

God's Word



Getting Started

Why is the Bible called God's Word? What's so special about it? The Bible is one of the most translated and most read books in the whole world. It is a special revelation from God. It is God's message to people, written by men, but inspired by God. The Bible has 66 different books from different authors, places and times. They all form a complete, unified message of God's love and plan for the world. The Bible answers many of life's important questions: How did the world begin? Is there a God? Can we know Him? Is there life after death?

Improving Your Vocabulary

revelation (n) - something which is made known to people

inspired (adj) - ideas given by someone or something else

unified (adj) - all together to form one single unit; complete

conduct (n) - actions or behavior

lamp (n) - a light that works by using electricity or by burning oil or gas

Holy Scriptures (n) - the writings and passages in the Bible; God's Word

rebuke (v) - speak strongly to someone you think is wrong

instruction (n) - teaching

made-up (adj) - created but not true

Reading God's Word

Psalm 119:101; 103-105

101 I have avoided all evil conduct, because I want to obey your word. **103** How sweet is the taste of your instructions – sweeter even than honey! **104** I gain wisdom from your laws, and so I hate all bad conduct. **105** Your word is a lamp to guide me, and a light for my path.

2 Timothy 3:15-17

15 ...you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. **16** All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living, **17** so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed.

2 Peter 1:16-17; 19-21

16 We have not depended on made-up stories in making known to you the mighty coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. With our own eyes we saw his greatness. **17** We were there when he was given honor and glory by God the Father. **19** So we are even more confident of the message proclaimed by the prophets. You will do well to pay attention to it, because it is like a lamp shining in a dark place until the Day dawns and the light of the morning star shines in your hearts. **20** Above all else, however, remember that none of us can explain by ourselves a prophecy in the Scriptures. **21** For no prophetic message ever came just from the human will, but

people were under the control of the Holy Spirit as they spoke the message that came from God.

Hebrews 4:12

The word of God is alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It cuts all the way through, to where soul and spirit meet. It judges the desires and thoughts of the heart.

James 1:22

Do not deceive yourselves by just listening to his word; instead, put it into practice.

For further study, see [Psalm 119:1-16](#); [Matthew 5:17-20](#); [Revelation 22:18-19](#).

Taking a Closer Look

1. Why is it important to obey God's Word? How did David describe God's Word? (Psalm 119:101-105)

2. We usually don't like having lots of rules and instructions to obey. Why do you think David calls God's instructions, "sweeter than honey"?

3. What are the Scriptures useful for? (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

4. Why should we have confidence in the Scriptures? (2 Peter 1:16-17; 19-21)

5. Why do you think the author of Hebrews describes God's Word as "alive and active"? (Hebrews 4:12)

Taking Action

1. Do you read God's Word regularly? If not, try to find a regular time in your schedule where you can spend time doing this.
2. When you read God's Word, what do you think or feel? Ask God to give you understanding and insight into his Word.
3. As you read God's Word and get understanding, look for ways to put it into practice. (James 1:22)

Memory Verse: Isaiah 40:8

Grass withers and flowers fade, but the Word of our God endures forever.

Review the Vocabulary

Fill in the blanks with the correct vocabulary words.

1. Sally's children always have good _____. She has trained them well.
2. Don't believe it! It's just a _____ story.
3. Our group is _____ in this decision. We all agree.
4. We didn't know he was running for president. What a surprising _____!
5. Many movies are _____ by books.



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