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## The Word of God

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Seldom ever in the age of man has the word of God occupied its rightful and supreme position in the affairs of life. Mankind has failed to appreciate and respect the Bible as God's absolute and final will for man.

America's foundations are in serious decay this very hour due to the lack of respect for the Word of God. God's Word states that lives are **DESTROYED** when we depart from the Word of God "Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded." (Prov. 13:13).

**THE BIBLE ALONE** has answers to our problems. We certainly need to return to God's Word for moral purity and holiness. "Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him " (Prov. 30:5). There is a standard of behavior that God expects men to follow, and it is in this **WORD!**

God's Word is man's light and lamp "O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!"

(Psa. 119:105). It is man's hope against sin "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." (Psa. 119:11). God's Word is the truth whereby man may be freed from sin (Jn. 8:32; Rom. 6:17-18). The Word of God alone is all we need (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

God's Word sanctifies, cleanses, and it gives understanding (John 17:17; Eph. 5:26; Psa. 119:130). God's Word has the power to produce a new life and godliness (Js. 1:18; 2 Pet. 1:3-4).

God's Word is **QUICK, LIVING AND POWERFUL** (Heb. 4:12; Jer. 23:29), and it will judge us (Jn. 12:48). We need to return to the righteous standards set forth in the Word of God!

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### Satan Will Provide A Way

There is no doubt that the Devil is a personal being. Personal names and personal pronouns are used with reference to him. The

name Satan means an adversary. In (Rev. 9:11), he is Abaddon or Apollyon which means destroyer and deceiver, which describes his purpose and work. He is called the prince of the world (Jn. 12:31), a liar, and a murderer from the beginning (Jn. 8:44), and the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4). He is the great dragon, the old serpent, the deceiver of the whole world (Rev. 12:9-10). The adversary (1 Pet. 5:8); an enemy (Mat. 13:28); the evil one (Mat. 13:19); and the tempter (Mat. 4:3). In other words, he is an enemy of God and man, and uses his utmost endeavors to rob God of His glory, and men of their souls.

When Adam and Eve had sinned and sought for some way to attempt to justify their wrong, Satan provided an excuse for both. When Jonah was attempting to flee from God he found a ship conveniently waiting for him. Satan made it very convenient for him to disobey or ignore God's command.

Some folks say. Yes, we will be in the services Sunday if nothing happens. I know immediately that they probably will not be present, for Satan will see that something will happen. When we look for a way to forsake the assembly, a way to not give as we have been prospered, a way to get out of working in the work of the Lord, or for some way to justify our sins, **SATAN WILL PROVIDE A WAY!**

In this life Satan will provide ways for us to neglect, put-off, or ignore Christ. But, remember (Jas. 4:7)!

### **I MET THE STRANGEST MAN**

He said he believes in the Bible as the Word of God, but he doesn't study it each day.

He said the church would be more effective in its work if more of its members were really dedicated and active, but he is not as active as he could be.

He said he feels that the church assemblies are times for edification and praise, but he attends occasionally.

He said the younger generation needs stronger spiritual values, but he rarely shows them in the life that he lives.

He said the church is not doing the work the Lord intends it should do, but he is not working fervently.

He said he believes that God hears and answers prayers, but he does not pray often.

He said he knows the Lord is coming again, but he lives as though the Lord will never come.

**A STRANGE MAN INDEED!**