

What Does God Say About This Issue?

1. My God gave me His Word so that I can know Him. He reveals Himself to me through His Word.

- **Psalm 19:7-11** *The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.*
- **Proverbs 2:1-6** *My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.*
- **Proverbs 9:9-10** *Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.*
- **John 1:1** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*
- **John 8:31-32** *Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*
- **John 15:3-5, 7** *Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*
- **Colossians 3:16** *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

2. My God is wisdom and truth. All wisdom and truth has its source in Him.

- **Deuteronomy 32:4** *He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.*
- **2 Samuel 7:28** *And now, O Lord GOD, thou art that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant.*
- **Psalm 119:142** *Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.*
- **Proverbs 2:6** *For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.*
- **Numbers 23:19** *God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?*
- **Jeremiah 32:19a** *Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men....*
- **Daniel 2:20b** *...Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his.*
- **Romans 11:33-34** *O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?*
- **Colossians 2:3** *In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*
- **1 John 5:20** *And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.*
- **Revelation 15:3b** *...Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.*

3. My God wants me to “Think Bible.”

I must allow what I know about God to control my thinking and acting.

- **Proverbs 4:23** *Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*
- **Isaiah 26:3-4** *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.*
- **Isaiah 55:7-9** *Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*
- **Romans 12:2** *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*
- **2 Corinthians 10:5** *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.*
- **Ephesians 4:23** *And be renewed in the spirit of your mind.*
- **Philippians 4:4-9** *Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing 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. 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. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.*
- **James 1:5-8** *If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.*

4. Knowing God through His Word should be the highest priority of my life.

- **Psalms 27:4** *One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.*
- **Psalms 42:1-2** *As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?*
- **Psalms 62:1-3** *O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.*
- **Psalms 84:2** *My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.*
- **Psalms 119:47** *And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.*
- **Psalms 119:174** *I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and thy law is my delight.*
- **Psalms 143:6** *I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land.*
- **Luke 2:37** *And she [Anna] was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.*

5. My God blesses those who obey and delight in His Word.

- **Psalms 1:1-3** *Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

- **Psalm 128:1-2** *Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.*
- **Proverbs 3:1-4** *My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.*
- **Proverbs 13:13** *Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.*
- **Proverbs 31:30** *Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.*

6. My God uses His Word to correct and cleanse me.

- **Psalm 119:9, 11** *Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*
- **John 15:3** *Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.*
- **John 17:17** *Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*
- **Ephesians 5:26** *That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.*
- **2 Timothy 3:16-17** *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*
- **Hebrews 4:12** *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged 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.*

7. My God uses His Word to guide and counsel me.

- **Psalm 25:4** *Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.*
- **Psalm 25:8-10, 12** *Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way. All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies. What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.*
- **Proverbs 3:5-6** *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

God, the Holy Spirit, lives in the Christian. He can help me understand the Bible and apply it to my life.

- **John 14:26** *But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*
- **John 16:13** *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*
- **Ephesians 1:17-19** *That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power.*

God wants me to ask Him to “open my eyes” to His truth. I need God’s help to understand His Word. Through prayer I demonstrate a humble heart and dependence on Him.

- **Job 34:32** *That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.*
- **Psalm 25:4-5** *Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.*
- **Psalm 86:11** *Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.*

- **Psalm 119:18** *Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.*
- **Psalm 119:34** *Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.*
- **Psalm 119:73** *Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.*
- **Psalm 119:144** *The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.*
- **Exodus 33:13, 18; 34:6-8** *Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people. And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped.*

8. In His Word, God has given me the answer for every issue I will face in life.

- **Psalm 94:19** *In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.*
- **Psalm 119:23b-24** *...but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes. Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors.*
- **2 Timothy 3:14-17** *But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; 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. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*
- **2 Peter 1:2-4** *Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*
- **Ephesians 6:10-11, 14, 17** *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

9. My God wants me to meditate on His truth and His character until it changes me.

- **Joshua 1:8** *This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*
- **Psalm 119:14-16** *I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.*
- **2 Corinthians 3:18** *But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*
- **James 1:21-25** *Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 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.*
- **1 Peter 2:2** *As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.*