

The Word Of God

Man Lives By Every Word

Reading: [Matthew 4:1-11](#)

Text: [Deuteronomy 8:1-20](#)

Introduction:

What do you think? Is our purpose here important? What do you think? Is our time here valuable? What do you think? Do the words of this book, the Bible mean anything to us?

Jesus made an important statement when being tempted by the devil.

[Matthew 4:3-4](#) And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, “ ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

One of the most basic needs we have is food, yet Jesus said there is something that is just as basic. Every word that comes from the mouth of God is something which we need to live. It is sustenance for us. Without it our lives become unhealthy and we could die.

I remember seeing commercials where someone starts to quote an important lawyer or financial advisor and suddenly when the name was mentioned, everyone in the room stopped talking and turned to hear what was going to be said next.

Imagine what our world would be like if everyone did that when someone started to quote God, “God said” they would say and everyone in listening distance would stop talking and turn to hear the next thing, because “when **God** speaks everyone listens!”

That’s what Jesus was saying about God! EVERY word that comes out of God’s mouth is something to live by! Where was that written?

[Deuteronomy 8:1-4](#) turn there now and let’s look at what else was said.

What was going on in the wilderness? Was it just a time when God was punishing the people for all their sins? Sure some of that happened, but it was more than that! God wanted us to know that what came out His mouth was GOOD For us!

1. That You May Live and Thrive

- [v. 1](#) What Comes out of God’s mouth benefits US
 - [1 Thess. 4:1-12](#) is a Good passage that harmonizes well with this. Please read it soon.
 - It is about “The importance of living in harmony with God’s will.”
 - personal holiness; personal purity; love one another; living at peace with others

2. That You May Remember

- My forgetfulness has gotten me into trouble more than once.
 - I remember a time when a youth leader wanted to play a practical joke on one of the teens and so he took a wire or two off the distributor of his car. My plan was to warn the youth because he had a 30 mile drive to home. I forgot. His mother was not too happy with me.
- We must remember What comes out of the Lord’s mouth “Has Led You” [v. 2](#)
 - According to [v. 17](#) we did not gain our wealth on our own
 - We cannot forget where the Lord’s Lead brought us:

[Ephesians 2:11-13](#) Therefore **remember** that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— **remember** that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. **But now** in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

- Remember To Keep The Word of God [v. 3](#) (If we forget Him, we disobey His word)

[Psalm 119:9-11](#) How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

3. That You May Be Humble

- Humility is a basic precept of any good relationship.
 - I have never heard of arrogance being used or described in a good way.
 - Arrogance certainly hinders our relationship with God; He doesn’t like it either.
 - Humility is demonstrated in respect, consideration, and kindness to those around us. Like Paul said about the Fruit of the Spirit, “against such there is no law.” [Galatians 5:23](#)
- Humility is a word from God’s mouth that provides life.

4. That You May Know I Am Your Father

- Calling God our Father is not a New thing. It was what God wanted long ago. Jesus constantly used the phrase “My Father.” For Him it was personal relationship. He told the disciples to pray to “Our father...” but when he was talking about God, God was “his father.”
 - God was someone He loved and respected and obeyed
 - A Couple of times we read Jesus’ words when he was talking TO God. [John 17](#); [Matthew 26:39ff](#); each time He addressed God as Father
- It is not a matter of knowing God’s correct title, it is a matter of knowing our relationship to Him. There are some Fathers who abuse their children, but most DON’T. Fathers care for their children and want their children to learn respect and obedience. Fathers want a good future for their children and for them to “live and multiply.” ([Deut. 8:1](#))
- Paul told Timothy and Titus, “my true child in the faith” in the first few verses of their letters [1 Thessalonians 2:11-12](#) For you know how, **like a father** with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.
- [1 Corinthians 4:14](#) I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you **as my beloved children**.
- The Hebrew Writer said that’s how God treats us: as His children and because he loves us he disciplines us. What comes out of His mouth is GOOD for us and helps us in our lives.