July 24, 2022 ***Spiritual Foundation Precepts*-2** Pastor Billy Burchfield

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

**The Authority of God’s Word Over Our Lives:** **Ps. 119:89-91** **“*Forever****, O LORD, Your* ***Word*** *is* ***settled in heaven****. 90* ***Your faithfulness endures*** *to all generations; You established the earth, and* ***it abides****. 91 They continue this day* ***according to Your ordinances****, for all are Your* ***servants****.***”** This text asserts the all-encompassing, absolutely authoritative Word of God as ***unchangingly secured in heaven***: **(1)** The timelessness of God’s rule is recorded and sealed by His Word. Times and seasons change, social customs, human opinions, and philosophical viewpoints vary, but they have no effect on the **constancy** or **authority** of God’s Word. **(2)** ***God is faithful*** in applying the power, promise, and blessing of His Word, along with its ***requirements of*** **justice** and **judgment** (vv. 90, 91). Yahweh spoke and the earth was created and is sustained, so He has spoken regarding **His laws for living**. The relativism of human thought does not affect His authority or standards. **(3)** Creation itself ***abides*** by His Word, responding as His “*servants*” (v. 91). Humanity is often a ***study in contrast*** to this ***submission*** to the **Creator’s authority**. Whatever our past rebellion, ***upon coming to Christ, a practical reinstatement of God’s Word as the governing principle for all our life is to take place***. Jesus declares this, **John 8:47,** **“***He who is of God hears God’s words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God***.”** Paul notes that to respond otherwise is to compromise the level of life to which we have been called. **1 Cor. 2:13–16,** “*These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which* ***The Holy Spirit*** *teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.* *14But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are* ***spiritually discerned****. 15But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.* *16For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him? But* ***we have the mind of Christ*.”**

As “*spiritual*” people we are to refuse the “natural” inclinations of fallen human beings**.** As we hear and yield to the authority of God’s Word, we verify through our actions that we are no longer dominated by the world’s spirit of error**.** **1 John 4:6**, **“***We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error***.”**

**God’s Word and Practical, Fruitful Living:** **Ps 119:105,** **“***Your word is* ***a lamp to my feet*** *and* ***a light to my path****.***”** We all know too little of life to be without a ***guide***. **God’s Word is that guide**. **Psalm 119** reveals a multitude of **Life Precepts and principle** contained in God’s Word. They make clear to us how dynamically God’s Word will *assist* us in *life’s most practical circumstances*. **Verse 105** clearly reveals how God’s Word ***lights the way***, ***giving direction*** for each step (“*to my feet*”) and ***giving wisdom*** for long-range plans (“*to my path*”). Joshua links the *regular application* of God’s Word to life as the most certain way to *success and prosperity* **in** living (**Josh. 1:8,** **“*This Book of the Law*** *shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success***”**). **Psalm 119:130, “***The entrance of Your words gives light;**It gives understanding to the simple***,”** notes the wisdom God’s Word gives to the “*simple*” (Heb. *pethawee*), a truth specifically ***pointing toward the avoidance of making decisions based on human delusion or outright senselessness***. **Proverbs 6:23, “***For* ***the commandment*** *is* ***a lamp****,**and* ***the law a light****;**Reproofs of instruction are* ***the way of life*,”** reminds us that the “*reproofs*” or “*corrections*” the Bible gives are as much a part of the “*light*” it provides as any positive or confirming direction found therein. Let **God’s Word** **guide, correct, instruct, lead, teach, and confirm**. Do not run ahead without it; **ever**.

**Hears**

**obedience**, hupakoe (hoop-ak-oh-ay); Strong’s #5218: From hupo, “under,” and akouo, “to hear.” The word signifies attentive hearing, to listen with compliant submission, assent, and agreement. It is used for obedience in general, for obedience to God’s commands, and for Christ’s obedience.