

Living by His word

MEDITATION | *The Value of His Word*

When meditating God's word we need to realize how important it is for us as believers to be in complete contact with the word of God on a daily basis. Jesus, when contending with the devil in **Matthew 4:4** said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." It is a dangerous place to be when you receive the Lord and then ignore His word; both old and new testament. You have no way of defending yourself.

In the Book of Hosea 4:5 scripture reads; "my people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge." **Proverbs 29:18** says "where there is no revelation (hazon-The revelation a prophet gives) the people cast off restraint." (Offer no restraint or resistance for protection.) This verse literally means that without a word from God, people abandon themselves to their own ways.

The people did not have the advantage of owning their own Bible and had to rely on the word of God given through a prophet. This is why the assembly was so important for Israel and everyone to be present when the word was given. Today we have an over abundance of Bibles available, and numerous study helps to assist us. Not only do we have the written word, but also the fullness of the Holy Spirit that was given to teach us as well. One point I do want to cover is the reliability of our Bible and how God has marvelously preserved it for us over the years.

Until 1947 the oldest manuscripts of the

Old Testament in our possession dated from around 1000 A.D., a full 1400 years after the completion of the Old Testament. Many speculated that during that long span of time, significant change could have crept into the text.

But in 1947 a young goat herder had discovered what we now know as "The Dead Sea Scrolls" in the cliffs above Wadi Qumran. They provided clear and abundant confirmation of the entire accuracy of the Old Testament text that we possess. What great proof of the originals, in spite of transmission through long centuries of time. The Dead Sea Scrolls proved to be "word - for - word" identical with our standard Hebrew Bible. It consisted of 95% of our text and 5% chiefly made from obvious slips of the pen and variations in spelling; this was miraculous! It was once said to me that the Bible was copied so many times that you can't rely on it anymore. On the contrary; because it was written so many times we can rely on it!

In the transmission of the Greek text we are not lacking manuscripts to reconstruct the entire New Testament from copies of the original text. This makes the text we possess virtually certain. Today, as far as I know, we might have a total number of surviving Greek manuscripts, copies of the original text as well as 10,000 copies found all over the world made by different people who never met, but their writings match from the original source of information.

The evidence that it has been transcribed accurately throughout history is

overwhelming. The New Testament in its original type is found in manuscript forms. These are writings we have found that the church fathers put in lectionaries for others to read. Entire manuscripts were found. We can have complete confidence in our Bible, so don't let anyone convince you otherwise. Next month we will be covering some very important key thoughts on meditating God's word.

Love,

Pastor Jann

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Mark 4:31, 32

"It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on the Earth; but when it is sown, **it grows up** and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade."



**AUGUST
10**

**FUN
FOOD
ENTERTAINMENT**

**SUMMER
LUAU**

**\$5 | GRC FIELD
STARTS AT 3 PM**

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UPCOMINGEVENTS

- GUEST SPEAKER - Ted Frazier** | August 4, 10:30AM
- YOUTH CAMP - Uncommon** | August 19-22 **\$260**
- OFFICES CLOSED - Labor Day** | September 2
- Word Connection - fruitful** | Week 1 begins September 15

The Party is Here!
SUMMER LUAU | Saturday, August 10th **3PM \$5 per person**



**SPROUTSPRESCHOOL
+GROWKIDS**

Last month, children moved from one age group, up to the next. Also, the ages when children move up was restructured.

CULTIVATEYOUTH

Meet **Wednesdays @7PM** in GRC Sanctuary.

UNCOMMON CAMP!

August 19-22nd sign up at Cultivate