

“THINK ON THESE THINGS”

Philippians 4:8

Why I Truly Love God’s Word

(26 Reasons in Alphabetical order)

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INTRODUCTION:

If we want to be saved, it is imperative that we love the truth (2 Thess. 2:9-12). One who does not love the truth found in His word can be deceived to accept a lie! In order to be free from sin and enter glory, we must know the truth and follow it daily (1 Jn. 8:31-32).

AFFECTION: God’s word teaches me that loving God wholeheartedly and my neighbor as myself is the greatest evidence of my respect for God’s law (Matt. 22:37-38).

BEAUTIFICATION: God’s word, when obeyed, makes an ugly sinner a beautiful Christian (1 Pet. 1:22-23).

CONSIDERATION: God’s word tells us how “considerate” He is of us (Rom. 5:8-11), and how, in turn, we can demonstrate our consideration for Him and His people (Heb. 10:22-25).

DIRECTION: God’s word gives us details on how to press onward in righteousness and upward in holiness (Eph. 4:24-32).

EDIFICATION: Only God’s word can build up our resistance to evil and error and help us draw nigh to Him (Jas. 4:6-10). God’s word states that humility and integrity are pleasing to Him (Matt. 18:3-4; Psa. 26:1-3).

FIXATION: God’s word is His spiritual and permanent “fix” for sin (Psa. 119:11). If we fix, or “set,” our minds and hearts on heaven (Col. 3:1-2), the things of this world will not matter to us.

GLORIFICATION: God’s word declares that every word we say and deed we do should glorify our Maker (1 Cor. 10:31-33) and that having His authority is imperative (Col. 3:17).

HESITATION: God’s word kindly warns us not to be hesitant in doing good, or we sin (Jas. 4:17). Rather, let us be steadfast and abound in the work of the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58; Eph. 2:8-10).

INSTRUCTION: God’s word builds us up from the “inside out” (Rom. 7:22), and this inspired Telegram of Truth clearly states His righteous instructions (2 Tim. 3:16-17). If our inner structures (hearts) are solid and strong (Phil. 4:8), our outer man (bodies) will be correctly occupied (Rom. 12:1-2).

JURISDICTION: God’s word indicates that He has complete authority over man in judgment (2 Cor. 5:10-11). Following Christ and the apostolic teaching is jurisprudent (Acts 2:42); whereas, following Satan is certain eternal tragedy (Jn. 8:44; Rev. 21:8).

KEEPING: (coined word) God’s word promises that if we “*keep His commandments,*” we can, by His grace and mercy, enter the pearly gates (Rev. 22:14). Keeping His commands with patience demonstrates our true love for God (Jn. 14:15). How can anyone ever convince God of their love for Him if they are unwilling to obey what He says?

LAMENTATION: God’s word surely states that we should “*mourn*” over our sins and the sins of others and that all people must repent (Matt. 5:1-4; Acts 17:30-31). Real tears shed over real sin, should touch our heartstrings and produce changes for good (2 Cor. 7:10-11). Not sorrow we “got caught” but sorrow for the pain we have caused God.

MANIFESTATION: God's word demonstrates His tender compassion for all people (2 Pet. 3:9). By giving His word of truth, He made possible salvation for all men (1 Tim. 2:3-4).

NOTIFICATION: God's word instills heavenly wisdom into our hearts as we study and pray (Jas. 3:13-18; 5:16). God's word says we should note that "many will be lost and few will be saved" (Matt. 7:13-14). Let us take note and walk the narrow way that leads to eternal life! This is the way of obedience (Heb. 5:8-9).

OPERATION: God's word is the means by which He plants His teaching in our hearts (Jas. 1:21-25). God's operation on our hearts in baptism is when He forgives us (Col. 2:12). This operation removes the deadly leprosy of sin. The only divine intervention God can work on men is done through His word.

PRESENTATION: God's word is His constitution, which He presents for man to follow. If we follow His "rules," we will give our bodies and minds in loving service as gifts to God (Rom. 12:1-2) and advertise His Love and Grace.

QUESTION: God's word so aptly states that if we lovingly and joyfully serve the Lord, we have no need to question His promises of salvation (Tit. 1:12; Rom. 6:23). God's word contains heaven's answer to every earthly question we encounter about salvation (1 Pet. 3:15; 2 Pet. 1:3-4).

RECONCILIATION: God's word says that in sin, man is at war with God (Jn. 8:21), but that His Son, Jesus Christ, is the means of reconciling man to God (2 Cor. 5:17-21). When sinners obey the gospel (Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 2:38), Christ becomes their peace with God, and man is again God's friend (Eph. 2:13-18). No man can ever enter heaven without first being reconciled back to Him.

SALVATION: God's word is the manuscript that provides the terms for His acceptance of man (Rom. 1:16-17). God's word sanctifies those who love and obey His glorious truth (Jn. 17:17-21). In detail, God's word also declares who will not be saved (Gal. 5:19-21).

TEMPTATION: God's word warns us that yielding to temptation to commit evil is an eternal mistake (Jas. 1:12-15). God's law states that for a child of God, prayer is essential to avoiding sin (Matt. 26:41). He promises eternal life to those who endure and remain faithful (Jas. 1:12).

USURPATION: God's word is perfect and complete and right, and when man, by writing his own laws, infringes on God's territory, his worship is vain (Matt. 15:8-9). Man usurps God's word with traditions and philosophies (Col. 2:8), for man's "wisdom" is "*earthly, sensual, and devilish*" (Jas. 3:15).

VEXATION: God's word tells man what is worthwhile and what it not (Eccl. 2:1-15; 12:13-14). Satan's lies and sinful lifestyles only "*vex*" the soul with sin and evil consequences. God's word is the medicine needed to heal men's sin-sick souls and lives (Rev. 22:17; Matt. 4:4).

WORTH: God's word clearly states that He is worthy of all our love and trust (Rev. 5:9-10). His word shouts out man's worth to God (Matt. 16:24-26). He also says in His word that heaven will be worth all our commitment and sacrifice (1 Pet. 1:3-9). One second in Hell will not be worth a lifetime of sensual, sinful pleasure (Mk. 9:43-48; Heb. 11:24-26).

'X'PLANATION: (Explanation) God's word carefully explains that He created us, and we are altogether responsible to Him for our conduct while here (Gen. 1:26-27; Jn. 12:48-50). God's word explains the necessity of joining our faith with works, if we desire salvation (Jas. 2:17-26). God's word very carefully explains that we are free to choose whether to serve Him or the Devil (Rom. 6:16-18).

YIELDING: In clear terms, God's word states that yielding to Him and His law throughout our lives is good for us (Matt. 6:33; Rom. 8:1-2). In yielding, we do so with joy and love (Phil. 4:4-6; Gal. 5:6). Man's failure to yield the right of way to God will result in the most terrible fatality (2 Thess. 1:7-9).

ZEAL: God's word marries our energetic efforts with the truth so as to influence others to also love and serve Him (Tit. 2:11-16). If we zealously let our lights shine, our influence will weigh heavily on others (Matt. 5:13-16). ■

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