

WHAT WILL THE WORD OF GOD DO?

Think for just a moment about the Bible being the ultimate guidebook. In what ways can the Bible guide us today? It can teach us how to handle all of life's worries (Matthew 6:25-34). The Bible teaches us how we might acceptably worship God (John 4:23-24). It teaches us about what is proper regarding marriage, divorce, and remarriage (Matthew 19; Ephesians 5; 1 Corinthians 7). The Bible teaches on the subject of child rearing (Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs). Among other things, it teaches us about authority, our care of widows and orphans, prayer, work ethic, how we should dress, and the list could go on and on. God's word can lift us up, encourage us to keep on keeping on, humble; in fact, I believe, I know, that there is nothing the Bible cannot teach me. In **Psalm 19:7-11**, we can find a list of six specific things that the word of God will do for us.

First of all, the word of God will convert the soul (7). In **Acts 18:8**, we read about the Corinthians who heard the word of God, believed it and were baptized. What was it that they heard and continued to hear for a year-and-a-half (11) that caused them to be converted? — The word of God. When Jesus told the parable of the sower, He said, "The seed is the word of God" (Luke 8:11). It is when the seed (word of God) is planted into the soil (hearts of men) that it produces. The apostle Paul stated, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation" (Romans 1:16). We should never underestimate the power of the gospel to convert souls.

The word of God will also make wise the simple (7). The simple are those who have one end in view. They are concerned about their soul, and earnestly inquires, "What must I do to be saved?" In **2 Timothy 3:14-15**, Paul penned these words, "But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have

known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Only the word of God can make "the simple" wise for their souls and eternity. Humble, sincere, teachable minds receive the word and are made wise unto salvation.

Next, the word of God will make the heart rejoice (8). What great joy there should be in our hearts in knowing that God's word is right! His word shows man what he is to do and how to please Him, contributing to the happiness of the upright. When God's word is written in our hearts and minds, it lays a foundation for everlasting joy, by restoring us to our right mind. It only makes sense that the word that converts our souls and makes us wise unto salvation would make us happy. Think about those on Pentecost who were glad (Acts 2:41-47), the eunuch who "went on his way rejoicing" (Acts 8:39), and the Philippian jailer who "rejoiced" (Acts 16:34) all after they had been converted by God's word. Christians should always be rejoicing (1 Thessalonians 5:16).

The word of God will also enlighten the eyes (8). It shows men what they should do and what they should avoid. It is by God's commandments that we see the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and the necessity of redemption. It brings us into view and knowledge of our sin and misery, and directs us in the way we should go. Do you think Jesus' eyes were enlightened (opened) in the wilderness by Satan (Matthew 4:1-11)? Jesus, knowing the commandments of the Lord to be pure, was able to recognize when He was being tempted and when Satan was misinterpreting the Scriptures. This allowed Jesus to respond properly concerning God's word. As we grow as Christians and study more and more, our eyes will be enlightened, and it will be easier to flee from sin.

A fifth thing we can note about the word of God is that it will endure forever (9). The fear that prevents us from offending God, that causes us to reverence Him and is the

beginning of wisdom, must be carried all through life. No soul is safe for a moment without it. It prevents departure from God, and keeps that clean which God has purified. The word of God in every age and in every age to come has told man how he must live. God's word has, is and always will play some part, whether on earth or in heaven (see 1 Peter 1:22-25).

The final thing the word of God will do, if kept, is provide us with a great reward (11). Why is this so? — Because the Lord's judgments are "true and righteous!" This is the great promise that God has given to mankind. It should bring joy to our hearts when we read and think about the reward God has promised His faithful children. Those who obey God's word and endure to the end will receive the crown of life (Revelation 2:10). The apostle Paul had great hope. He had confidence that the Lord would deliver as promised (2 Timothy 4:8). This is the hope and confidence we need in our lives.

From time to time we all need to be reminded of what God's word can do for us. It is the only word that can get us to heaven. Won't you believe it, and won't you obey it!

Andy Heavin from Lee & Walnut Bulletin

"The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward."

Psalm 19:7-11

BIRTHDAY

Jacob Wright, 5-21

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Debra’s sister, Vicki Harrelson, is recovering from infection at Lakepoint in Augusta, Kansas. As she becomes stronger she will have gall bladder surgery. Rachel’s Aunt Sally continues to battle cancer. Leta Thrasher is currently under Hospice care at the Aurora nursing home.

PRAYER LIST

Mary Huffman will be having colon surgery on May 30 and currently resides at Overland Park Place with Tom Tucker. Jacob Wright is battling with seizures.

OUT OF TOWN

Rachel Peterson is in Higginsville, Missouri.

AREA EVENTS

Chipman Road Gospel Meeting

Jesse Stephens // “Grow In Grace And Knowledge”
June 3-6

Little Blue Bible Camp

Mini-Session – July 5-7
Session 1 – July 8-13
Session 2 – July 15-20

MEN’S BUSINESS MEETING

We will have the men’s business meeting following AM services today (May 20) in the lower level. All men please plan to attend.

ATTENDANCE

Sunday AM 28; Sunday PM 30; Wednesday 22.

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

~John 17:17

Those To Serve

May 20, 2018

BUILDING AND COMMUNION.....Dave Parish

MORNING WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Trent Thrasher
SONG LEADER.....George Thomas
OPENING PRAYERJohn Dodson
PRESIDEJohn Carter
ASSISTDave Parish
CLOSING PRAYER.....George Thomas

EVENING WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYERJohn Carter
CLOSING PRAYER.....Trent Thrasher
LORD’S SUPPER.....George Thomas

WEDNESDAY 23rd

SONG LEADER.....Trent Thrasher
INVITATIONGeorge Thomas

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Study..... 9:30 AM
Morning Worship..... 10:30 AM
Evening Worship..... 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study..... 7:00 PM

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