**Today’s Sermon/Teaching Outline:**

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

**Part 11- My Favorite Book - The Bible: Building My Life On God’s Word**

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**KEY TEXTS: Isaiah 40:8 (GNB) & Isaiah 55:11**

* ***Isa 40:8*** *(GNB) Yes, grass withers and flowers fade, but the word of our God endures forever."*
* Isa 55:10-11 (GNB) "My word is like the snow and the rain that come down from the sky to water the earth. They make the crops grow and provide seed for planting and food to eat. So also will be the word that I speak--- it will not fail to do what I plan for it; it will do everything I send it to do.

**1. The Preamble**

**The Origin of** **The Bible:** The Bible is of divine origin and as such is called the ‘Word of God’ by born-again Christians. This does not imply that the text descended from heaven on holy paper, but the holy men spoke as the Holy Ghost moved them. These Holy men penned the Bible under the influence or inspiration of God. God used their personal experiences and style to deliver to us a manuscript without error in a single word. The original autographs of Scripture are without errors. But copies and translations may contain minute errors.

Translations become necessary to make the Word of God accessible to new cultures and times. These are not always without error and sometimes need to be qualified by the Greek or Hebrew text.

**Christo-Centric:** The Bible portrays Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World. The whole Bible is about Jesus, whether by preparation, manifestation, explanation, or confirmation. This truth is an essential rule of interpretation.

**11. The Proclamations**

**1. The Bible is God’s Written Revelation of His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* 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 Central Theme of the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Joh**n** 1:29 **(MKJV)** The next day John sees Jesus coming to him and says, Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

# 3. The OT Is The Agreement God Made With His People About Their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#  Before \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Came. The NT Is the Agreement God Made With His

#  People About Their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_After Christ Came. The Major Purpose of the

#  Bible is to Teach Us to Become Like Christ and to Live A Successful Life.

* **Psa 1:1** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
* Psa 1:2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.
* Psa 1:3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

**111. The Propositions (HOW DOES GOD’S WORDS CHANGE ME?)**

**1. Proposition One: The Word God Illuminates My \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* ***Psa 119:130*** *(MKJV) The entrance of Your Words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.*
* ***Psa 119:105 (MKJV): Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.***
* ***Psa 119:18*** *(MKJV) Open my eyes, so that I may behold wonderful things out of Your Law.*

**2. Proposition** **Two: The Word of God Elevates My \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* *Rev 1:3 (MKJV) 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.*
* *Psa 119:165 (ESV) Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble.*
* ***Psa 119:116****(KJV) Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.*
* ***Jer 20:9*** *Then I said, I will not mention Him, nor speak in His name any more. But His Word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with holding in, and I could not stop.*

**3. Proposition Three: The Word of God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Mat 4:4  But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.  “DAILY BREAD or SOUL FOOD.”
* **Key Phrase: “**Your Bible Reading Program Should Be As Carefully Planned As Your Daily Diet, For That Too Is Food-Without Which You Cannot GROW Spiritually & Mentally”
* It is the Believers Main Source of Diet and Source of Strength.”

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* *Exo 16:4 (MKJV) Then Jehovah said to Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from the heavens for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain amount every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My Law or not.*
* *Exo 16:5 (MKJV) And on the sixth day it shall happen, they shall prepare what they bring in. And it shall be twice as much as they gather day by day.*

**NB: The Manna Was Gathered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

God’s Word is the Spiritual Counterpart of Bread in Man’s Natural Diet. Israel would have perished in the wilderness without their Daily Manna. Believers today is no less dependent on this ~~Daily Manna~~/Daily Word.

**4. Proposition Four. The Word of God: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* **The Valley of Dry Bones: Ezekiel 37: 1-10 (MKJV)**
* Eze 37:1 The hand of Jehovah was on me, and brought me by the Spirit of Jehovah, and made me rest in the midst of a valley, and it was full of bones. And He made me pass among them all around. And behold, very many were on the face of the valley. And lo, they were very dry.
* Eze 37:3 And he said to me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord Jehovah, You know. Eze 37:4 Again He said to me, Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the Word of Jehovah. Eze 37:5 So says the Lord Jehovah to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live.
* Eze 37:6 And I will lay sinews on you, and will bring up flesh on you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live. And you shall know that I am Jehovah.
* Eze 37:7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a noise. And behold, a shaking! And the bones came near, a bone to its bone.
* Eze 37:8 And I watched. And behold! The sinews and the flesh came up on them, and the skin covered them above. But there was no breath in them. Eze 37:9 And He said to me, Prophesy to the Spirit, prophesy, son of man, and say to the Spirit, So says the Lord Jehovah: Come from the four winds, O Spirit, and breathe on these dead ones so that they may live. Eze 37:10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the Spirit came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

**5. Proposition Five: The Word of God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Me When I am**

 **Under\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

* **Psa 119:49** (MKJV): Remember the Word to Your servant, on which You have caused me to hope.
* Psa 119:50 This is my comfort in my affliction; for Your Word has given me life.

**6. Proposition Six: The Word of God Helps Me Make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Psa 119:104 (MKJV) Through Your Commandments I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. Psa 119:105 : (MKJV)Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path. You.

**7. Proposition Seven: Meditating On God’s Word Is The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Prayers**

* **John 15:7** (MKJV) If you abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done to you.

**BONUS: TO GAIN THESE LIFE CHANGING BENEFITS FROM GOD’S WORD.**

**1. I Must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ With My EARS.**

* Heb 2:1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.
* 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.

**2. I Must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word With My \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Act 17:11 And these were more noble than those of Thessalonica, in that they received the Word with all readiness of mind and searched the Scriptures daily to see if those things were so.
* Mat 24:11 And many false prophets will rise and deceive many.

**3. I Must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word With My \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Jos 1:8 (MKJV) This book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it by day and by night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall act wisely.

**4. I Must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word With My \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* **James 1:21** (GN) So get rid of every filthy habit and all wicked conduct. Submit to God and accept the word that he plants in your hearts, which is able to save you.
* 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.

**The Best Effect Of The Bible Upon Its Reader Is**

**That It Excites “Him/Her To Activity.”**

* *(2 Kings 22:19 states, “When Shaphan the scribe read the Scroll to ‘King Josiah, the Word of God cut him to the heart, humbling him before the Lord in a posture of REPENTANCE.*