

EVERY WORD OF GOD

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⁵ Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him. ⁶ Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Introduction:

Not only is the doctrine of the inspiration of Scripture a foundational doctrine for Bible-believing Christians, so also is the doctrine of the preservation of Scripture.

Paul wrote to Timothy:

2 Timothy 3:16

¹⁶ All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Knowing that all scripture is given by inspiration of God and it is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction we must not neglect any of the Words of God.

We find these words “Every Word” four times in the Bible.

Deuteronomy 8:3

³ And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

Matthew 4:4

⁴ But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Luke 4:4

⁴ And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

Proverbs 30:5

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Though the thoughts of God are important, His thoughts are expressed through His Word.

If we are going to live by every Word of God, we must make sure that we have an every-Word Bible.

Illustration:

For example, the King James Bible is a direct translation of Scripture from the Greek and Hebrew manuscripts. In It, you will find a word-for-word translation. On the other hand, the New International Version is called a dynamic equivalent and not a translation at all. A dynamic equivalent combines many Greek and Hebrew

texts together, and from them, exhibits a thought, i.e., a paraphrase, rather than a word-for-word translation.

For example:

The Revised Standard Version begins John 8 with verse 12 instead of verse 1. It also leaves out verse 53 of John 7.

It removes completely Mark 16:9-20, and has excluded Matthew 12:47; 17:21; 18:11; 21:44; 23:14; Mark 7:16; 9:44; 9:46; 11:26; 15:28; Luke 17:36; 22:20; 23:17; 24:12; 24:40; John 5:4; Acts 8:37; 15:34; 24:7; 28:29; Romans 16:24; and most of 1 John 5:7.

We are commanded to live by "every Word" of God. How can we live by every Word if we cannot read every Word in our Bibles?

Let's Remember:

1. THE PRESENTMENT OF WORD OF GOD

A. It Is Settled

Psalm 119:89

⁸⁹For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

B. It Is Sweet

Psalm 119:103

¹⁰³ How sweet are thy words unto my taste! *yea, sweeter* than honey to my mouth!

C. It Is Spotless (Pure)

Psalm 119:140

¹⁴⁰ Thy word *is* very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

D. It Is Sound

Psalm 119:160

¹⁶⁰ Thy word *is* true *from* the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments *endureth* for ever.

2. THE PROVISION OF THE WORD OF GOD

A. Provides Nourishment

1 Peter 2:2

² As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

Matthew 4:4

⁴ But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

1 Corinthians 3:2

² I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able *to bear it*, neither yet now are ye able.

Hebrews 5:12-13

¹² For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the

oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. ¹³ For every one that useth milk *is* unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

Psalm 19:10

¹⁰ More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Jeremiah 15:16

¹⁶ 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.

B. Provides Direction

2 Timothy 3:16

¹⁶ All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

C. Provides Comfort

1 Thessalonians 4:18

¹⁸ Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Psalm 119:50

⁵⁰ This *is* my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.

D. Profitable For Doctrine, Reproof, Correction, and Instruction

- Doctrine – What is right
- Reproof – What is not right

- Correction – How to get right what is not right
- Instruction – How to keep things right

E. Provides a Barrier for Sin

Psalm 119:11

¹¹ Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

3. THE POWER OF THE WORD OF GOD

Hebrews 4:12

¹² For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

4. THE PRESERVATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 12:6-7

⁶ The words of the LORD *are* pure words: *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. ⁷ Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

Matthew 24:35

³⁵ Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Psalm 119:89

⁸⁹ For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

We have the Word of God today and the Word of God will be here when we are long gone.

5. OUR PRACTICE OF THE WORD OF GOD

What should we do with the Bible?

A. Search it

John 5:39

³⁹ Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

Acts 17:11

¹¹ These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

B. Study it

2 Timothy 2:15

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

1 Corinthians 2:13

¹³ Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Psalm 1:2

² But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

C. Submit or Obey it

James 1:22

²² But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

D. Shout or Preach it

2 Timothy 4:2

² Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

E. Settle or Dwell in you

Colossians 3:16

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Psalms 119:11

¹¹ Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Close:

God has magnified His Word above His name.

Psalms 138:2

² I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

That Book you hold right there in your hands is the Word of God. It is perfectly infallible in Its inspiration and preservation.

It is called the Word, the Word of God, the Word of Christ, the Word of truth, the holy Scriptures, the Scripture of truth, the Law of the Lord, the Sword of the Spirit, and the Oracles of God.

It is pure, true, perfect, precious, quick, and powerful. It was written for our instruction and intended for our use.

The Word of God is regenerating, quickening, illuminating, able to convert the soul, able to make the simple wise, sanctifying, faith-producing, hope-producing, obedience producing, able to cleanse the heart, able to cleanse the way, able to keep us from a destructive path, admonishing, comforting, and heart-rejoicing.

It should be our standard and should be believed, appealed to, read, known, received, searched daily, memorized, taught to children and to all, spoken of continually, not handled deceitfully, and should be obeyed.

As a Christian, you should love It exceedingly, delight in It, regard It as sweet, esteem It above all things, long after It, stand in awe of It, keep It in remembrance, hide It in our hearts, hope in It, meditate in It, rejoice in It, trust in It, obey It, and speak of It.