The Applied Word of God Series

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Scripture: 1 Peter 1:23-25

23Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

24For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

25But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

Summary: This lesson will show us how to <u>Apply The Word Of God.</u>

Things of God are of no advantage to the believer until they are applied.

The objective is to look at the word applied, and focused on the spiritual difference of knowing things —vs- applying them.

It is wonderful to know about God, yet it is enlightening to know God.

Apply – means to put to use, especially for some practical purpose, to bring into action, or to lay or spread on.

Tonight, our focus of thought will be on "The Applied Word of God."

Knowing the word of God will not make you a threat to Satan, but when you apply what you know in the word, it gives you not only knowledge, but authority.

The only way to have authority is to submit yourself to authority.

The very word that gives us authority is also one of the most disregarded books most Christian's have in their possession.

Many believers have never read the entire bible.

While no one has mastered the bible, many have done so little to understand it.

People will read the newspaper every day.

People will watch the news every day.

How many of you believe everything you read in the paper and hear on the news?

Then why will we spend more time reading and listening to what we do not believe than we do believe?

It is called priority.

Let's look at four things about the word of God found in our reading today.

1. The Bible is God's Incontestable Word.

No one will ever be able to successfully come up against the word of God, there is no contest there.

The Bible is exactly what it says that it is – The Word of God.

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Romans 10:17 KJV

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Ephesians 6:17

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

Hebrews 4:12

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.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the

word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

The Word of God – Why is that statement so important?

- In the 1st five books of the bible it is called the word of God, or something similar over 500 times.
- In the books of the prophets it is called the word of God over 1,000 times.
- In the O.T. it is called the word of God over 4,000 times.
- In the N.T. it is called the word of God 44 times.

What does this mean?

It means when the bible speaks, God speaks. (Repeat)

Therefore, if it is, and it is, the word of God, then it is perfect.

2 Timothy 3:16

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

You see, God cannot inspire error.

Proverbs 30:6

Every word of God is pure.

Matthew 4:4

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

The bible was given by God.

God gave the same title to Jesus as He gave to the bible.

Bible – The Word of God, Rev. 19:13 – The Son – His name shall be called "The word of God."

Jesus and the bible are not identical, but they are inseparable.

You cannot separate the word of the Lord from the Lord of the word.

There are similarities between Jesus and the Word of God.

Word of God Jesus

Inspired from God, sent forth his Son

1 Peter 1:25 Revelation 1:18

The word of God will last forever Jesus is alive forevermore

Psalm119:105 John 8:12

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, The light of the world.

John 17:17 John 14:6

Thy word is truth, the life, the way

If you believe in Jesus, you have to believe in the bible, the incontestable word of God.

Hebrews 4:12 "The word of God is quick and powerful"

You read other books, but this book reads you.

Someone said, the more I read the bible, the more that I realize the power that it has.

They said that it is like trying to rewire a house without turning the power off.

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Not only is the bible the incontestable word of God,

2. The Bible is the Incorruptible Word of God

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There is not a taint or a blemish of any corruption in it.

No matter how much they try, man cannot corrupt the word of God.

The word of God is so incorruptible that it has withstood careless preaching.

The word of God has been misrepresented by many weirdo's, whacko's and fruit-loops, yet it stands today untainted, pure, and incorruptible.

Atheists have railed against the bible

Yet it is still the incorruptible word of God.

Some might say we live in a day of modern science; does it bother you when science contradicts the bible?

NO – I am not concerned about modern science, if we give the scientist enough time, then one day they might catch up to the word of God.

The word of God in incontestable, it is incorruptible, and ...

- 3. The Word of God is Indestructible.
- v. 23 it liveth and abideth forever.
- v. 25 The word of God endureth forever.

You see, the bible is not the book of the month; it is the book of the ages.

It took 1500 years to write, the writer spanned 30 generations, they died some 2,000 – 3,000 years ago, and yet today it is still the #1 best selling and most widely circulated book in the world.

Matthew 24:35

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word will not pass away.

Mark 13:31

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word will not pass away.

Luke 21:33

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word will not pass away.

The word of God is fresh, it is alive, and it is indestructible.

Century after century men have tried to bury it, destroy it, and even our public schools seem dead set against it.

The bible cannot decay or fade away, neither can it be destroyed.

It is indestructible.

A man was hired to build a wall that could not fall down.

He built a wall four feet high and five feet wide.

He said, "If this wall falls over, it will become greater than it was before.

That is how the word of God is.

The more man comes against it, the more persecution against it, and the more attacks that try to destroy it, the greater, and the stronger, the more powerful it becomes.

The word of God is incontestable (Indisputable).

The word of God is incorruptible (Honorable).

The word of God is indestructible (Everlasting).

The word of God is Indispensable (It's absolutely necessary).

2 Timothy 3:15-17

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

IN-SPIRED for our IN-STRUCTION

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

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

2 Timothy 4

1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

IN-STANT

- 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.
- 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

IN-AFFLICTION

IN-ACTION

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

IN-TRANSIT, IN-MOTION

IN-PROGRESS

Isaiah 55:11 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.

IN ME

Ephesians 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

IS IT IN YOU?

STUDY THE WORD...GET IT IN YOU.

THEN...

SHARE IT WITH OTHERS

It all began...

IN THE BEGINNING

STUDY THE WORD DID YOU SAY? STUDY CHRIST...GET HIM IN YOU!

John 1:1-2

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God.

For this purpose...

IN HIM

John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.