

GATE School of Ministry [DC] Bible Study Notes**Module** : The Primacy of the Word of God**Session 3** : Living By Every Proceeding Word**Focus** : Obey All God's Speaking and So Learn and Imbibe His Ways**Deut. 8:1-20**

- 1 "All the **commandments** that I am commanding you today you shall be **careful to do**, that you may **live and multiply**, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore *to give* to your forefathers.
- 2 "You shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that **He might humble you, testing you**, to know what was in your heart, **whether you would keep His commandments or not**.
- 3 "He humbled you and let you be hungry, and **fed you with manna** which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might **make you understand** that **man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD**.
- 4 "Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.
- 5 "Thus you are to know in your heart that the **LORD your God was disciplining you just as a man** disciplines his son.
- 6 "Therefore, you shall **keep the commandments of the LORD** your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.
- 7 "For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills;
- 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey;
- 9 a land where you will eat food without scarcity, in which you will not lack anything; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper.
- 10 "When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.
- 11 "**Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments** and His **ordinances and His statutes** which I am commanding you today;
- 12 otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived *in them*,
- 13 and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies,
- 14 then **your heart will become proud** and you will forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
- 15 "**He led you** through the great and terrible wilderness, *with its* fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water; **He brought** water for you out of the rock of flint.
- 16 "In the wilderness **He fed you** manna which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do good for you in the end.
- 17 "Otherwise, you may say in your heart, '**My power** and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.'

- 18 "But you shall **remember the LORD** your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day.
- 19 "It shall come about if you ever **forget the LORD your God and go after other gods** and serve them and worship them, I testify against you today that you will surely perish.
- 20 "Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so you shall perish; **because you would not listen to the voice of the LORD your God.**

NOTE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS FROM THIS PASSAGE :

Verse 3: If you do not have **access to the current speaking** of God through His Word, you are living in the realm of decay and death - spiritually. Man **LIVES** by every proceeding Word from God. Failure to hear and obey this word renders one spiritually dead.

Verse 11: God is indeed **'forgotten'** when His principles are no longer adhered to. Disobedience to His **principles** results, in part, from **a dis-estimation of the seriousness and weight of His speaking.** If you do not obey God's commandments, you do not love Him enough.

Consider : **'DO NOT REFUSE HIM WHO IS SPEAKING'**

Heb 12:25-29

- 25 See to it that you **do not refuse Him who is speaking.** For if those did not escape they refused him who warned *them* on earth, much less *will we escape* who turn away from Him who *warns* from heaven.
- 26 And **His voice shook the earth** then, but now He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN."
- 27 This *expression*, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.
- 28 Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;
- 29 for our God is a consuming fire.

Refuse = paraiteomai = decline, avoid, shun, reject

Acts 7:30-32

- 32 "And when forty years had passed, an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai.
- 31 When Moses saw *it*, he marveled at the sight; and as he drew near to observe, the **voice of the Lord came to him,**
- 32 saying, 'I AM THE GOD OF YOUR FATHERS—THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB.' And **Moses trembled** and dared not look.

Moses had a deep reverence and godly fear for the VOICE of the Lord. He trembled at God's Word.

Isaiah 66:1-2

- 1 Thus says the LORD, "Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest?
- 2 "For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares the LORD. "But **to this one I will look**, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and **who trembles at My word**.

Heaven or any man-made house cannot contain the fullness of God – only a contrite and humble heart that ‘trembles’ at His Word.

Heb. 3:7-11

- 7 Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says, "**TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE**,
- 8 **DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS** AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME, AS IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS,
- 9 WHERE YOUR FATHERS TRIED *Me* BY TESTING *Me*, AND **SAW MY WORKS** FOR FORTY YEARS.
- 10 "THEREFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH THIS GENERATION, AND SAID, 'THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART, AND THEY **DID NOT KNOW MY WAYS**';
- 11 AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH, 'THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.'"
- 12 **Take care**, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God.

“Today” indicates the necessity to respond quickly and appropriately to God's speaking.

In context, those who do not respond obediently to God's speaking, indirectly show their contempt for Him and His voice because

- They were unduly focused on His works (performance) (v.8) to the neglect of His Ways (principles), and thus never transitioned from being dependant upon a manifestation of God, to seeking and being governed by God's principles.
- They consistently and repetitively “**go astray in their heart**”. (v.10)
“Go astray” = planao = “to cause to wander, lead astray, deceive; to err”. It has reference to those who through deception and seduction, leave an ordained path and wander into error. He who shows disdain for God's speaking opens himself to ‘other voices’ and satanic suggestions intent upon derailing him from God's will.
- They developed hardened hearts by yielding to the deceptive nature of sin. (3:8,12)
‘Hardend’ = Skleros = (from skello, “to be dry”). It was applied to that which lacks moisture, and so is rough and disagreeable to the touch, and hence came to denote “harsh, stern,

hard.” Always used as a term of reproach and indicates a harsh, even inhuman character. Speaks of a stiffnecked-ness and a refusal to adjust.

Not giving due accord and obedient response to God’s speaking will result in a ‘slipping’ or ‘drifting away’ (2:1)

Heb. 2:1-3

- 1 For this reason we must **pay much closer attention to what we have heard**, so that **we do not drift away from it.**
- 2 For if **the word spoken** through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty,
- 3 how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,

Drift away” = **pararheo** = “to flow past, glide by”. The significance is to find oneself “flowing” or “passing by,” without giving due heed to “the things that were heard,” .

Verse 12ff : **Disregard for God’s Word makes one susceptible to pride and trust in one’s own sufficiency and ingenuity, to the total dishonour or regard for God.** You begin to function independantly of God. Regard for and obedience to His Word is the mechanism ensuring our perpetual acknowledgement of Him for all our successes and thus keeps us humble as we totally depend on Him for everything.

Verse 19,20 : **The ultimate consequence is the total forsaking of the true God in pursuit after foreign gods that ends in spiritual death (‘perish’).** The underlying cause and condition is again noted : “because you would **not listen to the voice of the LORD** your God.”

It is obvious in the above verses that there **exists the possibility** of coming into bountiful provision and contentment in having all physical needs met because of the gracious providence of God, and yet because of this very fact, **be seduced away from God** . This will be the case if one has **not established the priority of God’s Word as a fundamental principle in one’s life.**

Seeking to live exclusively in the realm of having one’s every external need and want satisfied, without a deep, internal desire to hear and obey His word, is to be prone to deception and eventual departure from the path of accuracy and prophetic fulfillment.

Ways vs. Works : As indicated above, **Israel knew God’s works, but not His ways.** His Word reveal His ways. Do not become fixated so much on His ‘acts’ that you fail to know HIM (His principles). Seek to know the ‘person’ of God behind the ‘performance’ of God. Know His ways more than just seeking to be enthralled by His works. Know the ‘operating system of God’ before the ‘operations’ of God.

Psalm 103:7 He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel.
Psalm 86:10,11 For You are great and do wondrous deeds; You alone are God. Teach me
Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your
 name.

The fulfillment of our personal needs is not a biblical target to be pursued. All needs are automatically met as God's Kingdom and righteousness are ardently pursued and prioritised. The **true target** or ultimate goal is to come into the **fullness of the image of Christ** in our world and **representatively act on His behalf to bring completion to every detail of all of His global purposes.**

To attain this, **positioning ourselves under the constant speaking of the Lord is absolutely essential.** Man lives not by bread alone – not fixated about personal needs for survival being met, but by EVERY WORD that PROCEEDS out from GOD'S MOUTH – and it is through active and consistent obedience to these Words, that we partake of and assimilate the nature of Christ in us – thereby representing Him to the world.

Verse 1 and 2 : Note that the commandments were given to Israel **to 'test' them.** In Genesis 22, God gave a command to Abraham to sacrifice His only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his absolute willingness to do it, God said to him, "... for now **I know that you fear God...**" (Gen. 22:12). God knows all things. He did not discover that Abraham feared Him because of His act of obedience – He knew this already. Earlier in Genesis 18:19 - God testified that He KNEW Abraham:

Gen. 18:19 For **I have known him**, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that **they keep the way of the LORD**, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may **bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him."**

Also here, God affirms that the promise given to Abraham and his house was conditional upon obedience. So what was God's intent in saying **"now I know you fear God"**. God wanted Abraham to know things about himself that God already knew from before the beginning of time. God needed him to practically demonstrate the fact that he had attained a degree of being like God - Abraham had to exhibit this. Every time you are faced with a test of obedience to the Word, you not only have the profound opportunity of actualising this by doing the right thing , but also you come to know things that God already knew about you. Obedience is an opportunity to bring into manifestation an eternal reality about yourself. But without 'the test' of being exposed to God's commandments, it will be impossible to flesh out in your life the divine nature of God.

Example : Someone hates you and spreads lies about you ; you have an option to hate them or to love them; do not be tempted into hating them since God says to love your enemies; when you love

you then put the nature of your Heavenly on display; thus you are filling out in your life the very nature of God practically.

[**Aside** : Similarly when God asked Adam after he sinned, “ Where are you?” – it does not mean that God did not know. Rather God was trying to get Adam to recognise where he was located in relationship to Himself, especially now after he had sinned.]

A son's obedience to the Word will be tested:

Jesus was tested:

Heb. 5:7-9

- 7 In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.
- 8 Although He was a Son, **He learned obedience** from the **things which He suffered**.
- 9 And having been **made perfect**, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,

Joseph was tested:

Psalms 105:19

Until the time that his word came to pass,
The **word of the LORD tested** him.

Obedience to the Word – Opportunity to Partake of and Demonstrate God's Nature

God would one day sacrifice His only son, as Abraham sacrificed his. Obedience to the Word allows us to be a partaker in God's nature – we become like Him – the Word made flesh. Abraham, through his obedience, had just demonstrated something already present within the very fabric of God's nature and something central to His eternal purposes – i.e. the ability to not withhold His only son.

Compare the following two verses.

Abraham : Gen 22:12

He said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since **you have not withheld your son**, your only son, from Me." (**NASB**)

God

:Romans 8:32

He **who did not withhold his own Son**, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? (**NRSV**)

Every act of obedience unlocks within us already embedded facets of God's nature. We have it already. Obedience unveils it to us. God knows it already. He wants to make known to us a reality with which He has already impregnated us, through the release of His command (Word) to us.

Right through the speaking of God to Abraham, he responds with 'Here I am. God is the "I AM". When Abraham responds "**Here I AM**", He is demonstrating a quality within Him that is so like God. Consistency in this, empowered him to engage in and obey a difficult command of God – the giving up of his only son. In some respect this was the height of something within Abraham that he modelled, that is the closest he came to being like God. Again – obedience to God's Word and commands cultivates the nature of God within us.

As indicated in a previous study, Abraham discovered God as Jehovah Jireh. A brand new aspect of God's nature is revealed to him because of his obedience, and he also enters into this knowledge of God as 'Provider' – a knowing of God essential to the long term fulfillment of the original promise that God gave to him ('Father of nations').

This act of obedience now caused God to make an irrevocable promise to Abraham.

Gen 22:16-18

- 16 By **Myself I have sworn**, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only *son*—
- 17 blessing **I will bless you**, and multiplying **I will multiply** your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which *is* on the seashore; and your **descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies**.
- 18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, **because you have obeyed My voice**."

Blessings, supply, provision – etc. are natural consequences of obedience to the Word of God sent to us. We feed off this Word by obeying it. We live by God's commands. This nourishes us and fuels our forward movement in God and His prophetic destiny attendant with our lives.

'EVERY' WORD

The Word of God represents the revelation of God and His purposes to mankind, including the Old and New Testaments. All Scriptures – the ENTIRETY OF THE WORD – is inspired by God Himself.

2 Tim 3:16 **All Scripture** is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

Inspired = **theopneustos** = *divinely breathed in*; inspired by God

John 6:63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the **words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life**."

Spirit = **pneuma** = a *current* of air, that is, *breath (blast)* or a *breeze*;

The Word of God has the life of God in them. His words are spirit and life. They are 'in-breathed' by God Himself. One cannot have any substantial 'Spirit' dimension without a rich 'Word' component. This is powerfully depicted in the Genesis account of creation.

Genesis 1:1-3

- 1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- 2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and **the Spirit of God** was moving over the surface of the waters.
- 3 Then God **SAID**, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

The Old Testament is inspired by God.

2 Peter 1:20-21

- 20 But know this first of all, that **no prophecy of Scripture** is *a matter* of one's own interpretation,
- 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but **men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.**

[See also: Ex. 4:12; 2 Sam. 23:2; Jer. 1:7, 9]

The Value of the Old Testament.

It has often been said that the Old Testament is the New Testament concealed; and the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed. When Paul wrote 2 Tim. 3:16, i.e. "ALL Scripture is inspired by God", the actual 'scripture' he was referring to here was the Old Testament, since much of what we consider as the New Testament had not yet been written.

In Luke 24, to his two disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus explained Himself, i.e. 'led himself out' of the "law, prophets and psalms", terms which are essentially a reference to the entirety of the Old Testament. By doing so, Jesus thus demonstrates the importance and relevance of the Old Testament.

Luke 24:27 Then beginning with **Moses and with all the prophets**, He explained to them the things **concerning Himself** in **all the Scriptures**.

Luke 24:44-47

- 44 Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are **written about Me** in the **Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms** must be fulfilled."
- 45 Then He opened their minds to understand **the Scriptures**,
- 46 and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day,
- 47 and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Much of the Old Testament deals with God's interactions with the nation of Israel, which was arranged by tribes. These interactions present powerful and important lessons for us today. Paul argued that the entire documentation of Israel's spiritual history as it is recorded for us in the Old Testament, is to be carefully studied because **EVERYTHING** that happened to them was purely a divine set up in that the events and their responses occurred as EXAMPLES for us.

Rom. 15:4 For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

1 Cor. 10:1-11 (NJV)

- 1 Moreover, brethren, **I do not want you to be unaware** that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea,
- 2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,
- 3 all ate the same spiritual food,
- 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.
- 5 But with most of them **God was not well pleased**, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.
- 6 **Now these things became our examples**, to the intent that **we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted**.
- 7 And do not become idolaters as *were* some of them. As it is written, "THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND ROSE UP TO PLAY."
- 8 **Nor let us** commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell;
- 9 nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents;
- 10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer.
- 11 **Now all these things** happened **to them as examples**, and they **were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come**.

1 Cor. 10: 11

[NASB]

Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were **written for our instruction**, upon whom the **ends of the ages** have come.

[AMP]

Now these things befell them by way of a figure [*as an example and warning to us*]; they were written to admonish and **fit us for right action by good instruction**, we in whose days the **ages have reached their climax** (their consummation and concluding period).

Example = tupos = (i) A mark, print, impression; (ii) A figure, form; (iii) A prototype, pattern.

Figuratively an example, pattern to be imitated, followed (Phil. 3:17; 1 Thess. 1:7; 2 Thess. 3:9; 1 Tim. 4:12; Titus 2:7; 1 Pet. 5:3). Hence also for admonition, warning (1 Cor. 10:6, 11). (Zodhiates : Complete Word Study)

The **Complete Word Study Dictionary** offers this further explanation of 'tupos' :

'Tupos' - A type as a model of some reality which was yet to appear, a prototype of that which was yet to be developed and evolved, e.g., the ordinances and institutions in the Old Testament were, in their inward essence, types of the New Testament. The first era serves as a type of the second. However, the outline or archetype or model of some reality which was yet to appear was called túpos.

Hence the Old Testament has 'outlines', types, models, etc. which pictures for us a greater reality which is to be realised by the Church, the Body of Christ, in the New Testament. Thus in seeking to become all that God has destined for us and to understand the nature of His ways and His kingdom, we have to study the Old Testament carefully in conjunction with the New Testament.

1 Cor. 10:11 implies that **'the end of ages'** as come upon the church, i.e. you and I. God's interactions with humans in the Old Testament was a 'tupos' – an example recorded for our purpose and benefit. These divine-human transactions and exchanges were deliberately designed for our admonishment and instruction – serving to warn us. Upon us, in our time, God's will find its most climatic moment reaching its zenith or full maturity. If this is so, then we cannot ignore the Old Testament. In God's thinking, if we are to be the ones to bring His total will to completion in our time, then we have to be a generation that actively, consciously and consistently allows divine biblical principles embedded within the Old Testament to shape our thought and behaviour. Indeed, both the Old and New Testament – 'ALL SCRIPTURE' - is vital and relevant for our acceleration into personal and corporate maturity, and the finalisation of all God's intent for the entire earth.

Our maturation into the fullness of the image of Christ through receiving admonishment and instruction from studying Israel as an example, is also a critical part of completing the purposes of God for every single Old Testament saint. The Scriptures clearly teach that without our obedience, they would not be perfected:

Heb. 11:39-40 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. **God had planned something better for us** so that **only together with us would they be made perfect.**

Note v.40b : 'Only together WITH US, would THEY be made perfect'.

Many New Testament writers used Scriptural references and/or case studies from the Old Testament to illustrate a point or principle.

An example: Paul taught principles of obedience and faith using the example of Abraham – see Romans chapter 4. Here, he also encourages us to ‘follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham’ (Rom 4:12) – i.e. emulate his example. This would naturally necessitate studying Abraham’s life as it is recorded in Genesis.

I am convinced that one will never come into spiritual fullness if you neglect the Old Testament.

Psalm 119:160 The **sum of Your word is truth**, And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting.

Jesus endorsed the value of the Old Testament by stating that He did not come to abolish the ‘Law and Prophets’ but to demonstrate through His lifestyle how one can fulfill them.

Matt. 5:17-20

- 17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.
- 18 "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.
- 19 "Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others *to do* the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
- 20 "For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

John 5:46-47

- 46 "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me.
- 47 "But if you do not **believe his writings**, how will you believe **My words?**"

Peter cautioned us to remember the words spoken by the Old Testament prophets.

2 Peter 3:1-2

- 1 This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am **stirring up your sincere mind** by way of reminder,
- 2 that you should **remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets** and the commandment of the Lord and Savior *spoken* by your apostles.

'PROCEEDING' WORD

Deut. 8:3b “ man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that **PROCEEDS** out of the mouth of the LORD”

'proceeding' = mo'tsa' mo'tsa' = a *going forth*, that is, (the act) an *egress*, or (the place) an *exit*; act or place of going out or forth, issue, export, source, spring

The proceeding word is the word that is currently going forth, issuing forth or springing forth from the mouth of God. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by the Word which freshly proceeds out from God's mouth, directed at the corporate church or to you as an individual. Many call this 'present' truth. The divine requirement is always not just to **KNOW** present truth, but to be **established** in present truth, i.e. truth that is presently coming to us from God.

2 Peter 1:12 For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are **established in the present truth.** (NJKV)

Matt. 4:3-4

- 3 And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."
- 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"

Jesus shifted the focus here from natural hunger to spiritual hunger. Man does not live by bread alone but by every RHEMA Word proceeding out from God's mouth. It is absolutely imperative that one has access to God's current speaking. To be completely spiritually relevant, and hence fully effective in one's representation of God and the execution of His will, one has to be connected to a valid, authentic apostolic fathering grace, from which you are receiving grace through a fresh and 'present-truth' word (more on this in a later session).

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QUESTIONS AND ISSUES FOR PERSONAL REVIEW AND GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What is the indication or evidence that God is 'forgotten'? (Deut.8:11)
 2. Discuss how a preoccupation with having one's needs met without establishing a love for and an obedience to God's Word can lead to spiritual death.
 3. In what respect does God's Words or His commandments 'TEST' us? In your response consider also how God tested Abraham by giving him a difficult commandment.
 4. "We should not study the Old Testament- only the New Testament". Refute this statement with biblical evidence. (Refute = to prove something to be wrong)
 5. What is the significance of 'PROCEEDS' in the phrase "Man shall not live by bread alone, but every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God"
 6. In 176 verses, the psalmist in Psalm 119 expresses his delight for God's Word and also expresses its power and benefits. Psalm 119 is largely a reference to the first five books of the bible. Read this Psalm slowly and meditatively over the next 10 days, noting ...
 - a) Every varied expression of delight in or love for the Word.
 - b) Different effects or benefits of the Word.
 - c) Different ways (phrases or terms) in which the Word of God is described.
 - d) Spend some time on each reading, thanking and praising God for His powerful Word.
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