

2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

While we believe in its value, the Old Testament can just be straight up hard to understand.

It is a pressing concern to God that we gain understanding and illumination in His Word.

Jeremiah 3:15

¹⁵“Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding.

Jeremiah 9:24

²⁴but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,” declares the Lord.

Just like the God who gave it, His Word has life in itself.

Hebrews 4:12

¹²For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

One day, after God had given His written Word, something remarkable happened.

John 1:14

¹⁴And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Father sent someone called the Word to live with us, full of grace and truth, just as the written Word had been!

John 1:17-18

¹⁷For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.

Jesus, the Living Word, gives light to the written Word, which reveals who God is and what He is like.

Matthew 12:1-8

12 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples became hungry and began to pick the heads of grain and eat. ²But when the Pharisees saw *this*, they said to Him, “Look, Your disciples do what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath.” ³But He said to them, “**Have you not read what David did** when he became hungry, he and his companions, ⁴how he entered the house of God, and they ate the consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat nor for those with him, but for the priests alone? ⁵**Or have you not read in the Law**, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and are innocent? ⁶But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here. ⁷**But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire compassion, and not a sacrifice,’** you would not have condemned the innocent. ⁸For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

Jesus was a master of the scriptures; it matters quite a lot to Him that we understand what we read!

After teaching all things in parables...

Matthew 18:51-52

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” They *said to Him, “Yes.” ⁵² And Jesus said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household, who brings out of his treasure things new and old.”

How old are the old things? ‘Things hidden from the foundation of the world!’

How new are the new things? Fresh from the mouth of Jesus! ‘I will open my mouth in parables.’

The old and new things are the precious words of God in the Old and New Testaments (covenants).

Both are treasures, and both are revealed as we become disciples of Jesus.

Jesus is alive today, and stands ready to open the scriptures to us if we will just ask!

Hebrews 1:1-2

¹ God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

God speaks to His children today in one way- through Jesus, the Living Word.

On the road to Emmaus...

Luke 24:27,32

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

³² They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?”

Jesus causes the living Word to burn in our hearts as He speaks it to us.

John 16:12-15

¹² “I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. ¹³ But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose *it* to you.

There is no mystery in God’s Word that Jesus will not take, make clear, and give back us as precious treasures.