July 17, 2022 ***Spiritual Foundation Precepts*** Pastor Billy Burchfield

**Suppositions: 1) You believe in Yahweh, 2) You believe in Jesus Christ (Mesiah)**

**Deut. 8:3,** **God’s Word and our Souls nourishment.** “*So* ***He*** (Yahweh-God) *humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that* ***He*** *might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every* ***word******that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord***. Jesus quoted this text in **Matt. 4:4**, when He faced Satan’s snares in the wilderness; *“It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God* ’ ”**.**  Message: there is no survival of the soul without **God’s Word**; ***daily***. Israel’s receiving the daily supply of manna makes clear that a ***regular***, ***daily*** **portion** of God’s Word is to be ***sought*** and *fed upon* by the believer. This is not a matter of legal duty, determining one’s salvation, **but** a matter of **personal responsibility**, determining one’s ***obedience*** to the pathway of ***discipleship***. Let no one suppose spiritual survival is possible for long without nourishment from the Word of God. **1 Pet. 2:2** “*as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,”* declares that God’s Word is as essential to the believer as milk is to a newborn. We must come to terms with *His Word* as **key** to our survival and also see that God has given its pleasantness as a joyful source of sweetness for our living; **Ps. 19:10**, “*More to be desired are they* (God’s Words) *than gold,* *yea, than much fine gold;* *Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb***.**”

 ***Word*** *in Greek is*, ***rhema*;** Strong’s #4487: That which is said or spoken, an

 utterance, in contrast to **l*ogos***, which is the expression of a thought, a message, a

 discourse. *Logos is the message; rhema is the communication of the message*. *Logos*

 *is the Bible* in its entirety; ***rhema*** *is a verse from the Bible*. The meaning of rhema in

 distinction to logos is illustrated in Eph. 6:17, where the reference is not to the

 Scriptures as a whole*, but to that portion which the* *believer wields as a sword in the*

 *time of need*.

**Ps. 19:7,** **The Complete Trustworthiness of the Bible.** “***The law of the Lord is perfect****,* converting *the soul;* ***The testimony of the Lord is sure****, making wise the simple*;” The “*law of the Lord is perfect*” is a direct reference to the ***absolute***, ***complete***, and ***entire trustworthiness*** of **The Holy Scriptures**. The Word of God is **perfect** in its accuracy and **sure** in its dependability. God’s Word: **1)** ***Inerrant*** (perfect); in the original copies of each manuscript written by each Bible book’s respective author, there was nothing mistaken or tinged with error. The excellence of the Holy Spirit’s *protection of the Scriptures over the centuries* has insured that the copies delivered into our hands from generations past are *essentially* the same. Even literary critics who claim no faith in the truth of the Bible attest to its being the most completely reliable of any book transmitted from antiquity, in terms of its actually remaining unchanged and dependably accurate. **2)** ***Infallible*** refers to the fact that ***The*** *Bible is unfailing as an absolutely trustworthy guide for our faith* (belief in God) *and practice* (life and behavior). **This is so:**

because ***God is true***: **John 3:33**, “*He* (Jesus) *who has received His* (Father’s) *testimony*

 *has certified that God is true*;” **17:3**, “*And this is eternal life, that they may know You*

(Father),***the only true God****, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent*,” and

because ***God cannot lie*** (Num. 23:19; Titus 1:2; Heb. 6:18). **Num 23:19**, “*God is not a*

 *man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will*

 *He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good*?”**Titus 1:2**, “*in hope of*

 *eternal life which* ***God, who cannot lie****, promised before time began*;”**Heb 6:18**, “*that by*

 ***two*** *immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong*

 *consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us*.”

because ***His Word reveals His truth***, **John 17:17**, “*Sanctify them by* ***Your***(Father God)

 *truth.* ***Your word is truth***.” **Precept:** **a command or principal for ordering our lives.**

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