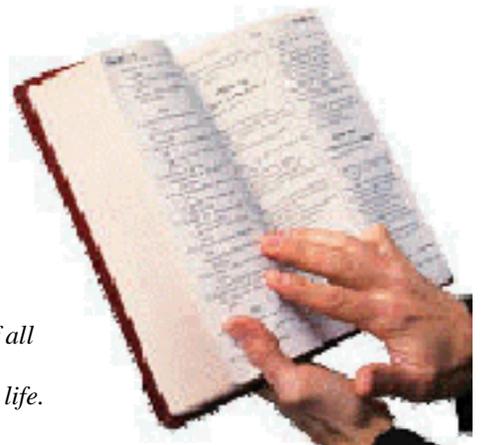
11. What is destroying people today? Hosea 4:6

12. What is God's Word to us? Psalm 119:105

13. What is our duty regarding the light God gives to us? John 12:35

14. What does God want to show us in His word? Jeremiah 33:3

“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.” John 5:39 Through His Word, God wants to show us what He has done and what He is willing to do for us. As we see the love of the Saviour we return our love to Him and we are willing to serve Him, for it is *“the goodness of God”* that *“leadeth thee to repentance”*. Romans 2:4



In the Light of God's Word...

I understand that the entire Bible is the Word of God, wholly reliable, and the test of all things.

I desire to diligently study the word of God, and allow it to direct every aspect of my life.