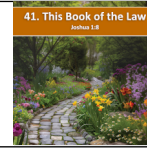


God's Word — Day 1



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#41) — KJV

Joshua 1:8 "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

❤️ Apply the Promise!

God promises that if you read His Word every day and hide it in your heart, He will give you the exact strength, courage, and wisdom to build a strong, successful foundation for your life!

📖 Bible Story (Matthew 7)

Jesus once told a story about two men who built houses. Both men wanted a safe place to live, but they chose very different foundations.

One man found a smooth, easy place to build on the sand. It looked simple and quick. He did not have to dig deep or do the hard work of finding solid ground.

The other man was wiser. He knew a house needed something stronger than soft sand underneath it. So he dug down deep and built his house on solid rock.

For a while, both houses may have looked strong. But then a storm came. The rain poured down, the floods rose, and the wind beat against the houses.

The house on the sand could not stand. When the storm hit, it fell with a great crash. But the house built on the rock stood firm, because its foundation was strong.

Then Jesus explained the meaning. The wise man is like someone who hears His words and obeys them. The foolish man is like someone who hears His words but does not do them.

Jesus' story reminds us that God's Word is the only safe foundation for our lives. It is not enough to hear Bible stories, memorize verses, or know what is right. We must let God's Word guide our choices and help us obey.

When we read the Bible, think about it, and do what Jesus says, we are building on the Rock. Then when hard times come, God's Word will help us stand strong.

☀️ True Story

In the 1790s, a group of runaway sailors took over a ship and sailed far away to hide. They finally landed on a lonely island in the Pacific Ocean called Pitcairn.

At first, they may have thought they had found a perfect place to start over. But they were trying to build a new life without God's Word to guide them.

Soon there was fighting, selfishness, and deep sadness. One by one, many of the men passed away. At last, only one man named John Adams was left to care for the women and children on the island. He knew the people needed a better way to live.

Then he found a Bible among the things that had been brought from the ship! John began reading God's Word. As he read, his own heart began to change.

He gathered the children and taught them from the Bible. He used God's Word to teach them how to read, how to pray, how to forgive, and how to live in peace.

Years later, a visiting ship found the hidden island. The sailors expected to find a rough and dangerous place.

Instead, they were surprised to find a joyful, peaceful community. The people worshiped God, cared for one another, and lived by the Bible. The Bible had changed Pitcairn Island. John Adams's story reminds us that God's Word is not just a book to own or hear about. When we read it, believe it, and let it guide our choices, God can use it to change our hearts, our homes, and even a whole community!

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why did the foolish man's house crash when the terrible storm came?
- What did John Adams find on the island that helped him teach the children how to live in peace?
- Joshua 1:8 says meditating on the Bible brings "good success." How does reading the Bible every day help you build a strong foundation for your life?

🎬 Activity:

Bring a small bowl of dry sand and a heavy, solid rock to class or worship. Have the children try to stand a small toy figure (like a Lego person) on top of the rock, and then gently blow on it like a storm. It stays safe! Then, have them stand the figure in the sand and gently shake the bowl or blow on the sand. Watch the figure tip over! Talk about how God's Word is the heavy rock that keeps our lives strong and steady when hard things happen.



Today's Promise (#42) — KJV

Isaiah 55:11–12 "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace:: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."

Apply the Promise!

God promises that His Word is like a powerful seed! Whenever you read or share the Bible, it will never be wasted. It will always grow and accomplish exactly what God wants it to do!

Bible Story (Luke 8)

Jesus once told a story about a farmer who went out to plant seed. As the farmer scattered the seed, it fell on different kinds of ground.

Some seed fell on a hard path, where birds quickly came and ate it. Some fell on rocky ground, where it sprang up fast, but had no deep root. When the hot sun came, the little plants withered away.

Other seed fell among thorns. Those plants began to grow, but the thorns crowded around them and choked them. They could not become strong and fruitful.

But some seed fell into good soil. That ground was soft and ready. The seed sank in, grew deep roots, and became healthy plants. In time, it produced a wonderful harvest—some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred times more than was planted.

Jesus explained that the seed is the Word of God. Some people hear God's Word but quickly forget it. Others receive it gladly for a little while, but they do not let it take deep root. Still others allow worries, riches, or pleasures to crowd it out.

But the good soil is like a heart that listens, receives, and keeps God's Word. That person does not only hear the Bible and walk away unchanged. They think about it, believe it, and let it guide their life.

Jesus' story reminds us that God's Word is living and powerful, like seed with life inside it. When we keep our hearts soft, listen carefully, and obey what God shows us, His Word will grow in us and bring forth fruit for Him.

True Story

In the year 1800, a young Welsh girl named Mary Jones longed to have a Bible of her own. In those days, Bibles were rare and expensive, and Mary's family was very poor.

But Mary loved God's Word. She did not want a Bible just to place on a shelf. She wanted to read it, learn from it, and keep its promises in her heart.

For six years, Mary worked and saved every penny she could. She did chores, cared for animals, and did whatever honest work she could find. At last, when she was about fifteen years old, she had enough money to buy a Bible.

There was still one problem. The closest place to get a Welsh Bible was in the town of Bala, about twenty-six miles away. Mary did not have an easy ride or comfortable shoes for the journey, but she wanted God's Word so much that she walked the long road across the hills.

When Mary finally reached Bala, she met Reverend Thomas Charles. Her love for the Bible deeply touched his heart. He saw that people should not have to wait years or walk many miles just to own God's Word.

Mary received her Bible with great joy, and her story helped inspire the work that became the British and Foreign Bible Society. Through that work, Bibles were printed and shared with people in many lands.

Mary Jones's story reminds us that God's Word is a treasure worth seeking. We should not treat the Bible as an ordinary book. When we read it, love it, and let it guide our lives, God can use His Word to change us and bless others too.

Discussion Questions:

- In the parable of the sower, what does the seed represent, and what does the good soil represent?
- How long did Mary Jones save her pennies just to buy one copy of the Word of God?
- Isaiah 55:11 says God's Word will never return void (empty). How does this promise encourage you when you share a Bible verse with a friend?

Activity:

Give each child a clear plastic cup, a damp paper towel, and a few dry beans. Have them press the damp paper towel inside the cup and slide the bean right between the towel and the clear plastic so they can see it. Place the cups in a sunny window. Explain that just like Isaiah 55 says, a planted seed is never wasted—it has a job to do! Over the next few days, watch the "hidden" seed burst open, grow deep roots, and accomplish exactly what it was designed to do.

God's Word — Day 3



 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#43) — KJV

Psalm 19:7–10, 14 "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer."

Apply the Promise!

God's Word is better than a pile of gold and sweeter than honey! When you read the Bible, it changes your heart, makes you wise, and brings true joy to your whole life.

Bible Story (Nehemiah 8)

For years, God's people had lived far away from Jerusalem in the land of Babylon. During that time, many had forgotten God's Word and did not understand His law as they should.

At last, God brought His people back to Jerusalem. After the city walls were rebuilt, the people gathered together in a large open square. They wanted to hear the Word of God again.

Ezra the scribe stood on a high wooden platform where everyone could see and hear him. When he opened the scroll of God's law, all the people stood respectfully. They knew they were not listening to ordinary words. They were hearing the words of the Lord.

Ezra began reading early in the morning and continued until midday. The people listened carefully. Other leaders helped explain the meaning so everyone could understand.

As the people heard God's Word, they began to cry. They saw how far they had wandered from God and needed His mercy. God's Word was shining light into their hearts.

But Ezra and the leaders told them not to spend the day only weeping. God had not given them His Word to leave them hopeless. They were told to rejoice, share food with others, and remember that "the joy of the Lord" was their strength.

That day, the people learned that God's Word can convict our hearts, but it also brings hope, joy, and strength. When we listen carefully, understand what God is saying, and choose to obey, His Word can lead us back to Him.

True Story

In the 1600s, a group of faithful Christians called the Huguenots lived in the country of France. During this time, the leaders made strict rules against reading the Bible.

The government wanted to stop people from reading God's Word, so they sent soldiers to search their homes. If the soldiers found a Bible, they would take it away and burn it.

One day, soldiers came into the home of a Huguenot family and searched through their belongings. At last, they found the family's Bible. To that family, it was not an ordinary book. It was the Word of God, their comfort, their guide, and their treasure.

The soldiers wanted to destroy it, so they threw the Bible into the fire. The family watched sadly, thinking their precious Bible would be gone.

But when the fire burned low, something surprising happened. The Bible had not burned up as expected. The pages could still be read.

The family saw it as a reminder that God's Word is stronger than the hands of men. People may try to hide it, burn it, or take it away, but they cannot destroy the truth God has spoken.

This story reminds us that the Bible is a treasure worth keeping in our hearts. Even when people fight against God's Word, His truth still stands. When we read it, believe it, and obey it, it becomes more precious to us than gold.

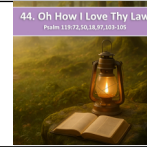
Discussion Questions:

- Why did the Israelites begin to cry when Ezra read the Law of Moses out loud?
- What happened when the angry soldiers threw the Huguenot family's Bible into the roaring fireplace?
- If God's Word is sweeter than honey and more valuable than gold, how can you make sure you spend time enjoying that treasure this week?

Activity:

The Bible says God's Word is sweeter than the honeycomb! Give each child a small spoonful of real honey or a sweet piece of candy to taste. As they enjoy the sweet flavor, talk about how reading the Bible brings wonderful sweetness and joy into our lives. Have them practice repeating Psalm 19:10 to remember that God's pure words are truly better than fine gold or sweet honey!

God's Word — Day 4



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#44) — KJV

Psalm 119:72, 50, 18, 97, 103–105 "The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver. This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me. Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

💖 Apply the Promise!

God's Word is the greatest treasure you will ever own. When you love the Bible and think about it all day, it acts like a bright flashlight, showing you exactly how to make safe, wise choices!

📖 Bible Story (Acts 17)

Paul came to the city of Berea and went into the synagogue to teach. He opened the Scriptures and showed the people that Jesus was the promised Saviour. The Bereans listened carefully. They were not careless or stubborn. They wanted to understand the truth, so they received Paul's message with willing hearts.

But they did not believe something only because Paul said it. They knew God's Word must be the test of every teaching. So they searched the Scriptures for themselves to see whether his words were true. They did not study God's Word one time and then forget about it. Day after day, they opened the Scriptures again. They wanted God to help them understand what was true, so they could follow Him instead of being led the wrong way.

As they studied, God's Word became precious to them. It gave them comfort, helped them understand right from wrong, and showed them the path God wanted them to walk.

Because they were willing to listen and careful to search, many of them believed. Their faith was not built on excitement, opinion, or someone else's words. It was built on the truth they found in Scripture.

The Bereans show us how to treasure God's Word today. We should listen respectfully when others teach, but we should also study the Bible for ourselves. Not every idea that sounds good is true. When we read carefully, ask God to open our eyes, and obey what He shows us, His Word protects us from error and guides us in truth.

☀️ True Story

In the 1970s, a teenager named Doug Batchelor seemed to have everything a person could want. His family was wealthy, and he had plenty of money and opportunities.

But even with all those earthly riches, Doug was deeply unhappy. His heart felt empty, and he was making poor, dangerous choices. Eventually, he decided to run away from home.

Doug moved into a small, dark cave high up in the mountains of Southern California. He lived a rough life in the wilderness, far away from his family and friends.

One day, while cleaning out his dusty cave, Doug found something unexpected left behind by a previous hiker. It was a Bible.

At first, Doug did not care about God's Word. But because he was lonely, he eventually picked it up and began to read.

As Doug read the pages, the words began to act like a bright flashlight in his dark life. He realized that the Bible was answering all the deep questions in his hurting heart.

The Scriptures showed him how to make safe, wise choices and how to find true peace. God's Word brought light into his physical cave and his spiritual darkness.

Doug left the cave and gave his life to Jesus. He showed that God's Word is a lamp to our feet, and it is much more valuable than all the gold and silver he had before!

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Did the Bereans believe Paul based on his words alone?
- What precious book did Doug Batchelor find left behind in his dark cave in the mountains?
- If the Bible is a "lamp unto our feet," how can reading it help you when you have a difficult choice to make at school or at home?

🎬 Activity:

The Bible says God's Word is better than thousands of pieces of gold and silver! Before family worship or class begins, hide a physical Bible somewhere in the room. Tell your children they are going on a hunt for a treasure much more valuable than money! Once they finally find it, talk about how reading the Bible every single day is the absolute greatest treasure we can ever own in our whole life!

God's Word — Day 5



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#45) — KJV

Jeremiah 15:16 "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart..."

❤️ Apply the Promise!

Just like your stomach loudly rumbles when you are hungry for physical food, your spirit desperately needs to be fed every day! When you "eat" God's Word by reading it, He fills your heart with deep joy.

📖 Bible Story (Jeremiah 15)

Ezekiel was a priest who lived far away from his homeland. God called him to be a prophet and share His messages with the people of Israel.

But the people had stopped listening to God, and their hearts were very stubborn. God knew that Ezekiel would need special courage and strength for this difficult work.

So, God gave Ezekiel a very unusual vision in which he saw a hand stretched out toward him, holding a paper scroll.

The scroll was covered with God's words on the front and the back. Then, God gave Ezekiel a surprising command.

He told him to open his mouth and literally eat the scroll! Ezekiel obeyed. He did not just look at the scroll or hold it in his hands.

He took it into himself. As Ezekiel ate the scroll, something wonderful happened. Even though it was filled with serious messages, it tasted as sweet as honey!

God was teaching Ezekiel an important lesson. Before Ezekiel could speak God's Word to others, he needed to receive it deep into his own heart.

God's Word was not meant to stay outside of him like a book on a shelf. It was to become part of his thoughts, his words, and his life.

Ezekiel's story reminds us that the Bible is spiritual food. We need it just as much as our bodies need daily bread. When we read God's Word, think about it, believe it, and let it change us, it gives us the joyful strength to obey Him!

☀️ True Story

In 1942, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker was flying across the Pacific Ocean during World War II. His plane suddenly ran out of fuel and crashed into the sea.

The men quickly escaped into small rubber life rafts. Around them was nothing but ocean. They had very little food, very little water, and no shelter from the burning sun.

As the long days passed, they were surrounded by sharks. Their bodies grew weaker, and they worried they would never be found. But one man had saved a small pocket Bible.

Every single day, the men gathered their rafts close together and read from God's Word. Their lips were dry, and their stomachs were empty.

But the Bible gave them beautiful hope! As they read God's promises, they were reminded that the Lord could still see them in the middle of the lonely ocean.

God's Word helped them pray, trust, and keep courage when everything around them looked hopeless. One day, right after they prayed, God sent a seagull to land on Eddie's head!

They caught it, and it gave them food and bait to catch fish. They knew this was a wonderful answer to prayer. After twenty-four days at sea, the men were finally rescued.

Eddie Rickenbacker's story reminds us that God's Word is our spiritual food. When we are afraid, weak, or discouraged, the Bible can feed our hearts with hope. As we read it, believe it, and hold onto its promises, God gives us the strength we need for our hardest days!

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What did Jeremiah mean when he said he "ate" God's words?
- How did reading the pocket Bible help the starving men survive on the tiny life rafts?
- What is your favorite "spiritual food" (a favorite Bible verse or story) that you like to remember when you are having a bad day?

🎬 Activity:

Give each child a small snack. Talk through the process—first you taste it, then chew it, then swallow it. Explain that God's Word works the same way. If we only hear it, it doesn't help us much. We must think about it, "chew" on it, and apply it to our lives. Read a Bible promise together and talk about how to make it your own. Just like food doesn't do your body any good until you eat it, God's promises don't benefit us unless we make them our own.