

Everlasting Gospel Bible Studies

Lesson 3

GOD'S MESSAGE TO MANKIND



Before sin and suffering, man, created by God, lived in a perfect world. He was perfect physically, mentally, and spiritually. He could literally walk and talk with God and other heavenly beings. After he disobeyed God, this direct communication was ended. Satan was in control of humanity. But God in His great mercy provided a pathway for man's complete restoration.

Satan's power over the earth was broken when God sent His own Son to die for our sins. John 12:31-32. Man no longer has to remain in captivity to Satan. However, as we observe our world today, we see that Satan is seeking in every possible way to gain control over our minds. As we look further for God's answer to the sin problem through the revelation of the Everlasting Gospel, let us explore together the surety of God's Holy Word in the Bible.

A. THE LIGHT OF GOD'S WORD

1. What gift did God give to us? Psalm 68:11

2. What does God's Word provide for us? Psalm 119:105

NOTE: Many thinking people are asking questions such as;
Why was I born into this violent world?
Does God have a plan for me?
What happens to me when I die?
We can be thankful that God does supply us with definite Bible answers to these most important questions.



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B. AUTHORITY OF GOD'S WORD

3. Who is called "the Word"? John 1:1-5, 14: Revelation 19:13, 16

NOTE: The authority of the written Word, the Bible, is in complete harmony with the authority of the living Word, Jesus. Both were sent as gifts from the Father.

4. Why does God have the right to speak with the authority we find in the Bible? Isaiah 46:9-10

NOTE: God is supreme in the universe. There is truly no other like Him, but He claims authority for more than just this reason. God is also our Creator and, because of our sin, He has become our Saviour. He deserves our respect twice over for His great love for us.

5. Through what channels has God chosen to communicate to humanity? 2 Peter 1:21; Hebrews 1:1

6. As no prophecy in Scripture is of any private interpretation (2 Peter 1:20), from where must our understanding of the Bible come? Psalm 119:33-34; John 16:13

7. What prayer of the psalmist should be ours also? Psalm 119:133

NOTE: God has given us a powerful weapon in the Bible, for it not only transforms our lives, but it also protects us in the ongoing battle

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8. How much of the Scripture was inspired by God?
2 Timothy 3:16-17

9. What does our keeping of the commandments show? John 14:15

NOTE: When we allow Jesus to take charge of our lives, obedience becomes spontaneous because His law of love becomes the law of our own hearts. Hebrews 10:16

11. What will happen when we follow Jesus' Word? John 8:31-32

12. To what is the power of God's Word compared? Hebrews 4:12

13. What was Peter's reason for following Jesus? John 6:67-68

NOTE: The words that Jesus spoke were not His own, but God's. John 7:16. These words completely changed Peter's life. He was transformed from an outspoken, temperamental fisherman to a humble, powerful worker for God.

**14. What is the certain result of obedience to the truth?
1 Peter 1:22-23**

15. In what areas will my life be affected when I live in accordance with God's Word?

(1) Matthew 22:36-40; Psalm 133:1

(2) Romans 12:2; Jeremiah 33:3

(3) Proverbs 3:7-8; 1 Peter 3:10-11

(4) Psalm 119:168;. Romans 15:4

(5) Psalm 119:9, 11: Romans 8:6

(6) Isaiah 26:3; John 14:27

NOTE: There are many promises provided in the Bible for our encouragement, in whatever circumstances we may find ourselves. The following is a promise for the sincere seeker for truth: "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13

SUMMARY

God is interested in blessing us in every facet of our lives. Therefore the Bible contains perfect counsel not only for our spiritual needs, but also for our physical, emotional, social, and intellectual needs. God gave us the Bible to restore communication between heaven and earth. His word has supreme authority and requires our heartfelt obedience. It also reveals the power to obey Him. A daily study of the Bible, with the Holy Spirit as our teacher, will change our lives. We can be at peace with others and with our God. There develops an abiding trust that He can take care of us in any circumstance. Understanding the work of God for us will awaken a love that leads to heartfelt obedience.

PERSONAL COMMITMENT

I recognize that the Bible is God's great guide book and I ask for His grace to live my life in accordance with its principles.

Signed: _____