

THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S WORD

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INTRODUCTION:

How important is God's Word to you? What place does it hold in your life? How has it influenced your conduct, character or behavior? To Job, it was more important than food, **JOB 23:12**. To Jeremiah, it was his greatest joy, **JEREMIAH 15:16**. To Jesus, every word was to live by, **MATTHEW 4:4**. Why is it important to answer these questions?

ISAIAH 66:1-2 (NIV)

Heaven is God's throne, where His glory, power and majesty are most manifested. The earth is His footstool or His place of rest. Who can build a house or temple that can contain Him? Solomon's Temple would cost over 150 billion to build today, but that's not where He wants to live. He wants to inhabit humble, contrite people who tremble at His Word!

HEBREWS 12:18-21 (NKJV)

CHARACTERISTICS OF A TREMBLER

1. Longs to hear it. **PROVERBS 1:8-9**
 - A. Jewish parents began teaching their children scripture at age five. They knew the importance of training them up in God's Word.
2. Desires to believe it. **MARK 9:21-24 (NKJV)**
 - A. The man was aware of his need to rid his life of unbelief.
3. Intends to act on it. **MATTHEW 7:24-27**
 - A. God's Word is meant to be practiced, not just preached; to be done, not just delivered.

BENEFITS OF THE WORD

1. Leads to salvation. **2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17 (NKJV)**
 - A. Natural man is not wise unto salvation. Some think they don't

need saved. Some think they can save themselves.

PROVERBS 16:25

B. JOHN 3:7, 1 PETER 1:23, ROMANS 10:8-10

2. Leads to healing and deliverance. **PSALMS 107:17-20**
3. Produces success. **JOSHUA 1:8, PSALMS 1:1-3**
4. Guides our steps. **PSALMS 119:105**
5. Gives wisdom. **PSALMS 119:130**
6. Cleanses a young man's way. **PSALMS 119:9 (NKJV)**
7. Gives life and health. **PROVERBS 4:20-22**

PREACH THE WORD – 2 TIMOTHY 4:1-4 (NKJV)

1. All scripture is valuable, useful and profitable. It is God inspired, narrated by the Spirit, and penned by man.
 - A. Doctrine – What we believe about God, creation, man, Jesus, redemption, life, death and eternity.
 - B. Reproof – To convince of what's right by God's standards.
 - C. Correction – To free from error according to truth.
 - D. Instruction – In righteous living.
2. The time has come. People don't want sound doctrine. They want to live by their own standards. There are three elements to preaching: reprove, rebuke and exhort.
 - A. Exhort – Encourage to press on, succeed, regardless of the opposition. Motivational preaching is necessary.
 - B. Reprove – Clear biblical teaching that corrects wrong teaching or actions.
 - C. Rebuke – Point out what's wrong and instruct how to do right.
 - “There are many roads leading to God and heaven.”
JOHN 14:1-6, not according to Jesus.

CONCLUSION: ISAIAH 40:8, PSALMS 138:2 – Only God's Word will stand the test of time. God exalts it above His Name. How important is it to us?