

THE VERY WORDS OF GOD

(Romans 3:1-2 NIV)

(Rom 3:1-2 NIV) What advantage, then, is there in being a Jew, or what value is there in circumcision? Much in every way! First of all, they have been entrusted with the very words of God.

2 Kings 22:3-5

In the eighteenth year of his reign, King Josiah sent the secretary, Shaphan son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, to the temple of the LORD. He said: "Go up to Hilkiah the high priest and have him get ready the money that has been brought into the temple of the LORD, which the doorkeepers have collected from the people. Have them entrust it to the men appointed to supervise the work on the temple. And have these men pay the workers who repair the temple of the LORD--

2 Kings 22:6-8

the carpenters, the builders and the masons. Also have them purchase timber and dressed stone to repair the temple. But they need not account for the money entrusted to them, because they are acting faithfully." Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the LORD." He gave it to Shaphan, who read it.

2 Kings 22:9-11

Then Shaphan the secretary went to the king and reported to him: "Your officials have paid out the money that was in the temple of the LORD and have entrusted it to the workers and supervisors at the temple." Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king. When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his robes.

2 Kings 22:12-13

He gave these orders to Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Acbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the secretary and Asaiah the king's attendant: "Go and inquire of the LORD for me and for the people and for all Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the Lord's anger that burns against us because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written there concerning us."

What if we didn't have the Bible?

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Point #1:

We are given the Word of God so we can know God, His plan, and His expectations for us.

Those who don't know the word

(Jer 8:9 NIV) The wise will be put to shame; they will be dismayed and trapped. Since they have rejected the word of the LORD, what kind of wisdom do they have?

From Death to Life

(John 5:24 NIV) "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."

Foolishness

(1 Cor 3:19 NIV) *For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness";*

What do we know from God's Word?

- All men descended from one woman (Gen 3:20)
- All men from one blood (Acts 17:26)
- Species are unique (Gen 1:24)
- Earth is a sphere (Is 40:22)
- Earth is suspended from nothing (Job 26:7)

Wisdom for Young Men

- The Beginning of Knowledge (Prov 1:7)
- Listen to your parents (Prov 1:8)
- Don't be enticed to sin (Prov 1:10)
- Watch who you hang with (Prov 1:15)
- Keep Gods commands (Prov 3:1)
- Advice on finding a wife (Prov 31:10-31)

Point #2:

**God's word is valuable and relevant
to our lives today.**

Ignore it at Your peril

(Heb 5:12 NIV) In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

God's commands or tradition?

(Mat 15:3 NIV) Jesus replied, "And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?"

Don't nullify the Word of God

(Mat 15:6 NIV) he is not to 'honor his father' with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition.

Error without knowledge of scriptures

(Mat 22:29 NIV) Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God."

Scriptures revealed Jesus' death

(John 20:9 NIV) (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

Distort scriptures to your own destruction

(2 Pet 3:16 NIV) He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

Point #3:

God's word is not trumped by culture or traditions, but must be put into practice

Men spoke from God

(2 Pet 1:19-21 NIV) And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Equipped for good works

(2 Tim 3:16-17 NIV) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The word of God is sharp

(Heb 4:12 NIV) For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Point #4:

God's word is active and alive and applicable to our lives today .

Have a Hope

(Rom 15:4 NIV) For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Point #5:

God's word gives us hope .

CONCLUSION