

Ezekiel Ministry

A Ministry of Hope and Healing



“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;...”

Ephesians 6:17

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“Behold, the day is coming,’ says the Lord God, ‘that I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, not a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.” (Amos 8:11)

What would the world be like without the Word of God, without the Bible? This is not a world that I would want to live in. My Bible is precious to me. I have many Bibles on my book shelf, but I have only two that I use and you can tell that they have been used. They have been glued and taped together many times. These Bibles are very important to me. I have my mother’s Bible and my father’s Bible, it is nice to look through and see the notes and the underlining in these Bibles. It lets me know what was important to my parents. I hope you have your special Bible also.

Why do I love my Bible so? I love and enjoy my Bible because I find God in my Bible and God finds me. He talks to me and I listen to what He tells me in His word. I don’t read my Bible every morning, but I read my Bible everyday. Some mornings there is just not enough time, but most mornings my routine is to make my coffee and make breakfast then as I eat my breakfast I read my Bible and then I write. I write about what I feel God is telling me in His word. I know that without these times with God in His word, my life would not be as full as it is.

“It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the month of God.” (Matthew 4:4)

God’s word is more important than what we eat.

“Amos is a prophet for today. His words show us the present state of the church. His vision of spiritual starvation in Israel pictures ours: famine with which he foresaw that God would judge His people is the present experience of a great part of the world church.” (J.I. Packer)

There is not a lacking of God’s word in our churches, the problem is that we just read His word and we don’t study and meditate on God’s word and what it means for our lives.

God’s Words, how wonderful, how powerful, how alive. His words speak to us if we only read and let God speak to our hearts. How Satan wants us to neglect to read the Bible because the words of God can bring us victory over him. Jesus uses God’s words to fight Satan.

As we start this New Year, let’s read and meditate on God’s word and allow it to change our life.



“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

“The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God’s revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. It reveals the principles by which God judges us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ.” (The Baptist Church statement of faith about the Bible)

The Bible is no doubt a book from God. It has outlasted many critics. It is alive and speaks to every generation. It has always been one of the best selling books of all times and today it still is.

Bible, the English form of the Greek name *Biblia*, meaning “books,” the name which in the fifth century began to be given to the entire collection of sacred books, the “Library of Divine Revelation.” The name Bible was adopted by Wickliffe, and came gradually into use in our English language. The Bible consists of sixty-six different books, composed by many different writers, in three different languages, under different circumstances; writers of almost every social rank, statesmen and peasants, kings, herdsmen, fishermen, priests, tax collectors, tentmakers; educated and uneducated, Jews and Gentiles; most of them unknown to each other, and writing at various periods during the space of about 1600 years, and yet, after all, it is only one book dealing with only one subject in its numberless aspects and relations, the subject of man’s redemption.

How wonderful that God put this book together just for me and you. He put this book together because He loves us so much.

“Jesus! The name to sinners dear,
The name to sinners given;
It scatters all their guilty fear,
It turns their hell to heaven.

O that the world might taste and see
The riches of His grace;
The arms of love that compass me
Would all mankind embrace.

His only righteousness I show,
His saving grace proclaim;
‘Tis all my business here below
To cry: Behold the Lamb!

Happy, if with my last breath
I might but gasp his name;
Preach Him to all, and cry in death;
Behold, behold the Lamb!”
(Charles Wesley) ►

This is what the entire Bible does, it cries Behold the Lamb, who takes away the sin and death of the world. The Bible is the story of Jesus. It is a story that I have never gotten bored with and a story that I read every day and it is as new today as it was when it was written.

This book, the Bible is more powerful than we realize. I have seen demons quote scripture from the Bible and had the Bible put fear in their heart. Satan has attempted for centuries to rid the world of this book.

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My Words will by no means pass away” (Luke 21:33).

“In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.” (Hebrews 1: 1-4)

Jesus Christ was God’s supreme revelation. God through out the Bible was reveling His plan for mankind. Jesus Christ revealed the Father, not only by what He said, but by what He was, and what He did; for He, as the Son, is the image of the Father, and all the many sides of His fullness. The invisible God was made visible by Jesus Christ.

“No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.” (John 1:18)

What was God revealing in the Bible?

First, God was revealing Himself. He was showing His eternal power and deity as maker and master of the world and with that His character and His ways with men.

“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and God-head, so that they are without excuse.” (Romans 1:20)

Second, God was revealing His kingdom. He was showing the reality of His universal kingship. He was showing how He moved history along to the final form that His kingship takes, namely the saving reign of Jesus Christ.

“In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.” (Isaiah 6:1) ►

Third, God was revealing His covenant with men. God pledged Himself to men, to bless them, and they pledge themselves to Him, to serve Him. God in the Bible is restoring His relationship with Adam. He wants to have that personal relationship with us, because of His love for us.

“And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.’ (Revelation 21:3)

Fourth, God was revealing His law, which is His will for all men. Yes, Jesus came and He died on the cross for our sins, but the laws of God in the Old Testament are still in force. His laws are the way that we must live.

Fifth, God was revealing His salvation. He was revealing that He would always be with us and keep us safe. He would keep us from Satan and sin if we will only look to Him. He was also revealing His Son to us so that if we accept Him we can have the relationship with God that He wanted from the start.

“In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.” (Ephesians 1:13)

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