

What You Really Need Is....Life From the Living Book, part 1

Isaiah 50:4-5

⁴The Lord God has given Me the tongue of disciples, That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens *Me* morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple. ⁵The Lord God has opened My ear; And I was not disobedient Nor did I turn back.

How did Jesus train in the scriptures?

Luke 2:45-48a

⁴⁵When they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem looking for Him. ⁴⁶Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. ⁴⁸When they saw Him, they were astonished

Jesus humbled Himself and placed Himself in the posture of a disciple in His Father's House.

"Father, teach me through these men."

Once there, Jesus did 2 things: He listened, and He asked questions. Therefore, He answered with insight!

Isaiah 34:16

¹⁶Seek from the book of the Lord, and read

Matthew 4:1-11

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." ⁴But 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.'"

It is Written: God cares enough about certain things to write them down for us, and to put those written things in our hands.

These things are unchanging unless God Himself changed them in the New Covenant through the Living Word Himself.

Life comes to us as we accept by faith the permanence of God's written Word as the guidepost for all of life.

⁵Then the devil *took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶and *said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning You'; and 'On *their* hands they will bear You up, So that You will not strike Your foot against a stone.'"

⁷Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

On the Other Hand, It is Written: The Bible contains point and counterpoint on nearly all things written.

Wisdom comes from seeking to understand both sides of any truth, with deception being exposed by its one-sidedness.

⁸Again, the devil *took Him to a very high mountain and *showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; ⁹and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus *said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'" ¹¹Then the devil *left Him; and behold, angels came and *began* to minister to Him.

For It is Written: Everything that is written is full of purpose. There is not a wasted Word in the Bible.

Matthew 26:24

²⁴The Son of Man *is to go*, just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.”

Just as it is Written: God speaks to us through the specific details of His Word, and it builds our faith.

New insight and revelation- as well as increased faith- come to us as we pay attention to the details!

Luke 4:16-18

¹⁶And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. ¹⁷And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor.

The Place Where it is Written: We need to spend enough time with God’s Word to have a general navigational sense of what is where.

We can better serve others with God’s Word when we can point them to specific passages that will feed their souls.

Hebrews 4:4-5

⁴For He has said somewhere concerning the seventh *day*: “And God rested on the seventh day from all His works”; ⁵and again in this *passage*, “They shall not enter My rest.”

Somewhere It is Written: It is far more valuable to know the Substance of God’s Word than to know chapter and verse.

To comfort ourselves and other, to hear God speaking in our hearts, and to grow in faith, the heart must hold a treasury of God’s Holy Words.

2 Timothy 2:15

¹⁵Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.