**Today’s Sermon/Teaching Outline:**

 **FOUNDATIONS:** Core Truths to Build My Life On

**Part 1- My Favorite Book - The Bible: Building My Life On God’s Word**

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**KEY TEXT: Matthew 7:24-27 (ESV) (See Psalm: 119:89; 2 Peter 1:20-21**

*"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

*And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.*

*And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.*

*And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."*

**Why The Bible?**  It is logical that God should embody His message to man in a Book. Books are the best method of preserving truth in its integrity and transmitting it from generation to generation. Memory and tradition are very untrustworthy. Hence, all the wise God acted with wisdom in giving His revelation to men in a book form. My God is a Genius! May I get an Amen? The Bible is a literally work of art whose very composition attests to its divine origins. How else could sixty-six books written by 44 strangers to each other over a sixteen-hundred-year period come together to tell the miraculous story of God’s redemptive plan for mankind? The two main sections of the Bible are 39 books of the Old Testament (OT) and 27 books of the New Testament (NT).

Originally written in Hebrew, The Old Testament describes the origin of the Universe, of man, his fall, his future redemption, and Israel’s role in that redemption. The people, places promises, and projects of the Old Testament point both explicitly and implicitly to Christ as God’s final solution for the salvation of a lost world. The OT was primarily written to Israel but for us all.

The NT, originally written in Greek, brings us out of the shadows and into the substance of God’s plan through Christ, out of the promise and into the provision of the gospel. Its focus is on the Person and work of Christ. It further documents the origin, mission, and nature of the Church. Finally, it gives us a glimpse of the end-times and the destiny of man.The books of the Bible may be grouped thus:

**1. Old Testament Books**

**1. The Pentateuch Books of Law 2. The Historical Books**

 Genesis to Deuteronomy Joshua to Esther

**3. Books of Poetry 4. Books of Major Prophets**

 Job to Song of Solomon Isaiah to Daniel

**5. Books of Minor Prophets**

 Hosea to Malachi

**11. New Testament Books**

**1. The Gospels 2. The Book of History**

 Matthew to John Acts of the Apostle

**3. The Letters (of Paul) Pauline Epistles 4. General letters (Epistles)**

Romans to Philemon Hebrews to Jude

**4. The Book of Prophecy**

Revelation

**Three Proclamations and Seven Propositions regarding God’s Word**

**1. The Bible is Inspired By The: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* 2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
* 2Ti 3:17 that the man of God may be perfected, thoroughly furnished to every good work.

**2. The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Mat 24:33 So you, likewise, when you see all these things, shall know that it is near, at the doors. **Mat 24:34** Truly I say to you, This generation shall not pass until all these things are fulfilled. Mat 24:35 The heaven and the earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away.

# 3. The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Psalm 119:160 Your Word is true from the beginning; and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.
* **KEY PHRASE: LOVE THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. LEARN THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. AND \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ THE WORD**

**Benefits of Studying Scriptures: How God’s Word Change Me??**

**Proposition One: God’s Words \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_My \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* 1Peter 1:23. Having been born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the living Word of God, and abiding forever. (MJKV)
* **Jas 1:18**  Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. (KJV)

**Proposition Two: The\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were Created by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

* **NB: What was true of that Great act of Creation is True also of the Life of Each Individual.**
* Psa 33:6  By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.  Psa 33:7  He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.  Psa 33:8  Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.  Psa 33:9  For he spake, and it was *done;* he commanded, and it stood fast.
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* “Heb 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

**Proposition Three: God’s Word Eradicates my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it, Eph 5:26 that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, Eph 5:27 that He might present it to Himself as the glorious church, without spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that it should be holy and without blemish.
* John 15:3 now you are clean through the word which i have spoken to you.

**Proposition Four. The Word of God: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* **Rom 10:17**  So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**Proposition Five: The Word Of God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

* Act 20:32  And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.
* 2Ti 3:16  All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:  2Ti 3:17  That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

**Proposition Six: The Word of God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Me Resist \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Psa 119:9 BETH: With what shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your Word. Psa 119:10 With all my heart I have sought You; do not let me wander from Your Commandments. Psa 119:11 I have hidden Your Word in my heart, so that I might not sin against You.

**Proposition Seven: God’s Word Keeps Me From \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ During \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Times.**

* Mat 7:24 Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on a rock. Mat 7:25 And the rain came down, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house. And it did not fall, for it was founded on a rock.
* Mat 7:26 And everyone who hears these sayings of Mine and does not do them shall be compared to a foolish man who built his house on the sand. Mat 7:27 And the rain came down, and the floods came, and the wind blew and beat on that house. And it fell, and great was its fall.
* **Psa 119:165** (ERV) Those who love your teachings will find true peace. Nothing can make them fall.

**I Have A Great Question for You:** How Often Should I Read God’s Word? **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Deu 17:19 He is to keep this book near him and read from it all his life, so that he will learn to honor the LORD and to obey faithfully everything that is commanded in it.

**Today’s Closing Proposition: Take \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ On What You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!**

* Mat 7:24 Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on a rock.
* Jas 1:22 Do not deceive yourselves by just listening to his word; instead, put it into practice.
* Jas 1:23 If you listen to the word, but do not put it into practice you are like people who look in a mirror and see themselves as they are.
* Rev 1:3 Happy is the one who reads this book, and happy are those who listen to the words of this prophetic message and obey what is written in this book! For the time is near when all these things will happen.

**Three Essential Questions**

1. **What did you hear?** What point in this message was most impactful for you?
2. **What do you think?** How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
3. **What will you do?** How will you put into practice what you’ve learned today?

**Talk it Over:** Finally, share what you have learnt with someone.

**My Prayer For You (Eph 1:16-20)**

I have not stopped giving thanks to God for you. I remember you in my prayers. And ask the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, to give you the Spirit, who will make you wise and reveal God to you, so that you will know him. I ask that your minds may be opened to see his light, so that you will know what is the hope to which he has called you, how rich are the wonderful blessings he promises his people, and how very great is his power at work in us who believe. This power working in us is the same as the mighty strength which he used when he raised Christ from death and seated him at his right side in the heavenly world.