God’s Word *Session Three*

**THE SUPERNATURAL POWER OF GOD’S WORD – THE BREAD OF LIFE**

**1. GOD’S PROMISE TO PRESERVE HIS WORD (THE BIBLE) FOREVER:** God’s Word, the Holy Bible has been supernaturally preserved for us forever as He promised: Jesus said; *“Heaven and earth shall pass away but My words shall not pass away”* (Matthew 24:35). *“The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. You shall keep them, O Lord, You shall preserve them from this generation forever”* (Psalm 12:6-7).

Sadly, satanic powers have endeavoured to corrupt and remove important truths from the Bible. Many Liberal theologians have fallen prey to these satanic efforts in embracing the corrupted New Testament manuscript known as the “Critical Text” in producing modern translations. Therefore, we encourage you to study from Bibles based on the God preserved manuscripts used in the translation of the King James Bible (i.e. the Textus Receptus for the New Testament and the Masoretic Text for the Old Testament). Most all of the newer translations are based on these tainted New Testament manuscripts (the Critical Text) lacking important areas of God’s truth. For example, the (NIV) New International Version of the Bible has 71,000 less words than the King James Version of the Bible. Consequently, there are many truths related to the Deity of Jesus Christ (Eg. I John 5:7) and other important doctrinal areas that are missing. Therefore, we strongly advise every Believer to study from Bibles that are only based on these God preserved manuscripts. They are the King James Version (KJV) and the King James Version Easy Read (KJVER). The Modern English Version (MEV) is also translated from these preserved manuscripts but does not have the same degree of scholarship nor the 400 years of historical merit of the King James Version. The New King James version (NKJV) relies heavily on these preserved manuscripts for its translation. However it has compromised in giving credibility to the Critical Text in its footnotes which has brought confusion and undermined its translation to a very large degree. One thing we can be fully confident of is that the Almighty Creator of the Universe has preserved His Word for our great benefit and blessing just as He promised.

**2. THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF STUDYING GOD’S PRESERVED WORD DAILY:**

*“Study to show yourself approved to God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”* (2 Timothy 2:15).

God’s Word is our vital Spiritual nourishment we need to study it and obey it every day to empower, grow and remain strong. If you don’t eat good food daily, you will become weak and eventually become sick and die. This reality applies to our spiritual well being just as it does to our physical life.

*“But He* (Jesus) *answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.”* (Matthew 4:4). *“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that you may grow thereby”* (I Peter 2:2*).* Jesus said: *“It is the Spirit who gives life. The flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you, they are spirit, and they are life”* (John 6:63).

Every day before you read the Bible, it is good to pray. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide and teach you God’s truth in His Word and how to personally apply it in your life. The Holy Spirit is your irreplaceable Teacher and Guide into all truth of scripture.

*“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said to you* (John 14:26) *… However when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of Himself: but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come”* (John 16:13).

**3. A SUGGESTED READING PLAN TO BEGIN & SOME STUDY TIPS:**

For the first 50 days, we encourage you to start by reading one chapter in John (and then in Matthew when finished John) in the AM and one chapter in Genesis in the PM each day or more if you desire until each book is completed. Afterwards, prayerfully read as the Holy Spirit guides you. He may lead you to use a daily reading plan to read through the whole Bible in one year. Pray about continuing to read at least two chapters minimum per day, one in AM and one in PM. [i.e. *“in His law* (Word) *does he meditate day and night”* Psalm 1:2]. However, please feel free to read as much as your heart desires and hungers for. The Holy Spirit never tires of teaching and revealing God’s precious word to His children. It would be good if you focus first on the four Gospels (John, Matthew, Mark and Luke) and then the entire New Testament as the Holy Spirit directs. Old Testament readings to incorporate into your initial reading plan should include Genesis, Exodus and a Psalm and Proverb each day for wisdom and worshipful inspiration. *“Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing. Know you that the Lord He is God: it is He that has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful to Him and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endures to all generations”* (Psalm 100:2-5).

Highlight impacting verses and make notes in the margin of your Bible. (Please Note: it is not a sin to mark and write in your Bible). Journal what God reveals to you in a written journal or a digital recording on your phone or computer for later reflection, review and sharing with others. Other valuable study helps you may want to obtain in a digital or written form is a good Bible Dictionary and Concordance. A concordance will help you do word and topical studies as it shows you every verse where each Word in the Bible is used. For example, if you want to do a study on “fasting” the Concordance will show your every verse in the Bible where fasting is mentioned. A good digital Bible Helps App is the ESword app.

**4. THE POWERFUL BENEFITS OF STUDYING, OBEYING, MEDITATING UPON, MEMORIZING, DECLARING, PRAYING & SHARING GOD’S WORD**

**Understand and obey (do) what we study.** It will build a rock solid foundation in your life to weather every storm. Jesus said; *“Therefore whosoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man, which built his house upon a rock; And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that hears these sayings of Mine, and does them not, shall be likened to a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it”* (Matthew 7:24-27). *“Therefore, lay aside all filthiness and remaining wickedness and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves”* (James 1:21-22 MEV). Please note that if we do not obey God’s Word we will fall into deception.

**Study God’s Word to cleanse and renew your mind.** Jesus said: *“Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken to you*” (John 15:3).

*“And be not conformed to this world: but be you transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God”* (Romans 12:2).

**Listen to solid preaching of the Word to build your faith in a good Spirit filled local church and by listening to anointed media ministries.**  *“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”* (Romans 10:17). Warning: Always prayerfully consult your Pastor and other leaders regarding what is good Bible based media programs. Especially when you are uncertain about what is being taught.

**Hide the Word in your heart through meditating and memorizing it to keep you from sinning and cause you to prosper and succeed.** *“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Your word. With my whole heart have I sought you: O let me not wander from Your commandments. Your Word have I hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against you”* (Psalm 119:9-11*). “Only be you strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law (the Word), which Moses My servant commanded you: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This book of the law* (God’s Word) *shall not depart out of your mouth but you shall meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success”* (Joshua 1:7-8).

**Knowing and obeying God’s Word brings discernment of what is true and righteous and what is false and evil.** *“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If you continue in My word, then are you My disciples indeed: And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”* (John 8:31-32).

**13**“*For every one that uses milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.* ***14****But strong meat belongs to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil”* (Hebrew 5:13-14).

**Declare the Word as the Holy Spirit leads to defeat temptation and the lies of evil spirits*.*** *“Again the devil takes Him* (Jesus) *up into an exceeding high mountain, and shows Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And says to Him, All these things will I give You, if You will fall down and worship me. Then says Jesus to him, Get you from here, Satan: for it is written, you shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve”* (Matthew 4:8-10). *“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ”* (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).

**Pray the Word as the Holy Spirit guides you over self, family, others and your circumstances.** It can be a powerful weapon to activate angelic assistance. *“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints”* (Ephesians 6:17-18). *“Bless the Lord, you His angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening to the voice of His Word”* (Psalm 103:20).

**God’s Word is a lamp to our feet and light to our path to keep us on the narrow path of Holiness that leads to eternal life.** *“Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path”* (Psalm 119:105*).* ***13****“Enter at the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who are going through it,****14****because small is the gate and narrow is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.* (Matthew 7:13-14 MEV).

**Sharing the Word (Gospel) with the lost is our commission (command) from God.** *“And He* (Jesus) *said to them, Go you into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved: but he that believes not shall be damned”* (Mark 16:15-16). *“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear”* (I Peter 3:15).

**5. BE PRACTICALLY CLOTHED IN GOD’S FULL ARMOUR BY DAILY ASKING FOR SPIRIT LED IMPARTATION OF GOD’S WORD INTO OUR HEART AND MINDS**

Ask the Lord to help you by His grace to apply the above steps daily in order to be practically clothed in the Spiritual Armour of His Word. Then you will be clothed in His whole armour and will be enabled to defeat every Satanic attack against your mind, body and spirit. *“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take to you the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth,* (Walk in and Obey Truth) *and having on the breastplate of righteousness;* (Meditate upon and Memorize Truth in our Hearts).  *And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;* (Share Truth with Others). *Above all, taking the shield of faith,* (Hear Truth through Anointed Preaching) *wherewith you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation,* (Study and fill Mind with Truth) *and the sword of the Spirit,* (Declare Truth as a Weapon) *which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer* (Pray the Truth) *and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints”* (Ephesians 6:10-18).

In order to overcome in the daily spiritual battle that we all face we must by God’s grace be strong in revelational knowledge and obedience to God’s Word. Otherwise we will be victims of deception and live defeated, fruitless lives as casualties to our spiritual laziness and ignorance: We must choose. Will you be a victor or victim? A conqueror or a casualty? The choice is yours.

*“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour”* (I Peter 5:8).