



Pastor David's Weekly Devotional

There is no book like the Bible – not even close!

The Bible is the living and enduring Word of God (see Rom.1:16; Heb.4:12; 1Pet.1:24-25). When we sincerely open and examine God's Word, God's Word supernaturally opens and examines us. If we let it, through the illuminating power of God's Holy Spirit, the Bible will not only inform our minds but also transform our lives (1Cor.2:10-16; Eph.1:17-19). The Bible is not just a book to be studied; it is a book to be consumed (see Jer.15:16; Ezek.3:1-3; Ps.119:11; Col.3:16). Clearly, the Bible is no ordinary book – it is nothing less than the divinely authoritative, inerrant, eternal, and inspired Word of the living God.

Throughout the centuries there have been countless attempts to undermine and destroy the Bible. Many prominent leaders in the world have burned and banished God's written Word. In fact, millions of Christians have been mocked, persecuted, and killed for believing in the Bible, or simply possessing a Bible. And yet today, the Bible continues to be the runaway number one bestselling book in America every single year. As the old saying goes, "The Bible is like an anvil and around it lay many broken hammers."

While we are not to worship the Bible (known as "bibliolatry"), we are to revere and obey God's Word. We are called to "*[hold] fast to the word of life*" (Phil.2:16), being "*doers of the word, and not hearers only*" (Jms.1:22). The Bible is not to be a religious relic or "good luck charm." Nor is it meant to be set aside "for emergencies only." God has commanded that we regularly hear, read, study, memorize, meditate on, and obey His Word. It needs to be a part of our daily lives, and a part of our lives all throughout the day. For it is through God's inspired Word that we discover the truth of salvation (Rom.1:16), and truths concerning our sanctification (Jn.17:17).

In the introductory pages of one of my study Bibles is this great declaration:

"This book contains: the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers.

Its doctrine is holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be saved, and practice it to be holy.

It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here heaven is open, and the gates of hell are disclosed.

Christ is the grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, health to the soul, and a river of pleasure. It is given to you here in this life, will be opened at the judgment, and is established forever.

It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle with its contents."

Together in and for Christ,
Pastor David
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Scripture Readings for the Week (Monday – Sunday ~ Week #33):

Numbers 1-4; 1 Chronicles 5-9; Psalms 96-98; Proverbs 17-18; Daniel 7-12; John 5-6; 1 Timothy 1-3

Recommended Reading:

"Knowing Scripture" by R.C. Sproul