

Meet with God in His Word

1. Everyone _____ the Bible through a _____.

- a. Doctrine (argumentative, confrontational, mean)
- b. Behavior (proud, judgmental, disgust)
- c. Blessings/prosperity (positional, arrogant)
- d. Prophecy/end times (fear, political, confrontational)
- e. Healing (narrow, spiritual, emotional)
- f. Gods' sovereignty (argumentative, not loving, lazy)

2. Look into the Bible through the _____ of the _____.

- a. Break you
- b. Humble you
- c. Move you
- d. Make you
- e. Send you
- f. Strengthen you
- g. Encourage you
- h. Build you
- i. Satisfy you

3. Read the Word as a _____ sent to you from _____.

John 3:16 (NASB) "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

a. There are _____ kinds of _____. Those who _____

God's love and those who _____ God's love.

Charles Spurgeon

The Bible is a letter sent to us from heaven, signed by God, dictated by the Holy Spirit, and sealed with the blood of Christ.

b. God's Word must go _____ than the eye and way

beyond the brain. It needs to make the heart _____.

William Gurnall

The reason why many poor souls have so little heat of joy in their hearts is that they have so little light of Gospel knowledge in their mind. The further a soul stands from the light of truth, the further he must needs be from the heat of comfort.

4. Read the Word for the _____ of _____ to God's voice.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 And for this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received from us the word of God's message, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

Psalm 78:1-4 Listen, O my people, to my instruction; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

Charles Spurgeon

The Bible is the writing of the living God: each letter was penned with an Almighty finger; each word in it dropped from the everlasting lips; each sentence was dictated by the Holy Spirit. Even though Moses was employed to write his histories with his fiery pen, God guided that pen. It may be that David touched his harp, and let sweet Psalms of melody drop from his fingers; but God moved his hands over the living strings of his golden harp. It may be that Solomon sang songs of love, or gave for the words of wisdom, but God directed his lips, and made the preacher eloquent. If I follow the thundering Nahum, when his horses plowed the waters, or Habakkuk, when he sees the tents of Cushan in affliction; if I read Malachi, when the earth is burning like an oven; if I turn to the smooth page of John, who tells of love, or the rugged, fiery chapters of Peter, who speaks of fire devouring God's enemies; if I turn to Jude, who launches forth anthems upon the foes of God, everywhere I find God speaking; it is God's voice, not man's, the words are God's words, the words of the Eternal, the Invisible, the Almighty, the Jehovah of this earth. This Bible is God's Bible, and when I see it, I seem to hear a voice springing up from it, saying "I am the book of God; man, read me. I am God's writing; open my pages, for I was penned by God; read it, for he is my author, and you will see him visible and manifest everywhere." Rob yourself of sleep before you rob yourself of this Word.

a. The Bible does _____ stand alone; _____ comes _____ it.

Martin Luther

To me, the Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me

1 Thessalonians 1:5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction;

5. Read the Word with the _____ of having your five _____ touched.

Ezekiel 3:1-3 Then He said to me, “Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll.....Then I ate it, and it was sweet as honey in my mouth.

Jeremiah 15:16 Thy words were found and I ate them, and Thy words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart;

Psalms 119:103 – How sweet are Thy words to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

2 Corinthians 2:14-17 (NIV)

¹⁴ But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him.

¹⁵ For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.

¹⁶ To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task?

¹⁷ Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God.

a. It is not enough to hear a _____; you need to see it, taste it, _____ it, and inhale it.

6. Read the Bible with the expectation of God giving us a revelation of His _____, purpose, love, mission and direction for _____.

Psalms 119:47-48 – And I shall delight in Thy commandments, which I love. And I shall lift up my hands to Thy commandments, which I love; and I will meditate on Thy statutes.

7. Read the Bible with the expectation that it will _____ your _____.

Psalms 19:7-9 – The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether.

Eddie Rasnake

The bible is not simply a book that we read; it is a book that reads us.

8. Read the Word as if it is a _____ with the _____ of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- a. The Word of God is a penetrating sword (Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12)
- b. The Word is the reflecting mirror of life (James 1:22-25)
- c. The Word is the burning fire of conviction (Jer. 23:29; Lk. 24:32)
- d. The Word is the pounding hammer which crushes the hardness of man's heart (Jer. 23:29)
- e. The Word is a reproducing seed of the new birth (1 Peter 2:23)
- f. The Word of God is the nourishing food of the believer (1 Peter 2:2-3; Heb. 5:12-24; Matt. 4:4)
- g. The Word of God is the guiding light of the believer (Ps. 119:105).
- h. The Word of God is the cleansing water of sanctification (Jn. 15:3, 17:17; Eph. 5:25-26)
- i. The Word of God is the measuring instrument by which one receives the approval of God (2 Tim. 2:15)