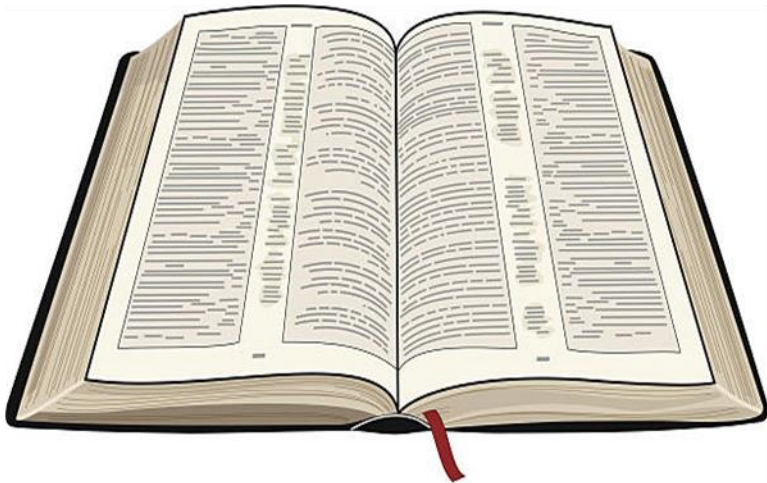


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INTRODUCTION

In the world we are living in we do hear a lot from different people of all walks of life but not all that we hear from them are truthful. The only true source of absolute truth we can get only in God's Holy Bible. Therefore go slow with what you hear from people but be quick to act accordingly with what the Holy Bible tells you as recorded therein and you will not go wrong. Do what it tells you to do and shun what it tells you not to do. By going that way one will have acted wisely as God's word is wisdom.

Any person that truly fears God will go by God's word in action and not by word of mouth only (Job 28:28, Proverbs 14:16, Psalm 34:14-17).

In this book you are going to get more insight in the word of God for your own good in your walk with the Lord. Busy yourself with what the Holy Scripture say and not on what people tell you which can turn out to be but a bunch of lies. The words of the sovereign Lord are the only trustworthy ones

and which you need depend on fully in life (Psalm 111:1-7, Matthew 5:17-20).

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Chapter 1

The word of God

The word of God is infallible and has a characteristic of permanency as it is the only thing between Heaven and Earth that stands the test of time. One can never find any mistake or anything wrong in the word of God at anytime in life as it remains ever perfect in its nature as its source is absolutely perfect coming from the highest being. The Holy Bible is God's standard of knowing what is right or wrong (Isaiah 8:19-20).

And when they shall say unto you, seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?
To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

Isaiah 8:19-20

God is light and therefore his word is light to all people who want the truth (Psalm 119:105, John 1:1-5; 8:12; 14:5-6).

The word of God is the final authority on all matters of life and it is God's manual to all mankind. The Holy Bible is that manual which has both the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament has 39 books in total and the New Testament has 27 books in total making the Holy Bible to hold 66 books in total.

Some church denominations have put more emphasis on their constitutions than on the word of God as contained in the Holy Bible and that is an illusion and is pretty bad.

God's word is supreme above all other laws that are man-made. God's word has been inspired by the Holy Spirit unlike other laws that have been crafted by mortal men (2 Timothy 3:14-17, 2 Samuel 23:1-2, 2 Peter 1:20-21, Mark 7:1-9).

But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

And that from a child thou hast known then the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Get to know that only the word of God is assured (Psalms 18:30; 19:7- 8, 12:6, Proverbs 30:5). Get to know also that the word of God is the only one that has instruction in righteousness and the only one that can make one to be perfect in this life.

NOW these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up

on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,
The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue.

2 Samuel 23:1-2

David the son of Jesse was anointed by God and he wrote most of the chapters of the holy Bible in the book of Psalms and the word of the Lord was in his tongue as what he uttered were being inspired by the Holy Spirit. He is being referred as the sweet Psalmist of Israel.

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2 Peter 1:20-21

The Holy Bible is a word of prophecy and it is not there in existence by the will of any man but by the

will of God who through His spirit moved those godly men to have them speaking the words out for people to hear and adhere to.

Now let me turn you to one of the examples of the laws crafted by mortal men.

THEN came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem. And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen hands, they found fault.

For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brazen vessels, and of tables.

Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?

He answered and said unto them,

Well hath Isaiah prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoreth me with their lips, but their hearts is far from me.

Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

Mark 7:1-9

It is a dangerous thing to keep the traditions of men and reject the commandments of God.

It would have been better to do the opposite as God is our Creator and He is immortal. Church traditions/constitutions unless are anchored on the word of God are useless and mere words and need to be discarded as early as yesterday. That is why the apostles in the early church were not bothered

by them and ignored them in their totality (Acts 4:1-21; 5:12-32; 8:1-4; 15:1-35).

Many Christians who are not mature in the Lord probably because of fear of unknown and unfounded consequences do compromise their faith and follow after the traditions and customs of their fore fathers.

Now Christianity cannot work in such situations as it never thrives in double standards. Better follow one way, the way of God by obeying Jesus Christ the Word of God, as he is the way the truth and the life (John 14:6).

Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

Mark 13:31

Many people don't know the truth. The word of God is the truth and of the highest order as it is divine. If there be any other truth then it is of a lower order as it is merely factual and which may be subject to errors.

Then led they Jesus from Cai'-a-phas unto the hall of judgement: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgement hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the pass over.

Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man?

They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.

Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:

That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.

Then Pilate entered into the judgement hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?

Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of myself, or did others tell it thee of me?

Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?

Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then?

Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause I came into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth.

Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all.

But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the Passover: will ye therefore that I should release unto you the King of the Jews?

Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Bar-ab'-bas. Now Bar-ab'-bas was a robber.

John 18:28-40

You can see in the above scripture that Pilate who was a Governor of Rome and to whom the Jews delivered Jesus to be judged by him asked Jesus this question ‘what is truth’ Many today are somehow confused and cannot differentiate the truth from falsehood and that is why the Jews chose the release of Barabbas (a robber) by Pilate instead of Jesus (a sinless Savior). The Jews failed to recognize Jesus Christ who is the truth and the wisdom of God.

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Jesus saith unto him, **I am** the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:1-6

Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

For after that in wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

But unto them that are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ** the power of God, and **the wisdom of God**.

1 Corinthians 1:20-24

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In him there was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

John 1:1-5

And I saw heaven opened and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and *true*, and in righteousness doth judge and make war.

His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called **The Word of God.**

Revelation 19:11-13

As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him.

2 Samuel 22:31

Righteous art thou, O LORD, and upright are thy judgments.

Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded **are** righteous and **very faithful**.

My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

Psalms 119:137-140

The word of God is what is right and very pure do you love it or hate it, as some have hated it (and they are a majority).

And we now that the Son of God is come, and hath given us understanding, that we may know him that is true, and **we are in him that is true in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God**, and eternal life.

1 John 5:20

Chapter 2

The freedom in the word of God

Now there is something known as freedom in the word of God and that freedom is real freedom and which there is nothing else in the world that can bring such a freedom as it is unique.

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

I know that ye are Abraham's seed, but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he

speakeeth of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

John 8:31-47

It is only the word of God which is the truth that sets one free and free indeed, if one obeys it by doing what it says. Believing in the word is good but not good enough to be of any use to the one believing in it.

Please do note that when one does not do (obey) the word of God one is disobedient and has committed sin and is actually in bondage and is condemned in heart and cannot have confidence in God.

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and **in truth**.

And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then we have confidence toward God.

1 John 3:18-21

Sure, when one's heart is not condemned one has confidence toward God because one is in a right standing before him otherwise the guilty are afraid and have fear instead of courage.

THE wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

Proverbs 28:1

The Jews kept on telling Jesus in the earlier scripture in the book of John (John 8:31-47) that they are the seed of Abraham and that they have one Father, that is God but how mistaken they

were, no wonder Jesus kept on challenging them.
Read on.

Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

1 John 3:6-10

The Jews were lying to Jesus in what they professed to be and were living in deception. God is righteous and it follows therefore if one claim to be a child of God one need to manifest oneself in righteous deeds. A child of God (one truly born again by the Spirit) God's seed (the word of God) remains in him or her.

Many people are in spiritual bondage because they have refused to obey the word of God which is the only thing that can make one free in the spirit which is more important than being out of a physical prison.

The reason why one receives freedom from the word of God when one obeys is because one is doing right before God who is also righteous and is free from worries and has God's peace poured in one's heart and one's spirit is right before God and is at rest.

For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

Romans 6:14-18

Chapter 3

God's pleasure in a Christian

There are things that pleases God in a Christian's life as well as those things that displeases God in a Christian's life. In this chapter I am going to dwell on those things that bring pleasure to God in a Christian's life.

THE, elder unto the well-beloved Gai'-us, whom I love in the truth. Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth.

Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well:

Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellow helpers to the truth.

3 John 1:1-8

I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in the truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an an'ti-Christ.

Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Godspeed:

For he that biddeth him Godspeed is partaker of his evil deeds.

2 John 4, 7-11

God is pleased when a Christian walk in the truth and prosper in all ways (an alround prosperity) being healthy spiritually and physically as well as having all needs met.

We have been saved to walk in the truth and truth alone and not in lies and hypocrisy. We received the truth at our conversion in order to walk in that truth which is the word of God. Unfortunately for only some walk in that truth.

This is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

If we say we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not know the truth:

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1 John 1:5-7

God is light and he is pleased when his children walk also in light and not in darkness. God's kingdom is a kingdom of light and he saved us delivering us from the kingdom of darkness (of Satan) to the kingdom of his dear Son (the kingdom of light) (Colossians 1:7-13).

My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.

Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

Proverbs 23:15-16

You can be wise if you have the word of God in you and which you can speak out with your lips right from the heart (Matthew 7:17-18).

Now that alone makes the heart of God to rejoice and for him to rejoice because of your right speech is really good news indeed.

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.
Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members of one another.

Ephesians 4:23-25

It is sometimes sad when a Christian realizes that a fellow Christian had not told him or her the truth yet all Christians are members of one another as the body of Christ. It was happening to the church at Ephesus and the Holy Spirit prompted apostle Paul to touch on that in his epistle to that church.

If a Christian does not walk in the truth he or she will have a difficult time in spiritual warfare. You cannot overcome the enemy in his own game of lies and deception as he has mastered that game and

also God cannot be on your side to help you win your battle against Satan.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and have on the breastplate of righteousness;

Ephesians 6:14

A Christian must have one's life tied with the truth and living in righteousness to be able to win one's spiritual battles against the enemy.

In my book entitled 'The Blessed of God' in the chapter dealing with conditions for God's blessings I said that God's blessings are anchored in obedience to Him (to his word/ commandment).

It is God's pleasure that Christians live in obedience to God's commandments and blessing will just flow easily as God rewards our obedience.

And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command this day, to love the LORD your God,

and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,

That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the Latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

Deuteronomy 11:13-14

The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

Deuteronomy 28:12-13

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death,

blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so I have caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith the LORD; that they might be unto me a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear.

Jeremiah 13:11

God is pleased with a Christian who cleaves to Him.

LET a man so account of us, as of ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

Moreover it is required in stewards, than a man be found faithful.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

Christians are the custodians of the word of God which they need to proclaim to people as well as defending it but at the same time they need to be truthful / faithful as they proclaim the same. If they are not truthful in their life they disqualify themselves as ministers of Christ as that is tantamount to double standards and is a big shame to the work of ministry and bring ridicule which come more so from those without (Romans 2:24-25, 1 Timothy 3:7).

BUT speak thou things which become sound doctrine.

In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

Titus 2:1, 7-8

God has pleasure in a Christian who is uncorrupt (who does not take or give a bribe) and also does not make wrong/twisted judgement on any one.

Thou shalt not wrest the judgement of thy poor in his house. Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked.

And thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous.

Exodus 23:6-8

Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.

Leviticus 19:11-12

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making the simple wise.

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 forever: the judgment 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 them there is great reward.

Psalms 19:7-11

A Christian should desire much the word of God as it will make him or her wise and to rejoice in the heart. The word also will serve as a warning and if he or she keeps it in total obedience there is great

reward for him or her now in this world and thereafter in Heaven (Proverbs 29:18, Matthew 6:31-33; 7:24-25; 5:1-2, 6, Luke 11:27-28, James 1:22-25, 1 John 2:17, Revelation 19:6-8; 22:6-7).

Chapter 4

Characteristics and power of the word of God

Now before I take you through in the scriptures touching on the power and characteristic of the word of God, let me give you a brief on the word. The word of God in Greek language it is two - fold. The written word is known as 'Logos,' and the spoken word is known as 'Rhema' as God is living and is both the beginning and the end, that is, he is eternal (Revelation 21:1-7). If one wants to be ahead of time and updated and not to be taken by surprise by the world events one must be in the Word (John 1:1-3).

Things don't just happen but they do so because of the word of God which is authoritative and has to come to pass as God is living and as the source of life it has to happen in God's time in life (John 6:63). All prophecies of God must be fulfilled to the letter-his words are prophecies.

Let me give you just a few scriptures of God's prophecies and their fulfilment.

Prophecy	Fulfilment
Isaiah 9:7	Luke 1:32-33
Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:14-15
Deuteronomy 18:15	Acts 3:20-22
Psalms 110:4	Hebrews 5:5-6
Isaiah 53:3	John 1:10-11
Micah 5:2	Luke 2:4-7
Isaiah 53:1	John 12:37-38
Zechariah 11:12	Matthew 26:15
Psalms 69:9	Romans 15:3
Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16-18
Psalms 102:25-27	Hebrews 1:8-12
Psalms 22:17-18	Matthew 27:35-36
Isaiah 61:1-2	Luke 4:18-19
Psalms 68:18	Ephesians 4:8
Zechariah 9:9	Mark 11:7-11
Psalms 34:20	John 19:32-36
Isaiah 40:3-5	Luke 3:3-6

Psalm 2:7	Matthew 3:16-17
Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 26:67
Psalm 8:2	Matthew 21:15-16

From the above it follows therefore that the word of God in the Holy Bible is absolutely important. By missing the word of God one is surely missing a lot in life and is considered totally ignorant in life.

The characteristics and power of the word of God is both diverse and amazing as well and in this chapter I am going to navigate with you through many of them and do believe you will be equally delighted just as I am after taking a close and thorough look at it in the spirit.

A. Characteristics of the word of God

1. It is Divine

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2 Peter 1:20-21

THE words of Jeremiah the son of Hil-ki'-ah, of the priests that were in An'-a-thoth in the land of Benjamin:

To whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Jo-si'-ah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

It came also in the days of Je-hoi'-a-kim the son of Jo-si'-ah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zed-e-ki'-ah the son of Jo-si'-ah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou comest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.

But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

Jeremiah 1:1-9

AND it came to pass in the fourth year of Je-hoi'-a-kim the son of Jo-si'-ah king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Jo-si'-ah, even to this day.

It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may

return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

Then Jeremiah, called Bar'-uch the son of Ne-ri'-ah: and Bar'-uch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book.

Jeremiah 36:1-4

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

John 14:21-24

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

Revelation 14:13

2. It abides forever

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Isaiah 40:8

For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven

Psalms 119:89

Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old
that thou hast founded them forever.

Psalm 119:152

Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not
pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

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

Matthew 24:34-35

3. It is trustworthy

Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his
people Israel, according to all that he promised:
there hath not failed one word of all his good
promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses
his servant.

1 Kings 8:56

The work of his hands are verity and judgment; all
his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

Psalm 111:7-8

And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, what is that proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth?

Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision.

For there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination within the house of Israel. For I in the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 12:21-25

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

Psalms 19:7

4. It is impartial

One law shall be to him that is home born, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.

Exodus 12:49

Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for of your own country: for I am the LORD your God.

Leviticus 24:22

And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the pass over unto the LORD; according to the ordinance of the pass over, and according to the manner thereof, so shall he do: ye shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger, and for him that was born in the land.

Numbers 9:14

5. It is pure

Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

Psalms 119:140

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Proverbs 30:5

The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

Psalms 19:8

The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

Psalms 12:6

6. It is a seed

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

He that goeth forth and weapeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Psalm 126:5-6

Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow:
And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.

And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:

But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.

And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some a hundred.

And he said unto them, He that hath ears, let him hear.

And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable.

And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these are done in parables:

That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.

And he said unto them, know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?

The sower soweth the word.

Mark 4:3-14

7. It is authoritative

And came down to Ca-per'-na-um, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days.

And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,

Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.

And they were amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this? for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.

Luke 4:31-36

8. It judges

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words,
hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have
spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

John 12:46-48

If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had
not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their
sin.

John 15:22

9. It is promisory

Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my
saying, he shall never see death.

John 8:51

Go thou near, and hear all that the LORD our God
shall say: and speak thou unto us all that the LORD
our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it,
and do it.

And the LORD heard the voice of your words,
when ye spake unto me; and the LORD said unto
me, I have heard the voice of this people, which

they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken.

O that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever.

Deuteronomy 5:27-29

Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagle's wings, and brought you unto yourself.

Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine.

Exodus 19:4-5

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

1 John 5:13

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me,
Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord
from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they
may rest from their labors; and their works do
follow them.

Revelation 14:13

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only
begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him
should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

Come now and let us reason together, saith the
LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be
as white as snow; though they be red like crimson,
they shall be as wool.

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good
of the land:

Isaiah 1:18-19

But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

James 1:25

10. It equips

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

11. It encourages

Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

John 16:32-33

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

James 1:12

And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write, These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation

ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches: He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

Revelation 2:8-11

12. It nourishes

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

1 Peter 2:2

THEN was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.

And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that preceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:1-4

HO, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfeth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

Isaiah 55:1-3

13. It illuminates

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my paths.

Psalms 119:105

For thou art my lamp, O LORD: and the LORD
will lighten my darkness.

2 Samuel 22:29

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was
with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was
not anything made that was made.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness
comprehended it not.

John 1:1-5

The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth
understanding unto the simple.

Psalms 119:130

14. It is delightful

The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will
keep thy precepts with my whole heart.

Their heart is as fat as grease: but I delight in thy law.

Psalm 119:69-70

Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

Psalm 119:92

15. It comforts

Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.

The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law.

I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself.

Psalm 119:49-52

Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?

Psalm 119:82

B. Power in the word of God

God speaks to people through: His word, dreams, visions, an audible voice, a whisper and situations. (2 Timothy 3:16, Matthew 1:18-21, Job 33:14-15, Daniel 2:17-23, Acts 16:6-10, Numbers 12:1-8, 1 Kings 17:1-8, 1 Kings 19:12-13, Job 4:14-17, Isaiah 30:21, Romans 8:28).

A Christian need to fall in love with the Holy Bible and be consulting it more often on a daily basis as by doing so, one is hearing from God and is well guided and can hardly go wrong if walk in His counsels.

For a Christian to grow and mature in the Lord and do exploits for the Lord, reading and studying the Holy Bible is a must just as praying and fasting which is equally important and supplements and empowers the reading and studying.

1. It is creative

IN the beginning God created the heaven and earth.

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

And God called the light DAY, and the darkness he called NIGHT. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding, fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

And the evening and the morning were the third day.

And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

And God set them in the firmament of the heaven
to give light upon the earth,

And to rule over the day and over the night, and to
divide the light from the darkness: and God saw
that it was good.

And the evening and the morning were the fourth
day.

And God said, let the waters bring forth abundantly
the moving creature that have life, and fowl that
may fly above the earth in the open firmament of
heaven.

And God created great whales, and every living
creature that moveth, which the waters brought
forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged
fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and
multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl
multiply in the earth.

And the evening and the morning were the fifth
day.

And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living
creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing.

And the beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after his kind, and everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and

every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creapeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Genesis 1

2. It saves

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:16

3. It washes, cleanses and sanctifies

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:25-27

I AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

John 15:1-3

And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

I pray not thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

John 17:13-17

4. It is alive

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

John 6:63

From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

John 6:66-68

Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two - edged sword, piercing 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 4:11-12

5. It heals and delivers

Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

Fools, because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.

Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses.

He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

Psalms 107:15-22

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

Proverbs 4:20-27

6. It purifies

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander away from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Psalms 119:9-11

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently;

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

1 Peter 1:18-23

7. It performs

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall

accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper
in the thing whereto I sent it.

Isaiah 55:10-11

THE hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried
me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down
in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,
and caused me to pass by them round about: and,
behold, there were very many in the open valley;
and, lo, they were very dry.

And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones
live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest.
Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones,
and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word
of the LORD.

Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; behold,
I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall
live:

And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring
flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put

breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.

Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breath upon these slain, that they may live.

So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

Ezekiel 37:1-10

WHEN he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him.

And, behold, there came a leper and worshiped him, saying Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Matthew 8:1-3

AND it came to pass, that as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gen-nes'-a-ret,

And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

Now when he had left, speaking, he said unto Simon, launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

Luke 5:1-6

And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:

And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find anything there on: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves: for the time of figs was not yet.

And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.

And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

Mark 11:12-14, 20-21

And the men of the city said unto E-li'-sha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is naught, and the ground barren.

And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought it to him.

And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the LORD, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land, So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of E-li'-sha which he spake.

And he went up from thence unto Beth-el: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head.

And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there

came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.

2 Kings 2:19-24

The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? Saith the LORD.

IS not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

Jeremiah 23:28-29

Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

Jeremiah 5:14

Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

Jeremiah 1:9-10

8. It is fruitful

AND he began again to teach by the seaside: and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land.

And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine,

Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow:

And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.

And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprung up, because it had no depth of earth:

But when the sun was up, it was scotched; and because it had no root, it withered away.

And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

And other fell on good ground, and it did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some a hundred. And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Mark 4:1-9

When well received, the word of God is not only fruitful but very fruitful indeed as it yields fruit that increases as well. According to that scripture, good ground is equated to good and well receipt of the word of God.

Now for one to have good ground is simply to have a heart that is well prepared for the word of God.

9. It is a spiritual weapon

Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

Jeremiah 23:29

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Ephesians 6:17

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two - edged sword, piercing 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

No wonder Jesus Christ defeated Satan by God's word when he was tempted in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). It seems too that the two witnesses are likely to use the word of God in the Tribulation period (Revelation 11:1-5) to overcome their enemies, same to Jesus Christ at his second coming to usher in the Millenium rule in Jerusalem (Revelation 19:11-15).

Just as we read in the scripture of Ephesians 6:17, Christians use the word of God not only for

spiritual warfare but also for witnessing as explained below.

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 strong holds;)

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

1 Timothy 6:12

A Christian cannot fight the good fight of faith without the word of God as mere words of men cannot defeat Satan. Remember Jesus Christ used

the scriptures to defeat him and that is why we are advised to be rooted and built in Christ who is the Word of God and thereby walk in Him as indicated below.

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:6-7

We are further advised that we have to be rich in the word of God.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Colossians 3:16

Chapter 5

What to do with God's word

1. You need to be reading and studying God's word

Born again Christians s the followers of Jesus Christ must read and study God's word with a view of knowing his will in their lives and to follow them as Christ is their perfect example. If that is not done they have not known his ways and therefore cannot follow them and therefore can be living outside his will as the word of God is both a lamp and a light to them (Psalm 119:105). It is to live in darkness and that is quite dangerous indeed!

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Hosea 4:6

The Lord was complaining about his people Israel whom he had chosen but had now rejected his word that they are destroyed for lacking knowledge which is essentially God's word (the truth) and that he was going to reject them. God is the word and if you leave the word of God where will you be as a Christian? (Mind you Christians are God's chosen people). You will definitely go astray and be destroyed by the enemy because you are off God's track and in the enemy's territory. Also as a Christian you are a priest of God who is supposed to be ministering in the word of God and if you don't know the word of God you definitely have no spiritual direction. As a Christian one cannot learn to fear God and to do his will unless he reads and studies God's word daily so as to walk in them.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying of the hands of the presbytery.

1 Timothy 4:13-14

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth

2 Timothy 2:15

One cannot apply the word of God appropriately if one does not understand it pretty well through studying the Holy Bible prayerfully. Instead one will be behaving like some politicians who beat about the bush by taking and quoting the word of God out of its context. One must know the word of God properly in all its context to be of useful to him or her in every day living.

And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Be-re'-a: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thess-a-lo-ni'-ca, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Therefore many of them believed; also of honorable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

Acts 17:10-12

There was an uproar in Thessalonica (Acts 17:1-9) and that is why the brethren there sent Paul and Silas to go to Berea by night. When they reached Berea they wasted not time and went into the synagogue there and began to preach the word. The Bereans were noble in that they readily received the word and went daily to confirm if what was preached was God's word and they found for

themselves that it was true and they totally believed in it.

In these last days of the end-time we have many servants of Satan just as it was prophesied who can easily lead one astray and be lost if one does not read and study very well the holy scriptures and get knowledge and understanding so as not to be swayed by these ‘ministers’. Be a noble Christian and get to know your Bible.

WE then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification.

For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Romans 15:1-4

The word of God is for our learning and we cannot learn if we are not reading it. We need to be reading it and edifying one another with it so that we have hope in God the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. That way we please others as well as we show that we care one for another.

2. You need to be meditating on God's word

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalm 1:1-3

A person who delights in the law of the Lord is blessed and will be fruitful as whatever he or she does shall prosper as he or she is doing them in righteousness and God who is righteous blesses the work of his or her hands. He or she will not be empty handed but have something in him or her (the word of God to share) and not be as the fig tree (Mark 11:12-20). If one meditates daily on the word of God (which is likened to water) one will have planted/positioned oneself by the river of waters.

O GOD, thou art my God; early will I seek thee:
my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee
in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;
To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen
thee in the sanctuary.

Because thy loving-kindness is better than life, my
lips shall praise thee.

Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my
hands in thy name.

My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate in the night watches.

Psalm 63:1-6

David thirsted for God's word and praised and blessed the Lord God when he meditated on the word of God. We too can get new insights meditating on the word of God and come to praise him for his loving-kindness.

I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

Psalm 77:11-12

O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day.

Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

Psalm 119:97-99

If you love God's word for sure you will be taking time daily to meditate on it and get more understanding and be wiser than your enemies (Satan included of course). Your mind need to be saturated with the word of God and to have an upper hand over situations.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Joshua 1:8

That advice that God gave to Joshua is both for you and me who have accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Meditating on the word of God is not a

luxury but a necessity on our part. Remember that in life most often we do what is in our mind and therefore if our minds are empty or have the wrong things we are headed for trouble and therefore it is only fair that we have the word of God revolving in our minds so as to be heading in the right direction. Get to know that the enemy most often use our minds by injecting all sorts of ungodly things but with the word of God in there at least we have some defense mechanism in place. No wonder Apostle Paul in his epistle to the church at Philippi he advised them to think (meditate) rightly (Philippians 4:8-9) and further he had something for the church at Corinth (2 Corinthians 10:1-6).

3. You need to eat and assimilate God's word

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

Jeremiah 15:16

THEN was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.

And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:1-4

Now bread alone which only sustains the body is not enough in life as one need also food for the soul and which is the word of God. Jesus Christ had eaten the word of God the Father and was full in his soul and that became handy and enabled him to our wit Satan by defeating him completely by the word of God (verses 5 to 11). We too need do the same as his followers.

HO, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters,
and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat;
yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and
without price.

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not
bread? and labor for that which satisfieth not?
hearken diligently unto me, and eat that which is
good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your
soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting
covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

Isaiah 55:1-3

God was going to give Jesus Christ as the true
bread of life and that satisfies the soul of mankind
and that it would be free of charge and that one has
just to believe his report about him. God had
already planned in advance that His Son would die
on the cross as a substitute for mankind to be a
sacrifice (a perfect sacrifice) for the redemption of
man (John 6:31-35, Isaiah 53, John 3:16, Romans
3:21-26, 2 Corinthians 5:21). The scripture you just

read (Isaiah 55:1-3) was but an invitation for people to come to Jesus.

As newborn babes desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

1 Peter 2:2-3

The word of God is food for the soul just as milk is food for a baby. As a new believer in Christ Jesus one is on the other hand not a physical baby but a spiritual baby needing spiritual food (the word of God) for spiritual growth and therefore the need to desire it more and more on a daily basis.

Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven and gives life to the world."

Then said they to him, “Lord, give us this bread always.”

And Jesus said unto them, “I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

John 6:31-35

Jesus Christ is the word of God and the true bread for the soul which need be eaten daily to remove hunger and to bring satisfaction and sustain life to the soul, being a spiritual food. Without that bread one becomes hungry and soon will die spiritually.

AND Ahab told Jez'-e-bel all that E-li'-jah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

Then Jez'-e-bel sent a messenger unto E-li'-jah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.

And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-she'-ba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Hor'-eb the mount of God.

1 Kings 19:1-8

In the above scripture we do see that the prophet Elijah after he had fled far away into the wilderness away from Ahab's wife who had threatened his life,

an angel of God came to him on two occasions and told him to arise and eat food and to drink water as well. And in the second instance he told him the journey was too great and that is why he needed the food and the drink to sustain him on the journey. We have earlier just read the scripture of 1 Peter 2:2-3 where we found out that God's word is spiritual milk (food) for a Christian babe. Prophet Elijah ate and drank physical food and drink which gave him the strength for forty days and forty nights until he reached at Horeb the Mount of God. Christians in the Christian walk which is a spiritual wilderness, they too have a long, long, long way before they can finally reach the mount of God which is in the third heavens (2 Corinthians 12:1-5). Christians need the word of God daily and which is found in the Holy Bible (The 66 chapters) (2 Timothy 3:16-17) to help them in their walk with the Lord unto their rapture by the Lord (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18, 1 Corinthians 15:50-58), because the word of God is the foundation of our salvation we who have believed in Christ Jesus (1

Peter 2:5-9, Psalm 62:1-2, Matthew 7:24-25, 1 Corinthians 3:10-15) and our strength lies in the word of God (John 6:63) and without the word of God as our spiritual food on this spiritual journey, we will tire up, wither and die spiritually and not being able to make it to our final destination where God waits for us. As Christians, we need not to be reminded to arise and eat for our spiritual strength but rather make it our habit to do so daily however busy we may be in life, because why should we suffer from spiritual kwashiorkor yet we have the word of God in the Holy Bible? First in our stock of books after conversion must be the Holy Bible, which is our daily spiritual diet (Matthew 4:3-4).

AND he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.

And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.

And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel to a rebellious nation that hath

rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day.

For they are imprudent children and stiff necked. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD.

And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.

And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious.

But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee, Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee.

And when I looked, behold, a hand was sent unto me; and lo, a roll of a book was therein.

And he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written there in lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

MOREOVER he said unto me, Son man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go and speak unto the house of Israel.

So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.

And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

Ezekiel 2:1-3:1-3

AND I saw another mighty angel come down from Heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun and his feet as pillars of fire:

And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,

And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

And when the seven thunders had uttered their voice, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,

And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth,

And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.

And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.

And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

Revelation 10

Prophesying can be easy in the mouth (sweet) but after it there can be an uneasy feelings about its fulfillment and the fulfillment thereof is not sweet but bitter (feelings in the stomach) as for sure the

word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged-sword – (Hebrews 4:12)

Get to know that in these last days prior to the coming of the Messiah to take away the holy Church there will be no delays in the fulfillment of prophecies as they will unfold one after another.

The fulfillments will be sweet to those who prophesied them but bitter to those who were unresponsive being unrepentant after receiving messages of prophesy.

O LORD, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy long-suffering; know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke.

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed? Wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar, and as waters that fail?

Therefore thus saith the LORD, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before me: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not unto them.

And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brazen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee saith the LORD.

And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

Jeremiah 15:15-21

What happened to the prophet Jeremiah also can happen to us in that we may opt to live a separated life and proclaim the gospel of Christ Jesus

faithfully as it is and still come to doubt God's word and his love to us Christians his servants, when we find ourselves faced with opposition, hatred and persecution from our recipients. Now that alone is sin before the Lord in doubting him and without repentance we cannot be established in our ministries and be effective as persecution, opposition and hatred is part and parcel in proclaiming God's truth to people (Matthew 5:11-12).

I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.

So I gave them up unto their own heart's lust: and they walked in their own counsels.

Psalms 81:10-12

God's people (the Israelites) refused to take and eat God's word (counsel) and God left them to go their

own way. Remember the word of God is food for the soul and that man shall not live by bread alone but by the word from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:1-4). As a Christian do you go by the lusts of your heart or the counsels of God?

We need to eat and assimilate the word of God. It is there for our consumption. We cannot afford to be rebellious children refusing to eat the food given to us by our parent, our heavenly Father.

In the natural not all that we take in are sweet because some as medicines are bitter.

The same applies to God's word as Ezekiel saw written in roll of a book given to him to eat lamentations, mourning and woe. But all the same Ezekiel called now to be a prophet of God had to eat it. You and I have also been called to be ministers of the gospel and have to take all the scriptures as they are as they are medicine to our souls.

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever:
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.

Psalm 19:1-10

It is common knowledge that children love sweets
and biscuits and enjoy eating them. Now that the
word of God is sweeter than honey and the honey
comb and as a child of God, you and I need to love
it and to enjoy eating it whenever we come across
it.

4. You need to remember God's word

NOW upon the first day of the week, very early in
the morning they came unto the sepulcher, bringing
the spices which they had prepared, and certain
with others.

And they found the stone rolled away from the
sepulcher.

And they entered in and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

And it came to pass as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments.

And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee.

Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

And they remembered his words,

And returned from the sepulcher, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

It was Mary Mag'-da-lene, and Jo'-an-na, and Mary the mother of James and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles,

And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.

Luke 24:1-11

It is quite amazing and sad but that is how the brothers-in - the Lord behaved and some had to go and find out if the report was true by going to the sepulcher! May the Lord help us and have mercy on us so that we don't have short memories of the word of God and are not baffled by events taking place in life.

THEREFORE we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

Hebrews 2:1

Apostle Peter at least had learnt some lesson when he was with the Lord with the others (Mark 11:12-21, 2 Peter 3:1-2). But all the disciples at some time remembered what the scriptures said about Jesus.

On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

Took branches of palm trees, and went to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the king of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.

And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,

Fear not, daughter of Zion: behold, thy king cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.

These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him.

John 12:12-16

The disciples remembered a bit too late because it is only after Jesus had risen from the dead that they remembered. At first they could not understand what was going on. I believe that it was because they had not received the Holy Spirit in them. (John 2:22; 14:15-26)

MY son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

Proverbs 3:1-2

But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

Deuteronomy 8:18

5. You need to live by God's word

By living by God's word simply means by obedience to God's word, which is mandatory and not compulsory as it is a fundamental thing in true Christianity.

Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he

Genesis 6:22

So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Har'-an.

And Abram took Sar-a-i his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Har'-an; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

Genesis 12:4-5

And it came to pass after these things, that God did temp Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Mo-ri'-ah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

Genesis 22:1-3

You can see for yourself that in all the two instances Abraham obeyed God.

Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

Deuteronomy 4:5-6

Moses was talking to the children of Israel to obey all the commandments that he had taught them as instructed by God of which if they do, they will

show to the other nations that they are wise and understanding people. Now that applies to Christians too, who are the children of God.

Christianity is a lifestyle, a lifestyle of continual obedience to the voice of God.

As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, so did Joshua he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.

Joshua 11:15

Joshua did all that God had commanded Moses to be done.

And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

Obedience to the word of God (His commandments) is a requirement for every Christian to live up to. Now the following scripture summarizes it all.

And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in, obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

1 Samuel 15:22

The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

For all his judgments were before me: and as for his statutes, I did not depart from them.

2 Samuel 22: 21-23

King David did not depart from God's commandments how about you?

Whose keepeth the law is a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous men shameth his father.

Proverbs 28:7

Let us not ashame our heavenly Father by not keeping his law.

NOW it came to pass in the third year of Ho-she'-a son of E'-lah king of Israel, that Hez-e-ki'-ah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.

Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi, the daughter of Zach-a-ri'-ah.

And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did.

He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Ne-hush'-tan.

He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him.

For he clave to the LORD, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses.

And the LORD was with him; and he prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not.

2 Kings 18:1-7

The Lord will be with you only if you keep His commandments.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 7:21

Action speaks louder than words as you can see in this scripture.

This is what Jesus told his disciples:

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, where with shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candle stick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.

For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus was telling them essentially that their good works is what he was referring to as the light which they need to produce and that their works cannot be hid (cannot pass unnoticed) by the world. Why? Because they are called by the name of one who has a name above all other name (Philippians 2:5-12). The early church took Jesus seriously at what

he said and the result is recorded in the book of Acts of the apostles (Acts 11:19-26) where the disciples were for the first time were called ‘Christians’ because they lived like Christ Jesus and people saw the light of Christ in them. Remember that Jesus is the light of the world and therefore his followers need not be different (John 8:12; 9:5). Christians are representatives of Jesus in the world for to shine for Jesus. You can get more information on the same in my book entitled ‘The World of Wisdom’.

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, Saying Did not we straightly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man’s blood upon us. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, we ought to obey God rather than men.

Acts 5:27-29

We ought to obey God rather than men who are always unrighteous and untruthful, as God is ever righteous and truthful.

But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

James 1:22

This scripture still corroborates the fact that action speaks louder than words – obeying God’s word is more important than merely hearing it.

I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth as, we have received a commandment from the Father.

And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.

And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an an'-ti-Christ.

Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Godspeed:

For he that biddeth him Godspeed is partaker of his evil deeds.

2 John 4-11

By walking in the truth simply means being obedient to God's commandments which is highly commendable and truly shows that one loves the Lord (John 14:15-17). Therefore let no one deceive you to follow any thing which is not God's truth

(the doctrine of Christ). One should not lose God's truth by walking outside it as that will make him or her be disqualified from receiving God's reward after this life (Revelation 22:12-14). If one continues to live a life of disobedience one has no God the Father and God the Son as they are one (John 10:30) as one must abide in the word to remain in the word (John 1:1-4, 15:1-6).

Let us all sober up, if we have not Christ in us we are not his and there is no heaven for us but hell (Romans 8:9) as Jesus Christ is the only one that can lead us to his Father in heaven (John 14:4-6). A Christian must live a sober life (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, 1 Peter 5:8-11) and must not entertain any form of falsehood from any quarter (Colossians 2:4-8). Now look at this as well.

THE elder unto the well-beloved Gai'-us, whom I love in the truth.

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

3 John 1-4

As Christians we need to be the Gaius of today by living in the word of God which is truth as Jesus Christ is the truth (John 14:6) and it will be well with us.

Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways!

I should soon have subdued their enemies and turned my hand against their adversaries.

The haters of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever.

He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

Psalm 81:13-16

In the above scripture the Lord was wishing that the Israelites would listen to him and walk in His ways by obeying him and he would really fight their enemies and also give them goodies but the Israelites did not. The Lord even today wishes that Christians hearken to him and walk right for him to fight their battles and to bless them. But how many hearken? I think it is the minority. No wonder many live defeated lives and lacking.

6. You need to preach God's word

A Christian need to know while he or she is still living on earth, he or she can be preaching to the world two-fold-directly by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus and indirectly by his or her life. So he or she need to be aware of all this the rest of his or her life. Let me present two scriptures on the same as recorded in an epistle of Apostles Paul and Peter.

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

1 Timothy 4:12-13

A Christian's life need be exemplary.

LIKEWISE, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

1 Peter 3:1-2

There it is. It is true that a person can be won to Christ not by the word of God being preached to him or her alone but also seeing the light of Christ in a Christian having good works and the fear of God in him or her. Now continue to read on.

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee,
into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.
And when they saw him, they worshiped him: but
some doubted.

And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All
power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
Go ye therefore, and teach all nations baptizing
them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and
of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I
have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you
always, even unto the end of the world. A'-men.

Matthew 28:16-20

Preaching the word of God is a command by the
Lord to all that have believed in Him (Born again
Christians)

Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat
at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and
hardness of heart, because they believed not them
which had seen him after he was risen.

And he said unto them, Go ye unto all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

They shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. A'-men

Mark 16:14-20

Let us follow their example and do the necessary and God will be with us, confirming His word.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Romans 1:16-17

Apostle Paul too followed the example of the disciples of the Lord and was ready in preaching the gospel.

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you and to your children,
and to all that are afar off, even as many as the
Lord our God shall call.

And with many other words did he testify and
exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward
generation.

Then they that gladly received his word were
baptized: and the same day were added unto them
about three thousand souls.

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles'
doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread,
and in prayers.

Acts 2:36-42

Yes, Christians preach the gospel to the world the
Lord also work with them (Matthew 28:16-20, 1
Corinthians 3:8-9).

AND as they spake unto the people, the priests, and
the captain of the temple, and the Sad'-du-cees,
came upon them,

Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide. Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,

And Annas the high priest, and Cai'-a-phas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even him doth this man stand here before you whole.

Acts 4:1-10

Even healings will take place as Christians do minister in the word of God.

And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.

And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

Insomuch that they brought forth the sick in the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed everyone.

Acts 5:12-16

And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Ga'-za, which is desert. And he arose and went: and behold, a man of E-thi-o'-pi-o'-pi-ans, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Isai'-ah the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Isai'-ah, and said, understandest thou what thou readest?

And he said, How can I? Except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

The place of the scripture which he read was this,
He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a
lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his
mouth.

In his humiliation his judgement was taken away:
for his life is taken from the earth.

And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray
thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of
himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened
his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and
preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their
way, they came unto a certain water: and the
eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder
me to be baptized?

And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine
heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I
believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and
they went down both into the water, both Philip and
the eunuch; and he baptized him.

Acts 8:26-38

Evangelist Philip was doing exactly what the Lord commanded (Mark 16:14-16)

Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tab'-itha, which by interpretation is called Dorcus: this woman was full of good works and alms deed which she did.

And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.

And forasmuch as Lyd'-da was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them.

Then Peter arose and went with them. when he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dorcus made, while she was with them.

But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tab'-itha

arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

Acts 9:36-42

Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

But in every Nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good,

and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

Him God raised up the third day, and showed him openly;

Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained by God to be the judge of quick and dead.

To him give all the prophets witness that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,
Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

And he commanded them to do baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Acts 10:34-48

Apostle Peter was doing exactly the same way just as Philip was doing.

So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Se-leu'-ci-a; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

And when they were at Sal'-a-mis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister.

And when they had gone through the isle unto Pa'-phos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar-je-sus:

Which was with the deputy of the country, Ser'-gi-us Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

But El'-y-mas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,

And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

Acts 13:4-12

AND it came to pass in I-co'-ni-um, that they went both into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed.

But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren.

Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

But the multitude of the city was divided: and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles.

And when there was an assault made both of the Gentiles, and also of the Jews with their rulers, to use them despitefully, and to stone them,

They were ware of it, and fled unto Lys'-tra and Der'-be, cities of Ly-ca-o'-ni-a, and unto the region that lieth round about:

And there they preached the gospel.

Acts 14:1-7

When not wanted in one city don't stop there go to another city and preach to the people there.

Therefore loosing from Tro'as, we came with a straight course to Sam-o-thra'-ci-a, and the next day to Ne-a'-po-lis;

And from thence to Phil'-ippi, which is the chief city of that part of Mac-e-do-nia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.

And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a riverside, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purpose of the city of Thy-a-ti'-ra, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart was opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be

faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. and she constrained us.

Acts 16:11-15

It is okay for a Christian to accept an invitation to come to a person's house.

Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said,
Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye
are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld
your devotions, I found an altar with this
inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom
therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto
you.

God that made the world and all things therein,
seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth
not in temples made with hands;

Neither is worshiped with men's hands, as though
he needed anything seeing he giveth to all life, and
breath, and all things;

And hath made of one blood of all nations of men
for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath

determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

For in him we live, and move, and have our being, as certain also of your own poets have said, Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the God head is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the death.

Acts 17:22-31

7. You need to teach God's word

And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice.

And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it.

Deuteronomy 4:12-14

Living by God's word is a command from God to His people (His children).

Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;

And then the LORD's wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye

perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.

Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deuteronomy 11:16-19

AND Je-hosh'-a-phat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel.

And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of E'-phra-im, which A'-sa his father had taken.

And the LORD was with Je-ho-sh'-a-phat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto Ba'-a-lim;

But sought to the LORD God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doing of Israel.

Therefore the LORD stablished the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Je-ho-sh'-a-phat presents, and he had riches and honor in abundance. And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the LORD: moreover he took away the high places and groves out of Judah.

Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, even to Ben'-hail, and to O-ba-di'-ah, and to Zech-a-ri'-ah, and to Nethan'-eel, and to Michai'-ah, to teach in the cities of Judah.

And with them he sent Levites, even Shem-ai'-ah, and Neth-a-ni'-ah, and Zeb-a-di'-ah, and As'-a-hel, and She-mi'-ra-moth, and Je-hon'-a-than, and Ad-o-ni'-jah, and To-bi'-jah and Tob-ad-ni'-jah, Levites: and with them Elish'-a-ma and Je-ho'-ram, priests.

And they taught in Judah and had the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went about

throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

2 Chronicles 17:1-9

See the son of Jehoshaphat who was living by the word of God and God established his kingdom and he had riches and honor.

Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land.

Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Sa-mar'-i-a came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they should fear the LORD.

2 Kings 17:27-28

This king of Assyria saw the importance of living by God's word which he commanded to be taught and to be followed.

And there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Neth'-i-nim, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Ar-ta-xerx'-es the king.

And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king.

For upon the first day of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

Ezra 7:7-10

For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 2:7

Born again Christians are God's priests (1 Peter 2:5-10) and one of their duty is to teach others the way of the Lord which if they don't they stumble at the law because of the Christians' unfaithfulness for not showing the way.

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth,

2 Timothy 2:15

Teach the word of God in plain language and not twisting it as false teachers do but as one who is knowledgeable in what one says.

AND seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for there is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Matthew 5:1-12

Hungering and thirsting after righteousness is a real blessing.

8. You need to treasure God's word

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:
And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all
thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy
might.

**And these words, which I command thee this
day, shall be in thine heart:**

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

AND this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man
of God blessed the children of Israel before his
death.

And he said, The Lord came from Sinai, and rose
up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from
mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of
saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for
them.

Yea, he loved the people; all his saints are in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet; every one shall receive of thy words.

Moses commanded us a law, even the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.

Deuteronomy 33:1-4

Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! Then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea: Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof, his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.

Isaiah 48:17-19

The above scriptures were to the children of Israel who were a shadow of the Church of Christ to

come. The ten commandments were a blessing and an inheritance from the Lord God the Holy One of Israel and it was for their own benefit as it would lead them in life and they ought to have loved it by living in it. Unfortunately for that was not the case with them.

Now by extension the commandments of the Lord God has become our blessing / inheritance in life and we need live by it as it is a great treasure in life here on earth and which not only leads us here alone but straight to our Lord and God to be with him in heaven for ever and ever.

Therefore we must cherish it as it is invaluable so that by it we may inherit eternity with God the Father in his eternal kingdom. Let us hear what the Psalmist had to say and later what the Lord Jesus Christ had to say.

O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

Psalm 119:97-98

The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.

Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always, even unto the end.

Psalm 119:110-112

The commandments of God are but wisdom for our lives. We cannot overcome our enemies without the wisdom from above and which we must treasure in our hearts for use on a daily basis.

THEN was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.

And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command these stones be made bread.

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written,

He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Matthew 4:1-10

Jesus Christ as the Word of God and the wisdom of God defeated his enemy Satan as he was wiser than him. Jesus has the word of God eternally. So we must have the word of God always and not in a seldom way as the enemy is around us always looking for ways to attack us and if possible overpower us. To be in a position to defeat Satan one must carry the word of God just as the children of Israel who used to carry the ark of the covenant of God whenever they went to battle and God gave them victory over their enemies as the word of God was in that ark and it is powerful (1 Samuel 4:1-5, Joshua 6:1-20).

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;

And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

Matthew 10:16-20

As Christians, we have many enemies and hence Jesus told his followers to be wise. So we must have the word of God in us abundantly for us to speak it out whenever necessary. Have the word in your heart as not all the time you will be carrying a Bible to refer to and even if you have it, circumstances may not allow you to refer to it- but if it is in your heart you are at liberty to use it anytime and anywhere.

In prison one is not allowed to go in with one's personal belongings yet we see apostles Peter and John, Paul and Silas who had been imprisoned were

able to speak out the word of God to people without having their Bibles with them (Acts 4:1-12; 16:16-31). It was possible for the apostles to do so because they valued God's word and kept/treasured it in their hearts. Now that explains to you clearly what I had just said that circumstances might not allow one to go look for a Bible and search the word of God from it so as to speak it out as the situation warrants.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Psalms 119:11

God's word must be hidden in our hearts, as it is something very precious and valuable (Matthew 13:44)

The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

Psalms 119:72

The word of God (His law) is more than precious stones – it is a better treasure indeed.

All the words of my mouth are in righteousness, there is nothing froward or perverse in them.

They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.

Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.

For wisdom is better than rubies; and all things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

Proverbs 8:8-11

The word of God cannot be compared to any other thing on earth.

Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.

Proverbs 10:14

The word of God is critical knowledge and if you are wise you lay it up/keep it up/store it in your very heart where it is safe.

Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding: but that which is in the midst of fools is made known.

Proverbs 14:33

A Christian must be wise and have God's word rest in his or her heart. Christ knew of the persecutions of men and he advised his disciples to be wise (Matthew 10:16) and I don't see you becoming wise or me becoming wise without the word of God in you and in me, well hidden in our hearts.

The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

Proverbs 15:14

How is your heart? Do you feed on God's word? Or on useless literature?

Our hearts need to be continuously seeking for knowledge (the word of God) in order to keep it and retain it for our good. We just have to feed our hearts with one knowledge the word of God and any other knowledge is reserved for our heads. Only the word of God is special as it is divine and any other should be treated as common or general knowledge and nothing else more than that.

The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever. The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgement.

The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

Proverbs 37:29-31

Many of us often slide because the word of God is not in our hearts.

Where unto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

2 Thessalonians 2:14-17

Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

2 Timothy 1:13-14

All the two scriptures which Apostle Paul addressed in his epistle to the church at Thessalonica and also to Timothy are but reminders for them to cherish what they had received both orally and in writing.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, let us now go even unto Beth-lehem, and see this which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

Luke 2: 15-10

The words of the Lord are for safekeeping in our hearts and to ponder on them and not just to wonder as those other people did and who could have easily and quickly forgotten about what they heard altogether as they were not kept in their hearts.

And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

Luke 2:48-51

I see that Mary the biological mother of Jesus was wise in that she kept the words of the Lord God in her heart in order to ponder on them and that way

she could get understanding. Many of us don't bother to ponder on the word of God and hence don't get some useful insight or revelation from it. The word of God is something worth meditating on as it is not just as any other information (Psalm 119:97-99)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Colossians 3:16

Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

1 John 2:24-26

The above last two scriptures and which I have underlined their first statements does crown this subject on treasuring the word of God in our hearts. Please do notice that they were written by different Authors Apostles Paul and John respectively and all talk of the something and begin with the same word let. Surely our God Jehovah - Tsidkenu is not a God of confusion and is a God of order and is perfect in all his ways.

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

Proverbs 4:20-22

AND the Phil-is'-tines took the ark of God, and brought it from Eben-ezer unto Ashdod.

When the Phil-is'-tines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again.

And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him.

Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day.

But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, even Ashdod and the coasts thereof. And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said,

The Ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god.

They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Phil'-is'-tines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel about thither.

And it was so, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts.

Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people.

So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Phil'-is'-tines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to his own

place, that it slay us not, and our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.

And the men that died not were smitten with the emerods: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

1 Samuel 5

The ark of God of Israel carried the commandments of God and the word of God is not a joke as it is likened to fire and we can see the destruction it brought. The word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword and must be handled with care.

The sons of Eli handled carelessly God's commandments (the word of God) and that brought destruction on their land (1 Samuel 2:12-17; 4:1-11).

But when the children of Israel handled it carefully by their obedience they conquered the city of Jericho (Joshua 6:1-21) after also crossing the river Jordan (Joshua 3). But when they sinned against the commandment of God it turned against them (Numbers 14:39-45).

The word of God is authoritative and powerful as also can be seen right at the time of creation as God spake and things that were not came into being (Genesis 1:1-25). Let us now look at the following scripture.

And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obed-edom, and all his household.

And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of O'-bed-e'-dom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of O'- bed – e' – dom into the city of David with gladness.

And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six places, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.

And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen e'-phod.

So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

2 Samuel 6:11-17

So the commandments of God in the ark was a blessing and not a curse as some thought. It all depended on how they handled it. At first it was carelessly handled and it brought a disaster (2 Samuel 6:1-10). The people saw how Obed-edom and all the pertained to him were blessed by God by hosting the ark of God and informed king David

who had shunned it after the above episode and the king obliged.

From the above incidences we need to learn that if the word of God brought victory and blessing to the children of Israel yet it operated from the outside then definitely it would do even more for us Christians if only we handle it in the right way for our benefit (1 Corinthians 4:1-2, Matthew 7:24, James 1:22, Ephesians 6:14-17).

We need to appreciate also the word of God in us as it is life too (John 6:58-63; 4:10-14).

Please do note also that the Philistines who were enemies of Israel and knew not God were harshly judged for keeping the ark of God which contained the commandments of God as they could not obey the commandments (1 Samuel 5, Romans 8:5-8).

9. You need to grow and mature in the word

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Acts 2:38-42

The reason for the new believers to come together for fellowship was to continue steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine (teachings of the word of God) for their spiritual growth and maturity.

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

In whom all the building fitly framed together growth unto a holy temple in the Lord:

In whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:19-20

All believers in Christ Jesus are made to be citizens of heaven by being built upon the word of God which is the foundation of the apostles and prophets and Jesus Christ being the chief corner stone (the frame of the spiritual body of the believers).

So the more you have the word of God in you, the more you give God's Spirit to build you to be a holy temple in the Lord for a habitation of God through that Spirit.

Remember that people are saved by believing in the word of God and by repenting of their sins (Acts 2:38) and become spiritual babes (1 Peter 2:2) and therefore must continue in the same way for their

growth and maturity. Jesus Christ is the Word of God and only the word of God can build one in Christ.

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:6-7

To walk in Christ is to walk in the word of God/to live in the word of God which is only possible if one has much of the word in him/her. To be established in the faith one must be rooted in the word of God so as to be built spiritually. Teachings in the word of God when received enable the building of one's faith in Christ Jesus.

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the pass over.

And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

But they, supposing him to have been in company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Luke 2:41-52

A Christian need to be zealous and inquisitive in knowing the word of God to be able to grow spiritually as Jesus did. Jesus took the opportunity of being in Jerusalem to get to know more of the Scriptures by listening to the doctors of the law (interpreters of the word of God) and questioning them as well on the same.

We need not be complacent with our salvation and waiting only to go to heaven but be busy to know more about that heaven and the requirements for

entry and the will of God here on earth before going there in heaven to be with him. By knowing the will of God and walking in it now here on earth we grow and mature and get to know the requirements for entry for us to prepare and be ready to enter heaven.

Heaven's requirement is spiritual growth and maturity as the citizenry is composed of spiritual beings God himself and his holy angels and therefore physical growth is not an issue and that is why the Scripture speak of spiritual body when it comes to entry into heaven (1 Corinthians 15:35-54, Matthew 22:23-30, 2 Corinthians 5:1-4, Philippians 3:20-21).

To be complete/established in Christ one must be full of the word of God which brings about spiritual/Christian maturity. Also we need to appreciate the fact that the vehicle that takes us to heaven is not physical but is a spiritual being and none other than the person of the Holy Spirit.

Chapter 6

Examples of the truthful

In this chapter I am going to present some truthful examples and beginning with God Himself and his Son Jesus Christ with other few people following after them.

Now truthfulness go hand in hand with faithfulness as one cannot be alone without the other. A truthful person will always be faithful likewise a faithful person will always be truthful as well.

1. God

GIVE ear, ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distill as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

Because I will publish the name of the LORD:
ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways
are judgement: a God of truth and without iniquity,
just and right is he.

Deuteronomy 32:1-4

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help,
whose hope is in the LORD his God: Which made
heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is:
which keepeth truth forever.

Psalms 146:5-6

Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his
people Israel, according to all that he promised:
there hath not failed one word of all his good
promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses
his servant.

1 Kings 8:56

Thy mercy, O LORD, is in heavens; and thy
faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Psalms 36:5

But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the land of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

Deuteronomy 7:8-9

AND Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the E-thi-o'-pi-an woman whom he had married: for he had married an E-thi-o'-pi-an woman.

And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard it.

(Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)

And the LORD spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out. And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came out.

And he said, Hear now my words:

If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.

My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house:

With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

Numbers 12:1-8

2. Jesus

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:6

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

Hebrews 10:23

FINALLY, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:

And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith. But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

2 Thessalonians 3:1-3

Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: If we deny him, he also will deny us:

If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

2 Timothy 2:10-13

John to the seven churches which are in Asia:
Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is,
and which was, and which is to come; and from the
seven Spirits which are before his throne.

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness,
and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of
the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and
washed us from our sins in his own blood,

And hath made us kings, and priests unto God and
his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever
and ever. A'-men.

Revelation 1:4-6

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white
horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful

and True, and in righteousness doth judge and make war.

His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

Revelation 19:11-13

WHEREFORE, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as was faithful in all his house.

Hebrews 3:1-2

3. Moses

And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;

But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house we are, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

Hebrews 3:5-6

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, or an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what

shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

1 Peter 4:12-19

4. Joshua

NOW after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

From the wilderness and this Leb'-a-non even unto the great river, the river Eu-phra'-tes, all the land of

the Hit-tites, and unto the Great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Joshua 1:1-5

Joshua must have been a faithful/truthful minister to Moses for God to have appointed him to take over the work Moses left undone. I do thank the Lord God for Joshua as he was not like Gehazi who was the servant of Elisha. God was wise in choosing Joshua after Moses slept for Joshua proved to him that he was faithful and dependable. Read this scripture on the same:

As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.

Joshua 11:15

5. Abraham

AND it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Mo-ri'-ah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up and went unto the place of which God had told him.

Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son.

And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.

And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do anything unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

And Abraham called the name of that place Je-ho'-vah-jire: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven,

and as the sand which is upon the seashore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of the enemies;
And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Genesis 22:1-18

Abraham remained steadfast in God proving his faith to God. He was truthful in his faith to God and God acknowledged his faith in Him.

6. Joseph

AND Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Pot'-i-phar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ish'-mae-lites, which had brought him down thither.

And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.

And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not aught he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well-favored. And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, lie with me.

But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand;

There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back anything from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?

And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within.

And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled forth,

Genesis 39:1-13

Joseph was most faithful to Potiphar his master and was true to his faith in God. Now that is what is expected by God from Christians: Moreover on the part of Joseph he remained faithful to Pharaoh who appointed him to be his second in command in the reign in Egypt (Genesis 41)

God wants us Christians to be and continue to be truthful in life regardless of what we go through in life. Let us stand up and be counted among the truthful/ faithful of God.

Chapter 7

Consequences for not living in the word of God

There are many negative consequences for not living according to the words of God. One notable thing is that one become cursed instead of being blessed. But God's will is that we be blessed in life. God is the Blessor as he is the Creator of heaven and earth and that is therein and therefore owns everything both in heaven and earth. God as we know too is blessed for ever (Psalm 24:1, Genesis 1:1, Psalm 89:11, 1 Corinthians 10:26, John 1:1-3, Romans 1:21-25).

God has mountains and mountains worth of blessings to bless us with if we are wise enough to be obedient to him by doing his will while we are still living here on earth to enjoy them (Philippians 4:19-20, Psalm 84:11, Malachi 3:6-10, 1 Timothy 6:17b). It is only our disobedience that has hindered many of the blessings to come to us.

Now there is one notable and major scripture touching on the consequences of disobedience and

which I now present followed by a few others, but they are not the only one's in the scriptures as a whole.

But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

Cursed shall thou be in the city, and cursed shall thou be in the field.

Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store.

Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

Cursed shall thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shall thou be when thou goest out.

The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.

The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess. The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.

And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron.

The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed. The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

And thy carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray them away.

The LORD will smite thee with botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.

The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart:

And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.

Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: thou shalt build a house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof.

Thine ox shall be slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass shall be violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue them.

Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day long: and there shall be no might in thine hand.

The fruit of thy land, and all thy labors, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed always:

So that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

The LORD shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.

The LORD shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone.

And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee.

Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it.

Thou shalt plant vineyards, and dress them, but shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes, for the worms shall eat them.

Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast his fruit.

Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity.

All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume.

The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. He shall land thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.

Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:

And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever.

Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things;

Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee. The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand;

A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old nor show favor to the young:

And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which also shall not leave thee either corn, wine, or oil, or the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee.

And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the LORD thy God have given thee.

And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitens, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee:

So that the man that is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave.

So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates.

The tender and the delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the soul of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter,

And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet and toward her children which she

shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.

If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD;

Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance.

Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee.

Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God.

And it shall come to pass, that as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it.

And The LORD shall scatter thee among all the people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other, and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.

And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind:

And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night; and shalt have none assurance of thy life:

In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith

thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

And the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you.

Deuteronomy 28:15-68

I can sum it with only one word: Terrible. Surely let us avoid that endeavoring to be obedient always. Now these were the words of God in addressing the children of Israel but it very well applies in one way or another to the Church of Christ which is spiritual Israel (Ephesians 2:11-13, Colossians 2:11) as the children of Israel were but a physical Israel (Jeremiah 9:25,26) and that they were not having a changed (converted/circumcised heart) but were just chosen by God to be his people merely by God's love (Deuteronomy 7:7-11) and although they were removed from the house of bondage in Egypt by God, physically they were out of Egypt

but spiritually Egypt was still in their hearts and affected them (Exodus 14:1-14; 16:1-4, 17:1-7 and Numbers 11:1-6).

Get to know that they were but a shadow of the Church of Christ which was to come and now we are the real Church of God (God's people) and more can happen to us than them (Hebrew 6:1-15; 10:19-31)

Christians as a spiritual Israel more is expected of them as they have been saved by a new birth and their lives regenerated and will hardly have any excuse before the Lord on the day of judgment (Titus 3:3-5, 1 Peter 1:18-21, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Matthew 5:17-20).

O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.

Jeremiah 17:13

By not obeying God is like forsaking him or departing away from him and one can end up only in shame in life as the Lord is the only hope of God's people. Please note that instead of one's name being written in Heaven in the Lamb's book of life, in the scripture we find that one's name will be written in the earth- that is but a big demotion.

And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshiped the works of their own hands.

Jeremiah 1:16

God was about to pronounce judgement on his people who had forsaken him and had done wickedly involving themselves in idolatry. God had called Jeremiah specifically to go and talk to his people who had gone astray.

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither

fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, no effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortionist, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates of the city.

For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murders, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Revelation 22:14-15

Now the above (verse 15) is the worst of it all and climax the consequences for not living in the word of God.

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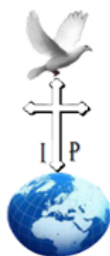
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