

Connecting with God Lesson 2

THE BIBLE

Read:

II Timothy 2:15;

¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

II Timothy 3:13-17

¹³ But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. ¹⁴ But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; 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.

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.

Exodus 17:14 *14 And the Lord said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.*

Revelation 1:11 *11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.*

Luke 1:1-4 *1 Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, 2 Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word; 3 It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, 4 That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.*

II Timothy 3:16 says, *16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

WHICH TRANSLATION?

IS THE BIBLE COMPLETE?

If you are ever asked about the “Lost books of the Bible”, remember that there are several of them.

The Wars of the Lord

Numbers 21:14

14 Wherefore it is said in the book of the wars of the LORD, What he did in the Red sea, and in the brooks of Amon,

Book of Jasher

Joshua 10:13

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

Acts of Solomon

I Kings 11:41

41 And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?

Book of Nathan the prophet

I Chronicles 29:29

29 Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer,

TITLE OF THE BIBLE

The Bible has many titles. Here are some:

1. _____ (***II Timothy 3:16** ¹⁶ All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*).
2. _____ (***Romans 3:2** ² Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.*).
3. _____ (***Psalms 1:2** ² But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*).
4. _____ (***Revelation 20:12** ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.*).
5. _____ (***Hebrews 4:12** 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.*).
6. _____ (***Ephesians 6:17** ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*).
7. _____ (***Hebrews 8:6-7** ⁶ But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. ⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.*).
8. _____ (***Philippians 2:16** ¹⁶ Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain.*).
9. _____ (***II Timothy 2:15** ¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*).
10. _____ (***Romans 10:8** ⁸ But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach.*).

SYMBOLS OF THE BIBLE

Symbols in the Bible are used to describe what the Bible is like. Learn some of these symbols and it will help you when the Bible is preached.

1. _____ (***Psalms 119:105, 130** ¹⁰⁵ Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. ¹³⁰ The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.*).
2. _____ (***James 1:25** ²⁵ But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.*).
3. _____ (***Job 23:12** ¹² Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.*).
4. _____ (***I Corinthians 3:2** ² I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.*).

5. _____ (**Deuteronomy 8:3** ³ *And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.*)
6. _____ (**Hebrews 5:12-14** ¹² *For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. ¹³ For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. ¹⁴ But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*)
7. _____ (**Psalms 19:10** ¹⁰ *More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.*)
8. _____ (**Psalms 19:10** ¹⁰ *More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.*)
9. _____ (**Jeremiah 20:9** ⁹ *Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.*)
10. _____ (**Jeremiah 23:29** ²⁹ *Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?*)
11. _____ (**Ephesians 6:17** ¹⁷ *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*)
12. _____ (**Luke 8:11** ¹¹ *Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.*)
13. _____ (**Isaiah 55:10-11** ¹⁰ *For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 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.*)
14. _____ (**Ephesians 5:26** ²⁶ *That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,*)

STUDY AND MEMORIZE THE WORD OF GOD

Ephesians 6:17 ¹⁷ *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*

Psalms 119:11 ¹¹ *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*

HOW TO MEMORIZE A VERSE

1. Pick a verse that equips you.
2. Say the reference before and after the verse.
3. Read the verse aloud many times. Record it!
4. Break the verse into natural phrases.
5. Emphasize the key words when quoting the verse.
6. Write down the verse and erase a word one at a time.

7. Write the verse on a flash card.
8. Carry some cards with you at all times with you for review.
9. Display your verse in prominent places.
10. Always memorize the verse word perfect.
11. Put the verse to music. Write a song!
12. Get a partner so you can check each other.

READ CONSISTENTLY

John 8:31-32 ³¹ Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, if ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; ³² And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

USING OUR BIBLE

USING A CHAIN REFERENCE

THE POWER OF THE WORD OF GOD

1. _____ - Jesus used the Word in His temptation.

Matthew 4:1-11

¹ Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. ² And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. ³ And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 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. ⁵ Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. ⁷ Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. ⁸ Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; ⁹ And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. ¹⁰ Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. ¹¹ Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Three times Jesus said, **“It is written”**. The written Word of God is your most powerful ally.

(Deuteronomy 8:3 ³ And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.).

2. _____ - In our own lives as well as in the world. Satan wants to destroy

your walk with God as well as kill you. But God upholds all things by the Word of His power.

(Hebrews 1:3 ³ Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;).

- A. _____.
- B. _____.
- C. _____.
- D. _____.

3. _____ - David gives us a powerful testimony of how God's word can change us in

Psalm 19:7-11

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. ⁸ The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

4. _____ - The Bible is God's thoughts and ways expressed. It is the only visible part of our armor.

- A. _____ *(Ephesians 6:17 ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:).*
- B. _____ *(II Corinthians 10:4,5 ⁴ (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)⁵ Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;}*
- C. _____ *(Hebrews 4:12 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 discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.).*
- D. _____ *(Philippians 4:8 ⁸ Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.)*

EXTRA HELPS

- 1. Strong's Concordance
- 2. Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary
- 3. Matthew Henry's Commentary