

GOD'S VALUABLE SCRIPTURES

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All Scripture is valuable and very necessary. We must take the whole Truth exactly the same as when Jesus Christ was here on earth, and we must take the same stand of faith they took to get the same results they did. We are to follow every command and direction God has given us in this New Testament exactly as it is given, to add nothing to it nor take anything from it, and to burn our bridge behind us in obeying God.

² Timothy 3:16, "*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*"

God has directions in this New Testament for every detail of our lives. He tells us how we are to get rid of sin; how we are to receive the Holy Spirit; how we are to meet our wrongs; also tells us how to trust Him alone for the health and protection of our bodies; tells us how we are to handle our money; what attitude we are to take towards God and our fellowman; how we are to treat our family, and how they are to treat us. Every detail of our life is covered.

If we expect to be prepared for the coming of Jesus and receive eternal life, we will have to be on Scriptural grounds in all these things. If we fail to live up to any part of the New Testament, we will not be ready for the coming of Jesus Christ. We are to perfect our obedience to God's Word and settle it that if it costs us our life, we would not disobey any part of it.

That is the attitude the Hebrew children took, also Daniel, Abraham, and many other Bible characters. All our success in the Christian life will hinge on that, and there is always untold blessing in obeying every direction of the New Testament. It always leads to perfect happiness, because there is not a passage of Scripture that teaches us not to place our whole trust in God Himself.

That permits His entire power, love, and mercy to work for us, and it also causes us to be delivered out of all our troubles, to be made perfectly happy in this life, to get the full benefits of the Atonement of Christ, and the only preparation for eternal life. Anything short of the whole Truth is worse than no Truth at all.

We cannot get our spiritual knowledge from man. The only thing any God-called teacher can do is to point us to God as our real teacher, and God, Himself, is the One who is to lead and guide us into all Truth. Man can encourage and point us to God, but God is the great teacher, and He will teach us Truths that no man can ever impart to us. God is making His Truth brighter all the time, but we could never receive it from the lips of man. God has revealed it by His Holy Spirit and these Scriptures will help us more than ever to be not only taught, led, and guided by God into all Truth, but to be delivered out of all our troubles in His way; our spiritual, physical, and financial troubles, our burdens, home and business troubles, and even things in the Christian work.

God has a plan for us, and He wants us to let Him handle every detail of it, there is only one way we will ever know and understand the whole Truth of God, and that is to allow the Holy Spirit to take full possession of our lives, to teach and train us. Jesus said the only way we would ever learn the Scriptures, would be thru the Holy Spirit. He said in John 16:7, "*It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.*"

It was better for us to have the Holy Spirit right here with us than to have Jesus Christ here in the flesh. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, and is always at our side, whether we know it or not.

Then He went on to say further: (Verse 13) "*When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth.*"

He meant that God would take us by the hand and lead us, step by step, as fast as we could bear it, and would lead, teach, and train us until we accept

and obey the entire New Testament. That is absolutely necessary for our blessings here and for eternal life hereafter.

Psalm 37, verses 5 and 6, "*Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.*"

This scripture reveals the only pathway to what we desire for time and eternity. It turns spiritual ignorance and unbelief into the full righteousness of God Himself; it would also turn us from sickness to perfect health; trouble and anxiety into perfect peace, and from poverty to prosperity. Our homes would be changed and instead of having quarrels and dissension, there would be perfect peace and harmony. God will handle our homes just like He handles the universe, without any friction. That is just what we are privileged to have, and this passage of Scripture shows us how we are to get it.

Every human being is seeking perfect happiness, from the cradle to the grave. That is the one object of the entire human race. Every ounce of energy that has been expended by every person, from the poorest and most poverty stricken to the multi-millionaire, has been for one object, and that is to find perfect happiness. However, everyone is missing it except one class, and they are the ones who follow out these Scriptures.

"*Commit thy way unto the Lord.*" That is not given as a stern command but is the direction or advice of the One who loves us more than all the human love there is in the world. If all the human love in the world could be centered in and lavished on one person, it could not compare in the least to the love God has for us. As the most loving mother and father would advise their children, so God advises us. God never gives us a command and says if we do not obey it, He will have nothing to do with us, but He just gives us sound advice which only an all-wise, all-loving, and all-powerful God could give. This is advice of the most valuable kind, from One who loves us with everlasting love. One who has our present and

eternal interests at heart, far more than we ourselves have. Let us think about this verse:

“Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.”

No doubt, many of us have read over these verses without getting their real meaning, but they show the pathway out of all sorrow, sickness, all kinds of distress, heartaches, and, in fact, all the trouble a human being could ever be in. It is a short-cut out and the only way out.

We could read it like this: “Whatever you want done concerning any part of your life, whatever it may be, place it in God's hands to do for you.”

Let Him handle the whole thing. If you want to be delivered from the old evil nature, and have the life of Christ fully installed in your life; if you want to be healed and enjoy perfect health; if you want to be delivered out of your family troubles and have your loved ones brought into the Truth of God and prepared for eternal life; if you want perfect peace of mind and heart and to come to the place of rest and happiness; if you have any wrongs you would like to have made right, and have everyone take a right attitude toward you; then just place yourself and all that concerns you into the hands of God, finally and forever, and trust Him alone without using one human plan or effort, but let His power alone do all the work. That is our part. We are to place our body in God's hands fully and completely and let Him do all the work.

This passage of Scripture is filled with life and power. “Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass, (or He will go to work on the job at once. He will take what we have given over to Him, and He will go to work on it immediately) “And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light and thy judgment as the noonday.”

That means He will make us truly righteous, or the very life of Christ will be developed in us as

sure as the sun rises in the morning. And He will deliver us out of all our troubles, burdens; all our sicknesses, and every evil thing, as sure as noon comes.

“Commit thy way unto the Lord.” “Commit”—what a big meaning that word has. What does it mean to commit anything into God's hands? We are to do it just like someone who signs a contract for a house to be built. We are to place our lives, and everything else that concerns us, into God's hands for Him to handle and do what is needed to be done. That means we are to not only commit the job to Him in the first place, but we are to leave it there to stay. That word “commit” means to sign a contract that cannot be repealed.

It is very necessary for us to make a right start, and allow God to have full possession of us, so that we can start out on a life of real trust from the very beginning. That does not mean to just accept a few Truths of the New Testament, and reject the rest, but it means to accept the whole Truth of God, just as people in Bible times did, especially the Early Church, and to take the stand of faith to believe and obey all the teachings of the New Testament as they did. Anything less than that will land a person in the Lake of Fire. That is the reason Jesus said so few would be ready when He would come back the second time.

Luke 18:8, *“Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?”*

There is another passage of Scripture that has much to do with making a success in the Christian life. After we have surrendered our lives to God and are willing to walk in the light, it won't be long before people will say and do things to us that they never did before, and would not have done, if we had not given ourselves to God. Satan will also bring up his dark pictures and tell us what a terrible mistake we made in giving ourselves to God. This verse tells us how we are to meet such suggestions.

Philippians 4:6-7, *“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto*

God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Or we could make it a little clearer by saying, “Do not spend one moment worrying about anything; never get worried or agitated regardless of what comes.” That is the advice of the One who loves us more than anyone else on earth, and One who is far more interested in us than we are. He tells us we are not to spend a moment's time worrying or being upset about anything, but instead we are to do something else. Whether we have trouble in our spiritual life, or are oppressed in body, something in our home, in our financial affairs, business, workplace, whatever it is, there is only one thing we are allowed to do about it, and that is to open our heart, without reservation, to God and tell Him all about the trouble. What will be the result? First of all, the doubts and fears of Satan will be taken away, we will be filled with the very peace of God. Secondly, Satan, who is back of all our troubles, will be rebuked, and if he came one way, he will flee seven.

With every deliverance we get, by applying Philippians 4:6-7, our confidence in God will grow by leaps and bounds, our knowledge of Him will become greater, and our Christian character will become Christ-like, and sooner perhaps than we ever expected, we will find that we have come to a real knowledge of God. Not only that, but we will also have peace of heart and mind that the most disturbing circumstances, naturally speaking, will not bother us in the least. But the best and most valuable of all will be a real preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ, and not until then are we ready for eternal life.



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