

## What Does The Bible Say?

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**T**he righteous man is one who delights in the law of Jehovah and meditates upon God's law day and night (**Psalm 1:1-2**).

Isaiah said, *"To the law and to the testimony! If they speak not according to this word, surely there is no morning for them"* (**Isaiah 8:20**).

The unknown, but inspired, penman of the **119th Psalm** said: *"Thy word have I laid up in my heart that I might not sin against thee"* (**verse 11**). And, *"Teach me, O Jehovah, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law, yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart"* (**verses 33-34**). And *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my pathway"* (**verse 105**).

Jesus answered the temptations of the devil by appealing to what was written in God's word and by showing that He believed God's word settled every matter for Him (**Matthew 4:1-11**). In response to each temptation, He would reply, *"It is written"* or *"Again, it is written."*

Cornelius manifested the attitude that led to him to become a Christian when he said to Peter, *"Now therefore we are all here present in the sight of God to hear all things that have been commanded thee of the Lord"* (**Acts 10:33**).

Paul underscores the perfection and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures and man's imperative need of them:

*"Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work"* (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**).

Neighbor, no one can be saved from sin, become a Christian, a child of God; no one can believe what he must believe, do what he must do and be what he must be; no one can glorify God and honor Christ; no one can live as he needs to live without learning, understanding, believing and abiding by or obeying the Scriptures. The need of the hour, the need for all time is for responsible or accountable men and women, boys and girls who want to know what the Bible says about any and every issue confronted in their lives and that should be of concern to them. The standard that settles all is not conscience, feelings, experiences, human wisdom, parents, the majority, human customs or traditions or creeds, religious leaders or scholars, or any church, **BUT THE WORD OF GOD OR THE SCRIPTURES**. How thrilling it is to encounter a person who wants to know what the Bible says about a subject, and to whom what the Bible does say makes a difference. The attitude of so many says, "I don't care what the Bible says because I intend to believe, or do, or be ..." What about you, dear reader?

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