

**All Scripture is  
God-breathed.**

**2 Timothy 3:16**

## Schedule

<b>Session 1: The Origin of the Bible.....</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Session 2: The Essence of the Bible.....</b>	<b>11:40am</b>
<b>Lunch.....</b>	<b>12:30pm</b>
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<b>Dinner.....</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>

## The Origin of the Bible

### I. The Bible is God-breathed – 2 Tim. 3:16

- A. **2 Tim. 3:16** All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
- B. **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

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### II. The Bible is spoken from God by men borne by the Holy Spirit – 2 Pet. 1:20-21

- A. **2 Pet. 1:20** Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of one's own interpretation; V 21. For no prophecy was ever borne by the will of man, but men spoke from God while being borne by the Holy Spirit.

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### III. The Bible is God's speaking in the prophets and in the Son – Heb. 1:1-2

- A. **Heb. 1:1-2** God, having spoken of old in many portions and in many ways to the fathers in the prophets, has at the last of these days spoken to us in the Son, whom He appointed Heir of all things, through whom also He made the universe;
- B. **Isa. 50:4** The Lord Jehovah has given me / The tongue of the instructed, / That I should know how to sustain the weary with a word. / He awakens me morning by morning; / He awakens my ear / To hear as an instructed one.

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### IV. The Bible is the Holy Spirit's revelation – John 16:13; Rev. 22:18-19

- A. **John 16:13** But when He, the Spirit of reality, comes, He will guide you into all the reality; for He will not speak from Himself, but what He hears He will speak; and He will declare to you the things that are coming.
- B. **Rev. 22:18-19** I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this scroll; And if anyone

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## **The Functions of the Bible<sup>1</sup>**

### **I. To testify concerning Christ – John 5:39; Luke 24:27, 44**

- A. And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, He explained to them clearly in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself – Luke 24:27
- B. And He said to them, These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all the things written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and Psalms concerning Me must be fulfilled – Luke 24:44
- C. You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that testify concerning Me – John 5:39
  - 1. The Jewish religionists searched the Scriptures but were not willing to come to the Lord. These two should go together; because the Scriptures testify concerning the Lord, they should not be separated from the Lord. We may contact the Scriptures, yet not contact the Lord. Only the Lord can give life.

### **II. To make men wise unto salvation – 2 Tim. 3:15**

- A. And that from a babe you have known the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through the faith which is in Christ Jesus – 2 Tim. 3:15

### **III. To enliven and enlighten men – Psa. 119:25, 50, 107, 154, 105, 130**

- A. My soul clings to the dust; / Enliven me according to Your word – Psa. 119:25
- B. This is my comfort in my affliction, / For Your word has enlivened me – Psa 119:50
  - 1. There are two aspects of the law — the aspect of the letter and the aspect of the Spirit. “The letter kills, but the Spirit gives life” (2 Cor. 3:6). If our attitude in coming to the law is to care only for the commandments in letters, we will have the law in the aspect of the killing letter. However, if we take every part of the law — all the commandments, ordinances, statutes, precepts, and judgments — as the word breathed out by the God whom we love, we will have the law in the aspect of the life-giving Spirit.
  - 2. The function of the law also has two aspects. On the negative side, the law exposes man’s sin (Rom. 3:20b; 7:7b) and subdues sinners before God (Rom. 3:19). It also guards God’s chosen people in its custody that they might be conducted to Christ (Gal. 3:23-24). On the positive side, as God’s living testimony, the law functions to minister the living God to His seekers (vv. 2, 88), and as God’s living word, the law functions to dispense God Himself as life and light into those who love the law (vv. 25, 116, 130)
- C. Your word is a lamp to my feet / And a light to my path – Psa 119:105
- D. I have been greatly afflicted; / O Jehovah, enliven me according to Your word – Psa 119:107
- E. The opening of Your words gives light, / Imparting understanding to the simple – Psa 119:130
  - 1. Opening or, unfolding. When God’s word is opened, or unfolded, to us, it gives us light, shining inwardly over our heart and our spirit to impart wisdom and revelation to us (Eph. 1:17-18a).
- F. Plead my case, and redeem me; / Enliven me according to Your word – Psa 119:154

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<sup>1</sup> All commentary is taken from footnotes in the *Holy Bible Recovery Version*

**IV. To be medicine to men – Prov. 4:20-23**

- A. My son, be attentive to my words; / Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your sight; / Keep them in the midst of your heart. For they are life to those who find them, / And healing to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all vigilance, / For from it are the issues of life – Prov. 4:20-23

**V. To bring a taste of the Lord's goodness and sweetness to men – 1 Pet. 2:3; Psalm. 119:103**

- A. If you have tasted that the Lord is good – 1 Pet. 2:3
1. The Lord can be tasted, and His taste is pleasant and good. If we have tasted Him, we will long for the nourishing milk in His word (v. 2)
- B. How sweet are Your words to my taste! / *Sweeter* than honey to my mouth! – Psa 119:103

**VI. To cause men to be regenerated – 1 Pet. 1:23; James 1:18**

- A. Having been regenerated not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible, through *the* living and abiding word of God – 1 Pet. 1:23
1. Having been regenerated, we have purified our souls unto brotherly love. Regeneration with the divine life is the base, the ground, for the purifying, sanctifying, of our souls unto unfeigned brotherly love. This section of the Word begins and ends with regeneration, which issues in a holy living toward God and brotherly love toward the saints
- B. He brought us forth by the word of truth, purposing that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures – James 1:18
1. Sin, the source of darkness, brings forth death (v. 15). But the Father of lights brought us forth to be the firstfruits of His creatures, full of the vigorous life that matures first. This refers to the divine birth, our regeneration (John 3:5, 6), which is carried out according to God's eternal purpose.
  2. The word of the divine reality, of what the Triune God is (John 1:14, 17). This word is the seed of life, by which we have been regenerated (1 Pet. 1:23)
  3. God will renew His entire creation to have a new heaven and new earth with the New Jerusalem as the center (Rev. 21:1-2). He first regenerated us to be the firstfruits of His new creation by imparting His divine life into our being that we might live a life of perfection. This must be the seed of practical Christian perfection. This life will consummate in the New Jerusalem as the living center of God's eternal new universe.

**VII. To be a seed causing the believers to become the reproduction of God – Luke 8:11; 1 Pet. 1:23**

- A. The sower went out to sow his seed....Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God – Luke 8:5a, 11
- B. Having been regenerated not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible, through *the* living and abiding word of God – 1 Pet 1:23

**VIII. To nourish the believers – 1 Pet. 2:2; 1 Cor. 3:2a; Matt. 4:4; Jer. 15:16; Job 23:12b; Heb. 5:13-14**

- A. As newborn babes, long for the guileless milk of the word in order that by it you may grow unto salvation – 1 Pet. 2:2
- B. I gave you milk to drink... – 1 Cor 3:2a
1. To give milk to drink or food to eat is to feed others. Feeding is a matter of life; it differs from teaching, which is a matter of knowledge. What the apostle ministered to the

Corinthian believers seemed to be knowledge; actually, it was milk (not yet solid food), and it should have nourished them.

- C. But He answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God." – Matt 4:4
  - 1. This word indicates that the Lord Jesus took the word of God in the Scriptures as His bread and lived on it.
  - 2. In Greek the word is *rhema*, the instant word, differing from *logos*, the constant word. In this temptation all the words quoted by the Lord from Deuteronomy were *logos*, the constant word in the Scriptures. But when He quoted them, they became *rhema*, the instant word applied to His situation.
- D. Your words were found and I ate them, / And Your word became to me / The gladness and joy of my heart, / For I am called by Your name, / O Jehovah, God of hosts – Jeremiah 15:16
  - 1. According to the entire revelation in the Holy Bible, God's words are good for us to eat, and we need to eat them (Psa. 119:103; Matt. 4:4; Heb. 5:12-14; 1 Pet. 2:2-3). God's word is the divine supply as food to nourish us. Through the word as our food, God dispenses His riches into our inner being to nourish us that we may be constituted with His element. This is a crucial aspect of God's economy. When we eat God's words, His word becomes our heart's gladness and joy.
- E. As for the commandment of His lips, I have not turned back from it; / I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my apportioned food – Job 23:12
- F. For everyone who partakes of milk is inexperienced in the word of righteousness, for he is an infant; But solid food is for the full-grown, who because of practice have their faculties exercised for discriminating between both good and evil – Hebrews 5:13-14
  - 1. Milk here refers to the rudiments of the beginning of the oracles of God mentioned in v. 12, whereas the word of righteousness refers to solid food. The good word mentioned in 6:5 is the word of the beginning of Christ (6:1). But the word of righteousness is deeper than the rudiments of the beginning of the oracles of God because it embodies the deeper thought of God's justice and righteousness in His dispensational and governmental dealings with His people. This word is more difficult to discriminate than the word of grace (Acts 14:3; 20:32) and the word of life (Phil. 2:16)

#### **IX. To be rain and snow to water the believers for God's purpose – Isa. 55:10-11**

- A. For just as the rain comes down / And the snow from heaven, / And does not return there, / Until it waters the earth / And makes it bear and sprout forth, / That it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater; So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; / It will not return to Me vainly, / But it will accomplish what I delight in, / And it will prosper in the matter to which I have sent it – Isa. 55:10-11
  - 1. God has sent forth His word to water His people (v. 10), to sanctify them (John 17:17; Eph. 5:26), to transform them (2 Cor. 3:18), and to conform them to His image (Rom. 8:29) that the Body of Christ may be built up.

#### **X. To be grain, a fire, and a hammer to the believers – Jer. 23:28-29**

- A. The prophet who has a dream, let him tell the dream; and he with whom is My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What is the straw to the grain? declares Jehovah. Is not My word thus — like fire, declares Jehovah, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? – Jer. 23:28-29
  - 1. The word of God that came forth from Jeremiah was grain, food for nourishment that contains the divine essence to be dispensed into God's people; but the word of the false prophets was straw, chaff.



2. On the positive side, the word of God, as a grain of wheat (v. 28), dispenses God as life into us to nourish us. On the negative side, the word as fire burns us and many of the things in which we have confidence, and the word as a hammer breaks down our self, our natural life, our flesh, our lusts, and our concepts.

**XI. To operate within the believers to divide the soul and spirit and to discern the thoughts and intentions of the hearts – Heb. 4:12**

- A. For the word of God is living and operative and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow, and able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart – Heb. 4:12
  1. According to the Bible, man is a tripartite being — spirit, soul, and body (1 Thes. 5:23). Here, in this verse, are the joints and marrow — which are parts of the body — and the soul and spirit.
  2. The foregoing verses [after verse 12] describe the children of Israel as falling away from entering into the rest of the good land. With them there were three places: (1) Egypt, from which they were delivered; (2) the wilderness, in which they wandered; and (3) Canaan, into which they entered. Their history in these three places signifies the three stages of their participation in God’s full salvation. This is a type of us, the New Testament believers, in our participation in the full salvation of God. In the first stage we receive Christ and are redeemed and delivered from the world. In the second stage we become wanderers in following the Lord; our wandering always takes place in our soul. In the third stage we partake of and enjoy Christ in a full way; this is experienced in our spirit. When we pursue the pleasures of material and sinful things, we are in the world, typified by Egypt. When we wander in our soul, we are in the wilderness. When we enjoy Christ in our spirit, we are in Canaan. When the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness, they were always murmuring, reasoning, and chiding. This surely took place in their soul, not in their spirit. But Caleb and Joshua believed in the word of God, obeyed the Lord, and pressed toward the goal. This surely took place not in their soul but in their spirit. At that time the receivers of this book, the Hebrew believers, were wondering what they should do with their old Hebrew religion. This wondering in their mind was a wandering in their soul, not an experience of Christ in their spirit. So the writer of this book said that the word of God, i.e., what was quoted from the Old Testament, could pierce into their wondering like a sharp two-edged sword and divide their soul from their spirit. As the marrow is concealed deep in the joints, so the spirit is deep in the soul. The dividing of the marrow from the joints requires mainly the breaking of the joints. In the same principle, the dividing of the spirit from the soul requires the breaking of the soul. The Hebrew believers’ soul, with its wondering mind, its doubting concerning God’s way of salvation, and its considering of its own interests, had to be broken by the living, operative, and piercing word of God that their spirit might be divided from their soul
  3. **Our soul** is our very self (Matt. 16:25; cf. Luke 9:25). In following the Lord we must deny our soul, our very self (Matt. 16:24; Luke 9:23). Our spirit is the deepest part of our being, a spiritual organ with which we contact God (John 4:24; Rom. 1:9). It is in our spirit that we are regenerated (John 3:6). It is in our spirit that the Holy Spirit dwells and works (Rom. 8:16). It is in our spirit that we enjoy Christ and His grace (2 Tim. 4:22; Gal. 6:18). Hence, the writer of this book advised the Hebrew believers not to stagger in the wandering of their soul, which soul they had to deny, but to press on into their spirit to partake of and enjoy the heavenly Christ that they might participate in the kingdom rest of His reign in the millennium. If they staggered in the

wandering of their soul, they would miss God's goal and suffer the loss of the full enjoyment of Christ and the kingdom rest.

4. **Our spirit** is the organ with which we contact God (John 4:24), while our heart is the organ with which we love God (Mark 12:30). Our spirit contacts, receives, contains, and experiences God. However, this requires that our heart love God first. Our soul is of three parts — mind, will, and emotion; and our spirit too is of three parts — conscience, fellowship, and intuition. Our heart is not separate from our soul and spirit but is a composition of all the parts of our soul, plus the conscience, a part of our spirit. Hence, in our heart is the mind, with the thoughts, and the will, with the intentions. The thoughts affect the intentions, and the intentions carry out the thoughts. The living word of God is able to discern the thoughts in our mind and the intentions in our will. What was quoted from the word of God by the writer in the foregoing verses was able to expose what and where the thoughts and intentions of the Hebrew believers were while they were staggering in the process of their salvation.

**XII. To try the believers and yet give them hope – Psa. 105:19; Rom. 15:4; Psa. 119:114b, 147**

- A. Until the time when his word came to pass, / The word of Jehovah tried him – Psa. 105:19
- B. For the things that were written previously were written for our instruction, in order that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope – Rom. 15:4
- C. You are my hiding place and my shield; / In Your word do I hope – Psalm 119:114
- D. I anticipated the dawn and cried out; / I hoped in Your words – Psa. 119:147

**XIII. To give the believers endurance and encouragement – Rom. 15:4; Rev. 3:10**

- A. For the things that were written previously were written for our instruction, in order that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope – Rom. 15:4
- B. Because you have kept the word of My endurance, I also will keep you out of the hour of trial, which is about to come on the whole inhabited earth, to try them who dwell on the earth – Revelation 3:10
  1. The word of the Lord's endurance is the word of the Lord's suffering. The Lord today is still bearing rejection and persecution by His endurance. We are the joint partakers not only of His kingdom but also of His endurance (1:9). Hence, His word to us today is the word of endurance. To keep the word of His endurance, we must bear His rejection and persecution.
  2. *Trial* here undoubtedly denotes the great tribulation (Matt. 24:21), which is about to come on the whole inhabited earth, as indicated by the fifth trumpet, the sixth trumpet, and the seven bowls of the seventh trumpet (8:13 — 9:21; 11:14-15; 15:1; 16:1-21). The trial also includes the supernatural calamities of the sixth seal and the first four trumpets at the beginning of the great tribulation. The Lord promised the recovered church that He would keep her out of the hour of trial (not only out of the trial, but out of the *hour* of trial) because she has kept the word of the Lord's endurance. This promise of the Lord, like His promise in Luke 21:36, indicates that the saints who keep the word of the Lord's endurance will be raptured before the great trial, implying that those who do not keep the word of the Lord's endurance will be left in the trial.

**XIV. To become the joy and rejoicing of the believers' hearts – Jer. 15:16**

- A. Your words were found and I ate them, / And Your word became to me / The gladness and joy of my heart, / For I am called by Your name, / O Jehovah, God of hosts – Jer. 15:16

1. According to the entire revelation in the Holy Bible, God's words are good for us to eat, and we need to eat them (Psa. 119:103; Matt. 4:4; Heb. 5:12-14; 1 Pet. 2:2-3). God's word is the divine supply as food to nourish us. Through the word as our food, God dispenses His riches into our inner being to nourish us that we may be constituted with His element. This is a crucial aspect of God's economy. When we eat God's words, His word becomes our heart's gladness and joy.

#### **XV. To wash the believers metabolically – Eph. 5:26**

- A. That He might sanctify her, cleansing *her* by the washing of the water in the word – Eph.5:26
  1. Christ's purpose in giving Himself up for the church is to **sanctify** her, not only separating her to Himself from everything common but also saturating her with His element that she may be His counterpart. He accomplishes this by cleansing her by the washing of the water in the word.
  2. In Greek the definite article is used before this word, causing it to refer to **the laver**, the laver that was known to all the Jews. In the Old Testament the priests used the laver to wash away their earthly defilement (Exo. 30:18-21). Now the laver, the washing of the water, washes us from defilement.
  3. According to the divine concept, **water** here refers to the flowing life of God, which is typified by flowing water (Exo. 17:6; 1 Cor. 10:4; John 7:38-39; Rev. 21:6; 22:1, 17). The washing of the water here is different from the washing of the redeeming blood of Christ. The redeeming blood washes away our sins (1 John 1:7; Rev. 7:14), whereas the water of life washes away the blemishes of the natural life of our old man, such as the "spot or wrinkle or any such things" mentioned in v. 27. In separating and sanctifying the church, the Lord first washes away our sins with His blood (Heb. 13:12) and then washes away our natural blemishes with His life. We are now in such a washing process, that the church may be holy and without blemish (v. 27).
  4. The Greek word denotes an **instant word**. The indwelling Christ as the life-giving Spirit is always speaking an instant, present, living word to metabolically cleanse away the old and replace it with the new, causing an inward transformation. The cleansing by the washing of the water of life is in the word of Christ. This indicates that in the word of Christ there is the water of life. This is typified by the laver situated between the altar and the tabernacle (Exo. 38:8; 40:7).

#### **XVI. To be the cross terminating the believers – 1 Cor. 1:18**

- A. For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God – 1 Cor. 1:18
  1. The same word in Greek that is translated *utterance* in v. 5 (see note there). The word of the cross is the utterance, the speaking, the preaching, of the cross. Such preaching is despised and considered foolishness by those who are perishing, but it is honored and received as the power of God by us who are being saved. In his ministry Paul stressed the cross as the center of God's salvation (Gal. 2:20; 3:1; 5:11, 24; 6:14; Eph. 2:16; Phil. 2:8; 3:18; Col. 2:14).

#### **XVII. To be grace building the believers up – Acts 20:32**

- A. And now I commit you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build *you* up and to give *you* the inheritance among all those who have been sanctified – Acts 20:32

#### **XVIII. To sanctify the believers – John 17:17**

- A. Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth – Jn.17:17

1. To be sanctified (Eph. 5:26; 1 Thes. 5:23) is to be separated from the world and its usurpation unto God and His purpose, not only positionally (Matt. 23:17, 19) but also dispositionally (Rom. 6:19, 22). God's living word works in the believers to separate them from anything worldly. This is to be sanctified in God's word, which is the truth, the reality.
2. *In the truth* is the same as *in reality*. Reality is the Triune God (1:14, 17; 14:6; 1 John 5:6). Since the Triune God is contained and concealed in His word, His word is reality. We are sanctified in the reality of this word.
3. The Father's word carries the reality of the Father with it. When God's word says, "God is light," it carries God as light in it. Hence, God's word is reality, the truth, unlike Satan's word, which is vanity, a lie (8:44).

**XIX. To make the believers complete – Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:11; 2 Tim. 3:16-17**

- A. For the things that were written previously were written for our instruction, in order that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope – Rom. 15:4
- B. Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our admonition, unto whom the ends of the ages have come – 1 Corinthians 10:11
- C. All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work – 2 Tim. 3:16-17
  1. Every Scripture God-breathed is also profitable. To confront the death, corruption, and confusion in the church's decline, the eternal life, on which ch. 1 is based (1:1, 10), the divine truth, emphasized in ch. 2 (2:15, 18, 25), and the Holy Scripture, highly regarded in ch. 3 (3:14-17), are all needed. The eternal life not only swallows up death but also renders the life supply; the divine truth replaces the vanity of corruption with the reality of all the divine riches; and the Holy Scripture not only dispels the confusion but also furnishes divine light and revelation. Hence, in this book the apostle stressed these three things.
  2. This indicates that the Scripture, the word of God, is the breathing out of God. God's speaking is God's breathing out. Hence, His word is spirit (John 6:63), or breath. Thus, the Scripture is the embodiment of God as the Spirit. The Spirit is therefore the very essence, the substance, of the Scripture, just as phosphorus is the essential substance in matches. We must strike the Spirit of the Scripture with our spirit to catch the divine fire.
  3. As the embodiment of God the Spirit, the Scripture (God's word) is also the embodiment of Christ. Christ is God's living Word (Rev. 19:13), and the Scripture is God's written word (Matt. 4:4).

**XX. To be a sword slaying God's enemy – Eph. 6:17**

- A. And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which *Spirit* is the word of God – Eph. 6:17
  1. Among the six items of God's armor, this is the only one that is used for attacking the enemy
  2. The antecedent of *which* is *Spirit*, not *sword*, indicating that the Spirit is the word of God. Both the Spirit and the word are Christ (2 Cor. 3:17; Rev. 19:13). Christ as the Spirit and the word furnishes us with a sword as an offensive weapon to defeat and slay the enemy.

3. The instant word spoken at the moment by the Spirit in any situation. The sword, the Spirit, and the word are one. When the constant word in the Bible becomes the instant word, that word is the Spirit as the sword that kills the enemy.

**The Preciousness & Sweetness of the Bible**

**I. Every word of the Lord is a pure word -  
Psa. 12:6; 119:140**

- A. There are sixty-six books in the Bible, yet every sentence is pure like silver that has been purified seven times.
- B. The word of the Bible is refined and pure; there are no unnecessary words.

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**II. The word of the Lord is sweeter than honey - Psa. 119:103**

- A. Those who have truly tasted the word of the Bible know its preciousness and sweetness.

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**III. The Bible is more to be desired than gold and sweeter than honey from the honeycomb. - cf. Jer. 15:16a, Ezek. 3:3**

- A. If we do not have an appreciation of the value of the Bible, I hope that we will ask God for the grace to know the preciousness and sweetness of His Word, the Bible.

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**IV. The word of the Lord is better than thousands of pieces of gold and silver - Psa. 119:72**

- A. Many have valued the Bible even more than their lives.
- B. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." - Matt. 6:21

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**V. The word of the Lord is our heritage forever - Psa. 119:111**

- A. All the spiritual blessings that we receive in the Lord today are heavenly; they cannot be seen with our physical eyes.
- B. However, we can see these blessings in the Bible.

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**VI. No word is impossible with God - Luke 1:37**

- A. If anyone genuinely touches the word of the Bible, he touches the power in the Bible because the Bible is the Word of God.

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B. Since the Bible is the word of God, it has the power of God and even is the power of God –cf. John 1:1, 14.

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**Verses:**

**Psa. 12:6** The words of Jehovah are pure words,  
/ Silver refined in a furnace on the earth, /  
Purified seven times.

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**Psa. 119:140** Your word is very pure, / And  
Your servant loves it.

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**Psa. 119:103** How sweet are Your words to my  
taste! / [Sweeter] than honey to my mouth!

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**Jer. 15:16a** Your words were found and I ate  
them, / And Your word became to me / The  
gladness and joy of my heart,

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**Ezek. 3:3** And He said to me, Son of man, feed  
your stomach and fill your inward parts with  
this scroll that I am giving you. And I ate it, and  
it was like honey in my mouth in its sweetness.

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**Psa. 119:72** The law of Your mouth is better to  
me / Than thousands of [pieces of] gold and  
silver.

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**Psa. 119:111** Your testimonies are my heritage  
forever, / For they are the gladness of my heart.

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**Luke 1:37** Because no word will be impossible  
with God.

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**John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the  
Word was with God, and the Word was God.

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**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and  
tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory,  
glory as of the only Begotten from the Father),  
full of grace and reality.

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## Songs

### 1

- 1 I'm gonna praise God unceasingly  
Because He lives in me,  
He's everything to me,  
Gives life continually.  
I'm gonna praise God unceasingly  
Because He lives in me,  
And He will never leave.

Now in our spirit we can feed,  
Jesus Christ is all we need,  
Call His name and He becomes reality.  
Open up your mouth and you will see,  
Just how rich our Lord can be.  
He's the very life supply, complete is He.

- 2 Now I live by the tree of life,  
His fruit does nourish me,  
O, how it strengthens me,  
I'll live eternally.  
Now I live by the tree of life,  
Him daily I apply,  
He is my food supply.

- 3 There's a river of life in me,  
Flowing so livingly,  
Moving continually,  
He just keeps flooding me.  
There's a river of life in me,  
He's always filling me,  
His name is Jesus Christ!

### 2

- 1 The Bible is God's breath; the essence of His Person.  
God's speaking out through man; borne by the Holy Spirit.  
The Bible is God's speaking in the prophets and the Son;  
The Bible is the Holy Spirit's revelation.
- 2 The Bible testifies concerning the Lord Jesus;  
The Bible makes man wise, wise unto salvation;  
The Bible causes man to be regenerated;  
Our spiritual milk, our bread of life;  
It makes us all complete.

### 3

- 1 Take time to receive Him—the blessing's outpoured,  
And we may obtain it by reading His Word;  
We bask in the splendour of His healing light,  
And light becomes life, as in Him we delight.
- 2 Take time to absorb Him, to gain the supply,  
That we may be watered and nourished thereby;  
The deeper the roots spread, the deeper the flow,  
And richer and higher within us He'll grow.
- 3 Take time to inhale Him—His Word we may breathe;  
By breathing it, God's very life we receive—  
He breathes Himself out so that we may breathe in  
The life, the reality, fullness of Him.
- 4 Take time to enjoy Him, our portion is He:  
Our present, available reality;  
Our practical, real, and enjoyable Lord  
Is everything to us through His living Word.
- 5 Take time to behold Him, gaze oft on His face,  
Receiving His Person, and grace upon grace.  
By His pleasant shining, infused we will be;  
Our faces will glow with His light, radiantly.



## 4

- 1 I want to be filled  
with the Triune God.  
He makes me happy;  
I want to be filled with Him.  
(Repeat)

So I will drink, drink, drink, drink, drink  
that living water,  
And I will eat, eat, eat, eat, eat  
the tree of life,  
And I will call upon His name,  
O Lord Jesus!  
'cause I want to be filled  
up, up, up  
Oh, I want to be filled  
up, up, up  
Yes, I want to be filled  
up, up, up with Him.

## 5

- 1 Jesus, O living Word of God,  
Wash me and cleanse me with Your blood  
So You can speak to me.

Just let me hear Your words of grace,  
Just let me see Your radiant face,  
Beholding constantly.

Jesus, living Word,  
My heart thirsts for Thee;  
Of Thee I'd eat and drink,  
Enjoy Thee thoroughly.

- 2 Jesus, most precious One to me,  
I want to seek You constantly  
So you can spread through me.

I would just call upon Your name,  
Open to you; I have no shame  
Loving You, Jesus Lord.

Jesus, precious One,  
Be so real to me.  
You are all I want;  
I open wide to Thee.

- 3 Jesus, Oh living One in me,  
Open my eyes that I might see  
All that You are to me.

Just let me enter in Your heart,  
Never from You would I depart,  
Loving You constantly.

Jesus, living One,  
Flood me thoroughly;  
Take my willing heart  
And overcome in me.

- 4 Lord I want You to have Your way,  
Save me from being Satan's prey,  
I am believing You.

All I can give to You, my Lord,  
Is my whole being, love outpoured;  
Lord, I belong to You.

Jesus, faithful God,  
Gain us through and through;  
Use us thoroughly  
To see Your purpose through.

## 6

- 1 In the Word of God I found it,  
Wonderful this Word to me;  
I need not man's natural teaching,  
The anointing lives in me!

Yes, in my spirit now He is moving!  
Yes, I have the anointing!  
God in me is flowing!  
Thank God, I see it!  
His Word revealed it!  
I will apply it ever!  
The anointing lives in me!

- 2 Making Christ experiential,  
God at His pure Word I take;  
As the Spirit joined unto me,  
He cannot His promise break.

- 3 Based upon the blood that cleanses  
So that nothing stands between,  
Christ, the ointment, moves within  
me!  
For His move I'm made so clean.

- 4 God in Christ as life in Spirit  
Into my own spirit came!  
He the Holy One anoints me  
Till in spirit we're the same.

5 God in Spirit; I can touch Him;  
In my spirit He's the flow.  
Deeper, wider, richer, fuller—  
Oh, the very God I know!

6 As I heed "that same anointing"  
Ever to "abide in Him,"  
He is teaching, He is reaching,  
Even all my heart to win.

## 7

1 The faith is the economy, the economy of God  
The household administration, the dispensing of our  
God  
The truth is the contents, the reality of the faith,  
According to God's economy.

Godliness is a living that expresses  
The divine reality,  
An expression of God in all His riches  
Full of all gravity.

2 Healthy teaching, words, and speaking  
Are the ministry of the truth,  
Ministering into people the reality of these truths;  
Eternal life is the means and the power to carry out,  
The divine realities of the faith;

3 Faith is the response to the truth of the faith  
Conscience is a test and a check to preserve us in the  
faith.  
The faith is the economy, the economy of God,  
The household administration, the dispensing of our  
God;

4 The faith, the truth, expressed in healthy words,  
Carried out in power by His life  
Expressed in Godly living responded to by faith,  
Kept and held in check by our conscience.

## 8

1 When I first believed, and His life I received,  
The seed was sown into me.  
Now this seed must grow, and this zoe life flow  
As on to maturity.

Am I a person of life?  
Do I experience life?  
Does my living bear the issues of life?  
Good trees bear good fruit;  
Healthy plant, healthy root;  
Oh Lord! The ground in my heart!

2 We know that life's seed is growing indeed  
When fruits of life are expressed  
Such as virtues of joy, peace, faithfulness, love.  
Does my daily life pass the test?

3 When these virtues show others surely will know  
The beauty of life will shine,  
And the gospel word of life will be heard  
Bringing many to know life divine!

4 Lord grant me today, a new start in this way.  
A person of life I would be—  
Just expressing You in all that I do.  
Oh may this life flow out of me!

## 9

1 Now the Lord is the Spirit—that's how  
He can get inside of you right now.  
It's so easy to be filled with Him.  
He's made it really simple.  
One, two, three—  
That's how easy it can be.

O Lord! Amen!  
That's the way to let Him in.  
Hallelujah! I love to hear it.  
He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

2 Now the Lord is the living air;  
You can breathe Him in anywhere—  
Anytime of day, whenever you please.  
He's made it really easy.  
O Lord! Amen!  
Let's sing it again.

3 Now the Lord lives inside of me.  
And He's filling me constantly.  
Yes, He's filling up every gap.  
He makes me really happy.  
I'm so happy!  
Hallelujah! Taste and see!

## 10

Kiss the Son, kiss the One  
Who for love to me has come,  
Cheering me, charming me,  
And has died upon the tree,  
He died for me, saving me,  
Now His Spirit joins to me,  
I've kissed the Son!

- 1 Serving in my mingled spirit  
In the gospel of His Son,  
First receiving Christ the Spirit;  
He's the processed Triune One.
- 2 Jesus Christ in our experience  
Is the worship God desires;  
This true worshipping in spirit  
Is the service God requires.
- 3 Serving Christ, just let Him kiss you,  
Living with Him all the day,  
Worshipping God by our living  
Is the gospel-serving way.
- 4 In the Body let us serve Him,  
Nothing natural, there, can be;  
Through Christ's death and resurrection,  
Worship in reality.

## 11

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salvation;  
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It makes us all complete.

## 12

- 1 Come let us speak till the kingdom of the Lord  
comes down.  
Yes, let us speak till the kingdom of the Lord  
comes down.  
Why hold your peace?  
The Word release.  
Let us speak until the kingdom of the Lord  
comes down.
- 2 Oh, loose the Word! It shall not return unto  
Him void.  
Yes, loose the Word! It shall not return unto  
Him void.  
Let's sow the seed,  
This is our need;  
Loose the Word, and it shall not return unto  
Him void!
- 3 It's gospel time! Let us spread the gospel all  
around.  
Yes, gospel time! We will never fear the  
people's frown!  
God's done His work;  
Let us not shirk;  
We're but pilgrims here, and we'll not fear the  
people's frown!
- 4 If we will speak, Christ will witness in the  
hearts of men.  
If we will speak, Christ will witness in the  
hearts of men.  
Tell every man,  
Win all we can.  
Through our speaking, Christ is speaking in the  
hearts of men!
- 5 The harvest's ripe! We are preaching the full  
gospel now!  
The fields are white! We are preaching the full  
gospel now!  
For this men search—  
Christ and the church!  
Let us reap the harvest, preaching the full  
gospel now!

# Calendar of Events

## **Heartland Church Conference**

Kansas City, MO

Friday 29 April – Lord's Day 1 May

FREE

## **Cinco de Mayo Bible Distribution**

Omaha, NE

Saturday 7 May

10:00am – 5:00pm

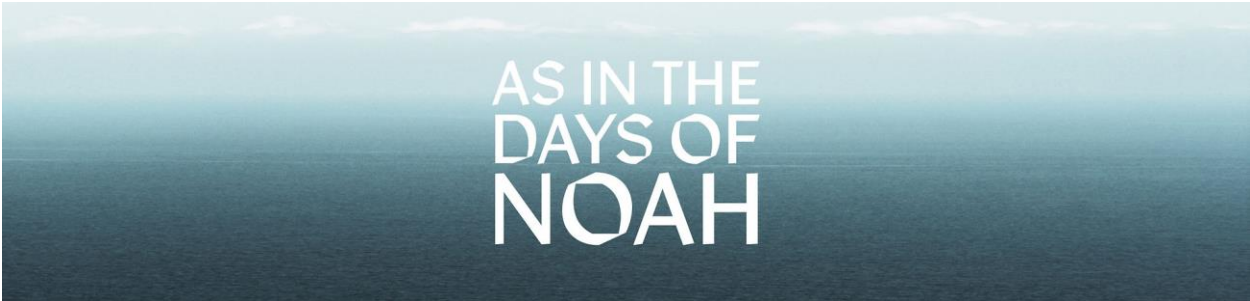
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## **Midwest College Training**

Champaign, IL

Wednesday 20 – Lord's Day 24 July

\$295



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