

“GOD’S WRITTEN WORD” (The Old Testament)

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How can we come to know and experience in living reality the one true and living God; and continue to experience Him every day of our lives?

The answer is: His Written Word. (The Bible)

God is alive and present through every copy of His Written Word!

I. There is a theological correlation between the Eternal Word of God, the Living Word of God in human flesh, and God’s Holy Written Word.

A. The Word of God was God’s active agent in creating the Universe. (Genesis 1)

B. In the Gospel of John we learn that the Word of God was the Person of God that existed in eternity as the Son of God.

John 1:1-3; vs. 14:

1. This Eternal “Word” is the Person of Jesus Christ.

2. The Living Word and the Eternal Word of God are one in the same; Jesus.

C. The Eternal Word and the Living Word are revealed to us by means of the Written Word of God.

II. Let us first look at the Old Testament for several examples of how we can come to know God and experience Him personally.

A. The Names of God revealed from the Old Testament.

1. The Hebrew name of God – Exodus 3. *“I AM!”*
(Yahweh)

2. Other titles of God found in the Old Testament:

Jireh – “God is my Provider” (Genesis 22:14)

Rophe – “God is my Healer” (Exodus 15:26)

Nissi – “God is my Banner” (Exodus 17:15)

M’Kiddish – “God is my Sanctification (Leviticus 20:8)

Shalom – “God is my Peace” (Judges 6:24)

Rohi – “God is my Shepherd” (Psalm 23:1)

Tsidkenu – “God is my Righteousness” (Jeremiah 23:6)

Shammah – “God is Present with me” (Ezekiel 48:35)

B. Other Theological attributes:

1. The Grace and Mercy of God!

a. Genesis 21

b. II Kings 5

2. The Providence of God!

a. II Kings 4

b. Psalm 23.

3. The Wisdom of God!

a. The men of Issachar in I Chronicles 12:32.

b. Proverbs and Ecclesiastes.

4. Trust in and prayer to God!

a. Jabez – I Chronicles 4:9-10.

b. The Psalms – e.g. 27.

5. The **love of God!**
 - a. Ruth.
 - b. **Song of Solomon.**
 6. The **Sovereignty of God!**
 - a. Choosing a **shepherd boy** as King.
I Samuel 16
 - b. **Esther and Mordecai!** God's Salvation!
Esther
- C. Some **specific passages** that speak with regard to coming to know God and growing in our personal relationship with God:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11.

Jeremiah 29:11-15.

Lamentations 3:21-33, 39-42, 55-59.

Joel 2:12-17, 23-27.

Obadiah 15-17.

Micah 6:6-8.

Psalms 24

III. What does God want us to do with regard to His Written Word?

- A. Psalm 119: 89-112 answers the question!
- B. There is **life changing spiritual power** in God's Word; His written Word; in this copy of His Word that I hold in my hands.
- C. Do you have a copy to hold in your hand and do you use it to let God guide you in your daily life?
- D. Do you have a personal saving relationship with the one revealed in this Word?