

Knowing God and His Ways

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The basis for knowing God, is by knowing what He said, revealed in the Holy scriptures.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 NKJV

(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 complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

The Holy scriptures are given to those who will believe in God and follow His instructions.

Just like any course of study is for those who will enroll, attend and believe the instructor.

In our case, God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are our Instructors of what is truth!

Jesus reveals his life purpose in the Holy scriptures.

ST JOHN 18:36-37 NKJV

(36) Jesus answered, “MY kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; BUT NOW MY kingdom is not from here.”

(37) Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say rightly that I am a king. For THIS CAUSE I was born, and for this CAUSE I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the TRUTH. Everyone who is of the TRUTH HEARS MY VOICE.””

The role of ministers is to impart and remind us of the truth revealed in God's word.

2 PETER 1

(12) For this reason, I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.

(13) Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you,

(14) knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.

(15) Moreover, I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.”

The Holy scriptures consistently remind us
and speaks of its truth and reliability.

2 TIMOTHY 1:16-17

(16) For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

(17) For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

2 TIMOTHY 1:18-19

(18) And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

(19) And so we have the prophetic (MORE SURE, in KJV) word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

2 TIMOTHY 1:20-21

(20) knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,

(21) for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”

2 Peter 1:16-21

Jesus referenced

God's word as truth.

Even in his final prayer

before the cross

ST JOHN 17:17 NKJV

(17) Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”

God's word was settled in heaven when he first
spoke it !

PSALMS 119:89 NKJV

(89) Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in
heaven.”

Since God's word is settled in heaven,
it should be settled in your heart!

Believing the truth of God's word is necessary to live our life purpose

ST JOHN 17:17 AMP

(17) Sanctify them in the TRUTH [set them apart for Your purposes, make them holy]; Your word IS TRUTH.”

The scripture reveals powerful insights
in how to use God's word.

ISAIAH 55:8-9

(8) For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord.

(9) For as the heavens are higher than the
earth, So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.

God's thoughts and ways are higher than humans.

God has a higher perspective of what's best for mankind.

ISAIAH 55:10

(10) For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater,

God's word, like rain, brings forth life that is inside the earth, so does God's word bring forth life from what is inside of us.

ISAIAH 55:8-11 NKJV

(11) So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”

If God's word is spoken out of his mouth, then His word is to be spoken out of our mouth, to accomplish its purpose

God's word will do what it is
purposed to do