

## LESSON 8

# HIDING THE WORD IN OUR HEART

Memorize:

*“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”*

(Luke 21:33)

## INTRODUCTION

We know that God exists by the testimony of creation, *“For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.”*

**(Romans 1:20)** But to learn of God’s character and His will and plan for us, this can only be understood through the revelation of His written word to us.

## OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE

The Bible consists of 66 books. The first 39 books are referred to as the Old Testament. It covers 3,600 years of man’s history. The remaining 27 books are referred to as the New Testament. These cover a period of 100 years beginning with the birth of Christ.

The Old Testament contains books about the Jewish religion and history. It also has poetry and prophecy relating to the Jews particularly and all of civilization.

The New Testament contains the gospel (good news about Jesus Christ), the history of the early church, letters written to various churches and end-time prophecy.

## EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE BIBLE AS INFALLIBLE

Thirty-two different men were responsible for writing the Holy Scriptures; however, there is only one author.

1. **2 Timothy 3:16** says that \_\_\_\_\_ scripture is given by \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (The word *inspiration* in this case means “God-breathed.”)
2. Did men write from their own will and understanding? (**2 Peter 1:20-21**) \_\_\_\_\_

### **HISTORY AND ARCHEOLOGY**

Biblical names of people, cities, nations and events have been confirmed through archeological findings. In 1947, two shepherd boys discovered the Dead Sea Scrolls dating back 1,900 years. Included in the scrolls was found a copy of the book of Isaiah, a thousand years older than any manuscript previously known. Yet when compared to manuscripts, such as were used to translate the King James Version, the Dead Sea Scrolls paralleled word-for-word in more than 95 percent of the text. The less than five percent differences consisted of spelling and punctuation variations.

### **PROPHECY**

There is no other book other than the Bible that contains prophecies that have been fulfilled with utmost accuracy since the time it was written. There are over 10,000 predictions in the Bible that we know of which have been fulfilled in its minutest detail. In the lifetime of Christ alone, 333 prophecies were fulfilled. At least 29 of them were fulfilled in one 24-hour period relating to the betrayal, trial, suffering, death and burial of Jesus Christ.

### **THE ENDURANCE OF GOD’S WORD**

In a world of uncertainty and constant changes, it is comforting to know we can build our lives on a sure foundation that will stand the tests of time.

1. “*The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_ shall stand \_\_\_\_\_.*” (**Isaiah 40:8**)
2. “*Heaven and earth shall \_\_\_\_\_, but my \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ pass away.*” (**Matthew 24:35**)
3. “*But the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ endureth \_\_\_\_\_...*” (**1 Peter 1:25**)

### **THE POWER OF GOD’S WORD**

1. "For the word of God is \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ than any two-edged \_\_\_\_\_, piecing 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." (**Hebrews 4:12**)
2. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God unto \_\_\_\_\_ to every one that believeth..." (**Romans 1:16**)
3. "Is not my word like as a \_\_\_\_\_? Saith the Lord; and like a \_\_\_\_\_ that breaketh the rock in pieces?" (**Jeremiah 23:29**)

## **BENEFITS OF GOD'S WORD**

1. **Psalm 119:72** tells us that the Word of God is more valuable than "thousands of gold and silver." The following scriptures list some of the invaluable benefits we receive from God's word. List those benefits:

1) \_\_\_\_\_ (**1 Peter 1:23-25; James 1:18**)

2) \_\_\_\_\_ (**Romans 10:17**)

3) \_\_\_\_\_ (**Hebrews 4:12**)

4) \_\_\_\_\_ (**1 Peter 2:2**)

5) \_\_\_\_\_ (**Psalm 1:3**)

6) \_\_\_\_\_ *and* \_\_\_\_\_ (**Joshua 1:8**)

7) \_\_\_\_\_ *and* \_\_\_\_\_ (**Psalm 119:98-100**)

8) \_\_\_\_\_ (**John 8:31-32**)

9) \_\_\_\_\_ (**John 6:63**)

10) \_\_\_\_\_ (**Psalm 119:165**)

11) \_\_\_\_\_ (**Psalm 119:105**)

12) \_\_\_\_\_ (**Psalm 119:9; Ephesians 5:26**)

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2. What profit do the scriptures give the believer? (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**)

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_

3. "That the man of God may be \_\_\_\_\_, thoroughly furnished unto all \_\_\_\_\_."

## THE WORD OF GOD IN OUR HEARTS

1. Does God suggest or command that the word be hid in our hearts?  
(*Deuteronomy 6:6*)
2. Why should we hide the word in our heart? (*Psalms 119:11*)  
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3. *Proverbs 6:20-23* tells us that we need to keep God's Word before us continually. If we do, when we walk, it will lead us, when we sleep, it will keep us, and when we awake, it will talk to us.

## HOW TO USE THE WORD

The following selected passages of scripture instruct us on how to effectively use the Word of God. (Fill in the blanks)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (*Acts 17:11*)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (*2 Timothy 2:15*)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (*Romans 10:17*)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (*Psalms 119:11*)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (*Psalms 1:2*)
6. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ (*Revelation 1:3*)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ (*John 14:23*)

## HOW TO MISUSE THE WORD

1. Match the following scriptures.
  - a. *Hosea 4:6* \_\_\_\_\_ Adding or taking away from what is written
  - b. *2 Corinthians 4:2* \_\_\_\_\_ Rejecting it
  - c. *Revelation 22:18-19* \_\_\_\_\_ Distorting the true meaning
  - d. *2 Peter 3:16* \_\_\_\_\_ Handling deceitfully

## SUMMARY

*“My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.” (Proverbs 2:1-5)* It’s as if God is saying, “Take my Word seriously.” There is nothing automatic about gaining wisdom from the Lord. One never just drifts into it. There must be a deliberate decision to read all He has written. One must respond with intense determination and single-hearted devotion.

Love the Word of God! Read it, honor it, and share it! It will not be long until the Bible will actually become a part of you. And you, like David can say *“How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” (Psalm 119:103)*

## NOTES:

## QUESTIONS/COMMENTS