

God's Hour of Grace

Living the Christian Life Successfully series!

A Bible, History, Faith, and Mission Course for New Adventist Believers

Lesson 4—Regular Word of God

The word of God—the Bible!! What is the special function of this book in our lives? Must we continually read in it? What will the words of God do for us? How should we respond to the word of God? What does God intend that we should do with His Holy word, once we have it in our possession? Let us study about the power of God's word in our lives, and re-affirm the proper relationship between the Christian and their Bible! Why are its truths so essential for our daily lives? Why must we continually study its pages? What will this Word do for us? Let's find out together as we explore today's Bible lesson!

- 1. What does Jesus give to us as His followers? (John 17:14) _____**
Note: This word of God, when heeded and lived by will make us quite different from the sinful world around us. It will prepare our hearts and minds for eternal life and lead us to walk in the ways of righteousness. Some who've followed the word of God have been persecuted for that very reason by the world (also, you may reference Revelation 20:4).
- 2. What does Jesus Christ expect His Holy word to do in us? (John 17:17) _____**
Note: This word of God was given to "sanctify" us or to make us holy. It has a creative power in it (just like it did at Creation when God spoke the world into existence). It will recreate and sanctify our lives, restoring the image of Christ's character within us. See also Hebrews 4:12.
- 3. Will God's word accomplish what He sent it to do? (Isaiah 55:11)**
- 4. What does God instruct us to do with His word? (2 Timothy 2:15) _____** *The Bible also tells us that "faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17), therefore, we must always "hear" and "study" the word of God.*
- 5. What does Jesus compare his word to? (Matthew 4:4) _____** **Must we intake His word daily to live a spiritual life with Him? _____** *Note: The word of God is our life book and manual. We must receive it into our lives. We must take the spiritual truths found therein and chew on them, receiving strength daily to live a spiritual life with God.*
- 6. How does God instruct His people to fill their lives with His word? (Deuteronomy 6:6-9)**

- a. *Note: Our lives must be saturated and filled with the Holy principles of God's righteous word. We must talk of it always, think upon it, meditate upon it, and live by it (not only to be in our minds, but also in our actions). We must teach it diligently to our children, and continually remind ourselves of its holy principles.*

7. What did God instruct for the Kings of Israel to do? (Deuteronomy 17:18-20)

- a. ***How often were the kings to read in the Scriptures? And how much of their lives should they spend studying God's word?_____***
- b. *We can see here the power, usage, and function of God's word in our lives. The word of God will lead us to be more of a humble mind, as a leader. When regularly meditated upon, it will guide us to live righteous and truth filled lives to the honor and glory of God!*

8. What did God command Joshua, the 2nd leader of Israel to do? (Joshua 1:8)

- a. **Do you believe the holy principles of God's word will also make our life's journey a successful and blessed one?**
- b. **How often was Joshua supposed to meditate upon the words of God? _____**
_____. *Do you think we should also do the same?*
- c. **How closely was Joshua to follow these words? _____**. *Isn't this our privilege and calling too? We must be strong to do ALL that the Lord says (v.7).*

9. What other things do the Scriptures say about the power and purpose of God's word?

- a. *Storing God's word in our hearts and minds, while heeding its counsel will strongly help us to live pure and holy lives. Notice the Psalmists words in Psalm 119:9-16. Also, see Psalm 119:97-105, 130.*
- b. *God's word even holds an extra special importance for those who are living in the last days of earth's history (See 1 Corinthians 10:11).*

10. What should be our proper response to the word of God? (Isaiah 66:2,5)

- a. *God desires that we shall "fear" and "tremble" at His word. When God speaks unto us. Then, let us do it. We should not ever be those who read, and then treat with careless regard or indifference the words of God. When Christ comes, He will appear to the joy and glory of those who fear, trust, and obey Him. But, He will appear to the shame of those who do not honor or live by His word. We must **not be "forgetful hearers" but rather, "doers" of His word (James 1:25)**. The wise will do His word (Matthew 7:21-27).*

Is it your desire and commitment to always study and live by every word that God has spoken? _____