

# **Living God's Word**

## *An Introduction to the Scriptures*

### SESSION 1

#### **INTRODUCTION**

John 10:10  
Jer. 2:13  
Mat. 22:37, 38  
Hosea 4:6a

#### **HOW TO RECEIVE FROM GOD**

##### What's Available

III John 2  
Philippians 4:19  
II Corinthians 9:8  
Romans 8:37  
Ephesians 3:16-20

**Why** so many promises? God's love for us

Deut. 7:8  
Jer. 31:3  
Romans 2:4  
John 3:16

**Hundreds** of other promises in God's Word.

##### How to Receive

Matthew 21:22 - ask in prayer, **believing**  
Hebrews 11:6 - must believe

## SESSION 2

### BELIEVING GOD'S WORD

Matthew 21:22 - ask in prayer, **believing**

Mark 3:1-5 - **acted believably** on the promise, received

Matthew 8:5-10, 13 - so great **believing**

Mark 11:12-14, 20-24 - when you pray, **believe**

Ephesians 1:19a - to usward who **believe**

### BELIEVING VS. FEAR

John 9:1, 6-13, 18-23 Positive & Negative

Fear negates believing:

Proverbs 29:25 - fear brings a snare

Isaiah 8:12 - neither fear ye their fear

Jeremiah 49:24 - fear hath seized on her

Psalms 34:4 - the Lord delivered me from all my fears

(II Chronicles 20 - Jehoshaphat)

II Timothy 1:7 - God hath not given us the spirit of fear

**Assignment:** Learn the names of the books of the Bible in order (Old and New Testaments).

## SESSION 3

### THE GOD-BREATHED WORD

II Timothy 3:16

all - strawberries

in a particular group (distinction involved) - John 12:32

without exception - Hebrews 2:9

here: without exception

IS - italics: not in original text.

Theo-pneustos - God Breathed

Figures of Speech - one could eat a horse, knock your socks off: over 200 in the Bible, sometimes with over 40 varieties

*Condensio* - God condescends to the level of man:

Exodus 4:14 - anger

Isaiah 52:10 - arm

John 4:24 - spirit

How? II Peter 1:21 - prophecy: foretelling or forthtelling

Galatians 1:11, 12 - by revelation

Numbers 11:17 - spirit upon

Deuteronomy 34:9 - full of the spirit

Profitable for:

Doctrine - right believing

Reproof - when not believing rightly

Correction - back to right believing

which is:

Instruction in righteousness

Purpose:

Vs. 17 - perfect, thoroughly perfected

*artios* - ship (coat), *exartizo*

Man of God: one who speaks for God

John 5:39 - search the scriptures

John 17:8 - words from God

John 17:17 - God's Word is truth

Matthew 4:4 - every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God

II Peter 1:3 - all things that pertain to life

I Thessalonians 2:13 - not as the word of man, but of God

Psalm 12:6 - pure words, completely purified

Psalm 119:162 - rejoice as finding great riches

Jeremiah 15:16 - joy and rejoicing of the heart

## SESSION 4

### THE RIGHTLY DIVIDED WORD

II Timothy 2:15 - rightly divide: straight cutting, not crooked.

Psalms 14:1 - No God?

I Corinthians 12:1 - not ignorant

II Peter 1:20 - No Private Interpretation (*idios* - one's own)

interpretation - letting your mind loose

It must interpret itself

All scripture will interpret itself in one of three ways:

1. In the Verse

a. Right where it's written - Philippians 4:19; II Chronicles 20:30; Psalms 16:11; John 3:16;

b. Biblical Usage

I Corinthians 16:13 Quit - conduct oneself

I Thessalonians 4:15 Prevent - precede

Ruth 2:8 Fast - Steadfast (cf. fasten)

Luke 19:13 Occupy - engage in business

c. Words used must be in harmony with verse as well as all scripture on the same topic

Matthew 27:46 Eli, Eli: forsake

John 16:32 Not alone, Father with me

II Corinthians 5:19 God in Christ

Matthew 26:53 12 legions of angels

Correct translation from Aramaic/Figure of Speech: "For this purpose was I spared"  
(cf. **Lamsa translation.**)

Luke 2:49 - My Father's Business

John 19:30 - It is Finished

d. Narrative Development (Scripture Buildup)

Matthew 27:35-38 - thieves (robbers) - then(vs. 38) - vss. 39-44

Luke 23:32,33 - malefactors (evildoers) - led with(vs. 32) - vss. 39-40

John 19:18 - on either side (no "one" - **cf. Interlinear**) - vss. 30-33

## SESSION 5

All scripture will interpret itself in one of three ways:

1. In the Verse

### 2. CONTEXT

- A. Matthew 22:32, 23-32  
When? At the resurrection  
"dead alive" = spiritualism
- B. Hebrews 11:5 translated: transported.  
Verse 7 ,8 ,11 , 13: these all died
- C. Matthew 17:1-3, 9 - Vision  
  
(I Thessalonians 4:13-18 Our great hope)
- D. Matthew 13:24-30, 31, 33, 36-39 - tares
- E. Revelation 1:12, 16, 20 - candlesticks

### 3. WHERE IT HAS BEEN USED BEFORE

II Corinthians 12:7-10 - Paul's thorn in the flesh

Infirmity: weakness

Numbers 33:55

Joshua 23:13

Judges 2:3

II Corinthians 11:24-28

## SESSION 6

### THE TRANSLATIONS OF THE WORD OF GOD

Man's Basic Spiritual Problem is the Integrity of the Word of God

- 1) No Original Texts Today  
Oldest complete NT MSS: 4<sup>th</sup> century, AD
- 2) No Chapter Divisions  
1250 AD
- 3) No Paragraph Divisions  
They end with Acts 20:36.
- 4) No Verse Divisions  
First in the Geneva Bible - 1560 AD
- 5) No Chapter Headings  
I Corinthians 12 - gifts (italics)
- 6) No Center References  
Sometimes good for reference, but void of authority.
- 7) Punctuation  
Not in original texts

### TO WHOM THE WORD IS WRITTEN

I Corinthians 10:32 - Jew, Gentile, Church of God  
Romans 15:4 - For our learning  
I Corinthians 10:11 - Admonition - examples [cf. vs. 1, 2]  
Romans 15:8 - JC: circumcision; gospels: Jews (& Gentiles)

#### To us:

I Corinthians 1:2 - church of God  
Ephesians 1:1 - Saints, faithful

#### Zealous for law:

James 1:1 - 12 tribes (OT minded)  
Acts 21:20 - zealous for law  
Galatians 5:1 - Stand fast in liberty

#### Context:

Romans 8:37-39; 11:21, 22; 9:3, 4; 10:1; 11:1, 13

#### Note:

Introduction to other epistles, circulate - Colossians 4:16

### ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE WORD OF GOD

I Corinthians 9:17 - Administration

1. Original Paradise - Gen. 3:24, Ended abruptly
2. Patriarchal - Unwritten laws
3. Law - Moses. Romans 10:4, ended with Jesus Christ
4. Christ - Law fulfilled. Mat. 27:50, 51 - veil rent which separates the inner temple (priests only) from the outer temple (other people).
5. Church of grace - began with Pentecost, ends with the gathering together.
6. Appearing/Revelation - Starts with the gathering together (I Thes. 4:13ff; II Thes. 2:1-3ff), ends with Satan being destroyed and the great white throne judgment.
7. Paradise/Glory - complements original paradise.  
Gen. 3:24 - Rev. 21:1-4

Deut. 6:25 - Law

Rom. 3:20-26 - Grace (Rom. 1:7; 4:4-5; 5:1-2; 6:14; 11:5-6; 16:24; I Cor. 1:3,4; 15:10. Gal. 1:3, 6; 2:21. Eph. 1:2, 7; 2:5, 7, 8; 3:2)

**The difficult verse must be understood in light of the clear and simple verses.**

## SESSION 7

### THE GREAT MYSTERY

Previous session: to whom the Word is written, administrations

1. John 16:12-13 - "all truth", "things to come": not yet known. (He = it - cf. Ro. 8:16).
2. Romans 16:25-26 - secret since the world began.
3. I Cor. 2:7, 8 - none knew [4:1-5]
4. Eph. 3:1-9 [last clause: not in any older MS]
5. Col. 1:25-27 (28-29) - Christ in you

### BODY, SOUL, and SPIRIT

Isa. 43:7 - formed, made, and created

I Thes. 5:23 - body, soul, and spirit

a. **Body** - Gen. 2:7a: formed the body of man

(man: *adam* (red earth))

Gen. 3:19 - dust thou art

Eccl. 3:20 - all turn to dust again

b. **Soul** - nephesh: breath life, that which gives the body its life, its vitality.

Gen. 2:7 - "breathed into his nostrils": figure of speech *condescensio*

I Peter 3:20 - 8 souls saved.

Acts 27:37 - 276 souls

Gen. 1:30, 20, 24 - life: soul. *chai*: living, *nephesh chai*.

Lev. 17:11 - soul life in the blood, passed on to progeny.

"Last breath" - die.

c. **Spirit** - Gen. 1:27: image of God is spirit - John 4:24

## SESSION 8

### IN THE BEGINNING

Genesis 1:1 (without form), Isaiah 45:18 (in vain) - same word: *tohu*

### THE BATTLE OF THE SENSES

#### "THOU SHALT SURELY DIE"

Genesis 2:16, 17 - freely eat...surely die

Genesis 1:26 - man had dominion as long as he walked by the spirit

#### Genesis 3:1

1. Questions integrity of the Word (instills doubt)

#### Genesis 3:2

2. Responds by considering
3. Omits a word - "freely" [God is not so good.]

#### Genesis 3:3

4. Adds a word - "touch it" [God is restrictive.]
5. Changes a word - "lest" [God's Word is weak.]

#### Genesis 3:4

6. Contradicts God's Word directly

Devil's primary target: The Word

Genesis 2:7 - spirit left

I Corinthians 2:14 - spiritually discerned

[I Corinthians 1:18-31 - spiritual/sense knowledge]

Romans 8:1-8 - senses vs. spiritual

Galatians 1:11, 12 - Word of God - not by senses

Jeremiah 17:5-8 - Flesh vs. God

Proverbs 3:5, 6 - Trust in the Lord

Genesis 3:17, 19, 22, 23 - High treason

John 14:30 - Prince of this world

Luke 4:5, 6 - Delivered unto me

II Corinthians 4:4 - God of this world

I John 4:4 - Greater in us!

### THE NEW BIRTH

How can man without spirit, no connection with God, be born again? The natural man can believe.

Romans 10:17 - Believing comes by hearing

Romans 10:4 - Christ is the end of the law.

Ephesians 2:8-10 - Saved (made whole) by believing.

Romans 10:9, 10 - Believe first, then receive.

(II Cor. 4:18 - Look at things not seen)

I Peter 1:23 - Incorruptible seed



## **SESSION 9**

### **REMISSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

Standing - sonship

Romans 10:9, 10

I Peter 1:23

State - fellowship

I John 1:3-9

Confession unto salvation (repentance) - remission of sins - sonship

Confession of sin (broken fellowship) - forgiveness of sins - fellowship

1 Peter 2:24

Acts 10:43

Heb. 6:4-6

I John 1:3-2:1

Galatians 4:6, 7

Romans 8:17

### **RENEWED MIND**

Romans 12:1, 2

Romans 13:14

Ephesians 4:23-25, 27-32

Phil 2:5

Col. 3:5-11

**STUDY THE WORD OF GOD & LIVE THE WORD OF GOD**

### **SONSHIP RIGHTS**

**Righteousness, Sanctification, Redemption, Justification, Ministry of Reconciliation**

Romans 5:19

I Cor. 1:30

Phil. 3:9

Romans 4:25

Romans 3:20-25

Romans 5:1; 6-10

II Cor. 5:17-21

## SESSION 10

### THE GIVER AND THE GIFT

*pneuma*(spirit): 385 times in KJV (AV)

Spirit - 133	spirit - 153
ghost - 2	life - 1
wind - 1	spiritual - 1
spiritually – 1	

with *hagion* (holy):

Holy Spirit - 4	Holy Ghost - 89
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*pneuma* never capitalized in the Greek text.

John 3:6

John 14:16-17

Acts 2:4

Holy spirit **never** possesses.

Acts 1:4-5 - baptism: with the coming of the greater, the lesser is done away with.

Luke 24:49

Acts 1:8

Promise of the Father = Baptized with *pneuma hagion* = Endued with power from on high  
Things equal to the same thing are equal to each other.

### GIFT & MANIFESTATION

*dechomai* - to receive internally (new birth)

*lambano* - to receive externally (manifestation)

Acts 8:14-15, 12

Acts 2:4

Acts 1:4 - 2:16, 36-39

Isa. 56:7 - house

John 20:22 - he breathed in

cloven tongues - phenomena

they understood - miracle

Acts 10: 1-48

vs. 10 - trance: dormant state of mental awareness (like a day dream)

vs. 15 - common: defiled

vs. 19 - vision: a phenomenon

vs. 47 - baptism: Acts 11:16

## SESSION 11

### I CORINTHIANS 12

I Cor. 1:2 - saints: all who are born again

I Cor. 12

vs. 1 - spiritual: *pneumatikos* - spiritual things or matters

vs. 2 - dumb idols do not speak

vs. 3 - speaking by the spirit of God: speaking in tongues

To really mean that Jesus is the lord of our lives is to carry out God's orders in obedience to His will.

vs. 7 - but - sets in contrast

to profit withal: for profit

vss. 8-10 to one...to another: for one (profit)...for another (profit)

By their very nature, the nine manifestations of holy spirit fall in three groups:

#### I. Utterance Manifestations:

1. Speaking in tongues

2. Interpretation of tongues

3. Prophecy

#### II. Revelation Manifestations:

1. Word of knowledge

2. Word of wisdom

3. Discerning of spirits

#### III. Impartation Manifestations:

1. Faith (believing)

2. Workings of miracles

3. Gifts of healings

vs. 11 - worketh: are energized - "The one and the selfsame spirit energizes all these..."

severally: *idios* - his own (as he, the man, wills)

(Acts 3:6, 7 - such as I have give I thee)

### I CORINTHIANS 14

vs. 1 - spiritual: *pneumatikos*. Context: in the church.

vs. 2 - unknown, him: in italics, delete.

vs. 3 - edification: building up. exhortation: encouragement.

vs. 6 - context: in the church.

vss. 9, 10 - voices: sounds.

vs. 13 - prayer requires believing (Mat. 21:22)

Believing is to have confidence and trust in information received to the end that the information is acted upon.

vs. 16 - else: otherwise if. bless with the spirit: SIT.

vs. 22 - sign: indicates significance.

vs. 26 - The Corinthian church had gotten "out of order".

vs. 27 - by course: in order. one: that same one (not "every one of you," like vs. 26.)

vs. 28 - no interpreter: no one who believes to interpret (cf. vss. 13, 27). SIT without interpretation is prayer or praise to God. With interpretation, it is a message from God to the body of believers present, like prophecy.

vs. 29 - other: others.

vss. 34-35 - women: wives of the prophets. a shame: shameful.

The manifestation of speaking in tongues is your operation of the God-given ability whereby you may (at any time in your private prayer life or in a believers meeting, if interpreted) show forth, by speaking in a language unknown to you, the external manifestation in the senses world of the internal presence of the gift of holy spirit.

