

The Power of God's Word

Part 2

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Psalm 19:1-14



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II Timothy 3:15-16 (Message Bible)



**I am not ashamed of the Gospel because
it is the power of God for the salvation
of everyone who believes first for the
Jew, then for the Gentile.**

Romans 1:16



**For you have been born again,
not of perishable seed, but of
imperishable, through the living
and enduring word of God.**

I Peter 1:23



**Power is the capacity to
generate change.**

Jack Taylor



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The Word is the Truth!



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What is truth?



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You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born is to testify to the truth. Everyone born on the side of truth listens to me.

John 10:37



“What is truth?”



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**Sanctify them by the truth;
your word is truth.**

John 17:17



Mark 8:22-26



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The Agnostic says that absolute knowledge on issues such as God's existence cannot be attained in this life.

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**The Rationalist says that human reason
and experience are the ultimate criteria
for determining truth.**

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**Positivism says truth is limited to what
can be validated by the scientific method.**

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Fideism says in reaction to the rationalistic and scientific method that truth is subjective and personal. Truth is what you feel at the moment to be true.

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**Pragmatism says that truth
is whatever works.**

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**In the past God spoke to our
ancestors through the prophets
at many times and in various ways,
but in these last days, he has spoken
to us by his son.**



Discussion Question:

**Have you at some time or do you now believe that any of these approaches to truth are correct?
Why or why not?**



You study the scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to them and have life.

John 5:39-40



“Who are always learning but never coming to the knowledge of the truth”.

II Timothy 3:7



**John 14:6 is the way, the
truth and the life...**



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**He is also the Word
made flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.**

John 1:14



Truth is :

1. The true or actual state of a matter.
2. Conformity with fact or reality, verity.
3. The state or character of being true.



**You will know the truth and the
truth will make you free.**

John 8:32



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**The truth will change your life,
change your status from
bondage to freedom.**



**If you hold to my teaching,
you are really my disciples,
then you will know the truth...**

John 8:31



**But God and his word are
eternal and unchanging.**



I the Lord do not change.

Malachi 3:6



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**Your word, O Lord is eternal,
it stands firm in the heavens.**

Psalm 119:89



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**We know also that the Son of God has
come and has given us understanding so
that we may know him who is true.**

I John 5:20



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**God is not a human that
he should lie...**

Numbers 23:19



Discussion Question:

Do you ever feel like when you are reading the Bible or listening to it that it is reading you?



**For the word of GOD is alive and active.
Sharper than any double-edged sword,
it penetrates even to the dividing soul
and spirit, joints, and marrow; it judged
the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.**

Hebrews 4:12



**You can't get any deeper into a
persons' life than to divide between
the soul and the spirit,
the immaterial part of humans.**

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Jeremiah 17:9



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**The heavens declare God's glory,
but the word of God tell us what
God did for us in Christ, so that
we might share his glory.**



**The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul.**



**Obeying the word of God
will refresh your souls.**



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**The word gives life. It refreshes,
renews, and restores us,
completely. It gives vitality and
strength to our whole being.
It will make you brand new.**



**The statutes of the Lord
are trustworthy, making
wise the simple.**



The statutes of the Lord make the simple wise. The term “simple” refers to those who are inexperienced, uninstructed, naïve, or not fully matured in Christ.



**Like newborn babies, crave pure
spiritual milk, so that by it you
may grow up in your salvation.**



**The word makes the simple wise.
Wisdom is the ability to live life
skillfully before God.**



**The precepts of the Lord are
right, giving joy to the heart.**



**Trust and obey, for there's no
other way, to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey!**



**The commands of the Lord are
radiant, giving light to the eyes.**



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**Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light for my path.**

Psalm 119:105



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**The unfolding of your words
give light, it gives understanding
to the simple.**

Psalm 119:130



**The fear of the Lord, the respect
or reverence that the Lord
inspires is pure, enduring forever.**



The “decrees”, the “ordinances or judgements of the Lord are firm or sure and all together righteous.



**Then he said to me, Son of Man,
eat his scroll I am giving you and fill
your stomach with it. So, I ate it and it
tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth.**

Ezekiel 3:3



Not only does the Psalmist show us the wonder of God's witness in nature and in his word, but also our need to pray for help in obeying the word and allowing it to have its way in our lives.



The Psalmist asks God and so should we to forgive him of his hidden sins and keep him from “willing sins”.



**The Word has the power
to accomplish great things
in our lives.**



Discussion Question:

What aspect of the Word in Psalm 19 do you need to operate in your life right now?

