

## **X. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS**

### **LESSON TEN**

#### **... ABOUT THE WORKING OF GOD'S WORD**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

In previous lessons we have seen that the **only foundation** of all true Christian faith is none other than Jesus Christ:

- that it is laid in a person's life by way of the new birth in Jesus Christ;
- that to make the Christian life built upon that foundation sure, solid and permanent, a life style that will not crumble under adversity:

1. the believer needs the Baptism with the Holy Spirit with continual fillings, since it is the Holy Spirit who reveals Jesus; and

2. the believer needs to have the absolute assurance that he is eternally saved.

Second, we have seen that we build upon the foundation, once laid, **by hearing and doing** the Word of God [the Bible], **by studying and applying** the Bible to our life situations. It is the Bible which builds up. It is through the Bible, which is the written Word of God, that Christ Himself, the Living Word, the Word made flesh, comes into our lives (Romans 10:17).

**So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

Third, we have considered the authority the Bible claims for itself; though the Scriptures were produced through many different human instruments, it was the Holy Spirit who used, inspired and controlled each and every one of these men. The final authority behind all Scripture is that of the Third Person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit.

In this lesson we will examine the practical out working of the Bible/the Word of God in the lives of those who hear, do, study, and apply its ETERNAL TRUTH to their lives.

#### **THE WORKING OF GOD'S WORD.**

What do the following Scriptures say about the Word of God, the Bible?

Hebrews 4:12

Romans 1:16

John 6:63

Isaiah 55:11

1 Thessalonians 2:13

Conclusions: We would note from the above Scriptures that God's Word:

- is Life;

- is Spirit;
- is alive;
- is active;
- is energetic;
- pierces to the heart and uncovers the hidden things; and that
- it works effectually in those who believe.

According to the following Scriptures, what must take place in the believers life for the Word of God to do its work of saving the soul?

James 1:21

Psalm 119:11

Conclusions: We would note from the above Scriptures that for the Word to effectively do its work of saving the soul of the Believer it must be engrafted/hid/planted in the Believer's heart.

### **WHAT IS THE PRACTICAL OUT WORKING OF GOD'S WORD IN THE BELIEVER'S LIFE?**

1. The **first**, according to Romans 10:17. is What?

Answer: Faith

How is faith produced?

What do the following Scriptures say about faith?

Hebrews 11:1

1 Thessalonians 1:3

James 2:26

How important is faith?

Hebrews 11:6.

Romans 14:23

2. The **second** out working of God's Word is what according to the following Scriptures?

James 1:18

I Peter 1:23

Answer: Eternal salvation; being born again.

What happens in the New Birth?

John 1:12,13

2 Corinthians 5:17

3. The **third** out working of the Word in the Believer's life is what?

1 Peter 2.2 Matthew 4:4

Answer: Spiritual nourishment

Beyond the spiritual nourishment of 'milk and bread', God's Word also provides, what according to Hebrews 5:12-14?

4. The **fourth** out working of God's Word is what according to the following Scriptures?

Psalms 107:20

Proverbs 4:20-22

Answer: Healing, deliverance, health

What directions are given by the above passage for "health to all their flesh"?

5. The **fifth** out working of the Word of God is in the realm of the mind, What is it according to Psalms 119:130?

Answer: gives understanding

6. The **sixth** out working of God's Word is what according to the following Scriptures?

Psalms 119:11

Psalms 17:4

1 John 2:14

Answer: Directs our path

7. The **seventh** out working of God's Word we see in the following Scriptures.

Ephesians 5:25,26

John 15:3

John 17:17

Answer: Cleansing

8. The **eighth** practical out working of the Word is seen in James 1:23-25, where the Word is compared to what?

Answer: A Mirror

For what purpose?

9. The **ninth** out-working of God's Word in the life of the believer is what according to John 12:4-48?

Answer: Judges

Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:31 says, "For if we judge our-selves, we should not be judged." By what then are we to judge ourselves?

### **RESPONSE TO THE TRUTH**

Let us take to heart the words of James 1:21,

**"Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, AND RECEIVE WITH MEEKNESS THE ENGRAFTED WORD, WHICH IS ABLE TO SAVE YOUR SOULS."**

Romans 1:16 say,

**"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION to every one that believeth.**

God's Word will do its work - but we have to receive it and believe it and keep it our hearts for it to have its perfect work.

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