

God has spoken:

He has spoken to **holy** men of God (holy - men set apart for His use) down through the ages, and caused them to write down His word. All scripture is given by inspiration of God. And so in our Bibles, we have all the instructions that God wants us to know in **living for Him**, and **servicing Him** all the days of our lives.

So let the Bible speak for itself: *“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**, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds”* (Heb 1:1-2).

When Jesus spoke, God spoke: Jesus said: *“Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works”* (John 14:10).

Jesus quoted the words given to Moses (Deut, 8:3): *“It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God”* (Mat 4:4).

Jesus also said: *“Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who **does the will** of My Father in heaven”* (Mat 7:21).

He also said, *“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, **and does them**, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock”* (Mat 7:24).

“From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I” (Psa 61:2).

Christ and His word is the Rock on which to build our house of life.

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The Creative Word (Genesis 1:1-2)

Jesus Christ is the Creator and upholder of all things: *“In the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made”* (John 1:1-3).

*“By the **word** of the **LORD** the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the **breath** of His mouth”. “For He **spoke**, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast”* (Psalm 33:6 & 9).

By His word He Jesus, made and upholds all things (Col 1:16-17; 2 Peter 3:1-7).

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The Living and Powerful Word (Hebrews 4:11-13)

It is dividing and discerning; By whom all things are revealed. **And to whom we must give account**

*“Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. **For the word of God is living and powerful**, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him **to whom we must give account.**”*

He searches our hearts, and we cannot hide anything from Him.

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Through believing, comes cleansing and sanctification by the word:

Jesus said: *“For I have given to them **the words which You have given Me**; and they have **received them**, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have **believed** that You sent Me”* (John 17:8).

*“You are already clean because of **the word** which I have spoken to you”* (John 15:3).

*“Sanctify them by Your truth. **Your word is truth**”* (John 17:17).

*“As for God, His way is perfect; **The word of the LORD is proven**; He is a shield to all who trust in Him” (Psa 18:30).*

God is proven by many saints in ages past; He is trustworthy and faithful, so we can totally rely on Him in all situations of life.

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Applying the word to our hearts:

“Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!” (Psa 119:128).

*“Therefore **all Your precepts concerning all things** I consider to be right; I hate every false way” (Psa 119:11).*

*“Concerning the works of men, **By the word of Your lips**, I have kept away from the paths of the destroyer” (Psa 17:4).*

Then Samuel said to Saul: *“Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king” (1 Sam 15:22-23).*

*“I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; **For You have magnified Your word above all Your name**” (Psa 138:2).*

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The Inspired Word

“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 complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

a. Given by ‘inspiration of God’ or ‘God breathed’. **b.** It gives the true teaching and equips the man or woman of God for serving Him throughout our lives.

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God’s Word must not be changed

*“For I testify to everyone who hears **the words of the prophecy of this book**: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from **the words** of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book” (Rev 22:18).*

Some will cross our path that have a different teaching, and may even claim to do miracles:”

*“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, **but test the spirits, whether they are of God**; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world” (1 John 4:1-3).*

*“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘**Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?**’ And then I will declare to them, ‘**I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness**’” (Mat 7:21-23). Read all of Matthew Chapter 7.*

It is essential to know our Bibles and to look at all teachings through the clear lens of God’s word. His word is truth, and will reveal error.

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The Prophetic Word was given by God to men, and by them written down

“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit” (2 Pet 1:20-21).

“And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit” (2 Peter 1:16-21)

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Obedience to this Word

*“Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always **keep all My commandments**, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!” (Deu 5:29).*

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God’s will is found in God’s word!

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Salvation comes through obeying the Word

*“But what does it say? "**The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart**" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved" (Rom 10:8-13).*

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom 10:17).

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The only sure foundation we have to build our faith on is not what any man may say, his traditions or opinions, but only what the living and true God says. It is only in the Bible that we can find the truth.

Jesus said to him, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.* (John 14:6). Jesus said:

And Jesus said, "Sanctify them (set them apart for My use) by Your truth. Your word is truth" (John 17:17).

He also said; **“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away”**
(Matthew 24:35).