

# GW The Word Of The Lord

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Public worship keeps up the memorials of God in a world prone to atheism, and a sense of God in a heart prone to forgetfulness. The angels sang in company, not singly, at the birth of Christ, and praised God not only with a simple elevation of their spiritual nature, but audibly, by forming a voice in the air. Affections are more lively, spirits more raised in public than private.....fire increases by laying together many coals on one place; so devotion is inflamed by the union of many hearts, and by being joined together.

**Stephen Charnock**

## Brethren We Have Met To Worship

As smart as some of us might be in this room, we are not here to share our ignorance this morning. Why would we, when we have the word of God to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path? Listen to what God thinks about his word. *Is not my word like fire, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?*

*Jeremiah 23:29*

*For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12*

*But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

## Thy Word

Gregory the Great back in the 500's said that "the Bible is the heart of God in the words of God." Romans 15: 4 tells us that *everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.*

John Newton suggested that we....."read the scriptures, not as an attorney may read a will, merely to know the sense, but as the heir reads it, as a description and proof of his interest; to hear the Gospel as the voice of our Beloved."

## **Ancient Words**

The **law** of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

The **statutes** of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The **precepts** of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.

The **commands** of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The **fear** of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

The **ordinances** of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

**Psalm 19:7-14**

George Bowen, a Scottish evangelist, wrote in his journal dated March 30, 1845....."students of theology and ministers, instead of coming for their everyday standard to the Bible, take it from the conduct of one another. And no man thinks he falls much short of his duty, when he does not fall below the average of practice. This is wrong unquestionably. God speaks to us in the Bible, and not in defective consciences of those around us. And we must come to the Bible and there learn what god thinks of our conduct and what He would have us do."

**How has God's word helped you recently,  
either encouraging, teaching, exhorting, or training?**

## **How Firm A Foundation**

**OFFERING**

**The Word**

**SERMON**

## **BENEDICTION**

Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him - to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

**Romans 16:25-27**