

Loving God: Study Notes

KJV 1 John 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

We can't properly love other believers if we don't know how to love God properly; and we love God by **keeping His Word!**

The word "**keep**" here means to guard, protect and attend to carefully!

- Anything guarded is considered **valuable!**
- Anything guarded is to be **kept in its current state** or it loses its value!
- Anything guarded is worth **spending the extra time and money** to maintain. A guard is paid to protect valuable things!

Anything that needs **constant careful attention** is precious, sensitive and delicate.

Something **delicate** can be easily altered—God's Word can be easily altered if we don't read it, learn it, study it and guard it!

God's Word is **fragile** it can be easily dismantled taken apart and **misused!** I don't think many Christians realize this!

Anything **precious** is irreplaceable!

KJV Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

NIV Psalm 18:30 As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him.

KJV Psalm 103:20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice (**sound**) of his word.

I think many believers have a romantic idea about The Word of God!

Many somehow think they don't need to do anything because everything God desires will automatically happen because God is all powerful and nothing can stop Him!

Matt 4:4 Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

❖ **God's Word is so powerful and valuable it created not only our life but dictates the quality of our lives!**

So why wouldn't you want to learn it, practice it and protect it?

KJV Psalm 89:34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

➤ **The Word of God has been solely entrusted to one species of being of all of God's creation—man!**

KJV Psalm 147:15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

NIV 2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage-- with great patience and careful instruction.

Of all the creatures in the world **only** man can speak The Word of God and change their world!

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Heb 1:3b...God holds everything together by His powerful Word!

KJV Psalm 8:3-6 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

God has so honored mankind with His image, likeness and given us the ability to speak His WORD and change the world we live.

KJV Psalm 107:20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

21 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

John 1:1-4 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

² *The same was in the beginning with God.*

³ *All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

⁴ *In him was life; and the life was the light of men.*

KJV John 1:11 *He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*

12 *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

Do we really understand what it truly means to be sons of God;
Entrusted with The Word of God?

KJV Matthew 17:5 *While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.***

❖ **God The Father tells all of creation to listen, hear and obey His sons—those given the ability to speak His Word!**

Because many have a fairy tale romantic emotional idea about The Word

Many don't realize it needs **protection!** What and who does The Word of God need protection from?

First and foremost the **enemy of our souls** Satan the devil, the serpent!