

BENEFITS FROM THE WORD OF GOD

Micah 2:7

Introduction: If God is God, creator, sustainer, of all things, the source of all wisdom and knowledge, the owner and ruler of the universe, surely what He might have to say would be of utmost, supreme importance. Why is it that so many pay little or no attention to His Word? The Bible is no doubt the Word of God, Jesus quoted the Bible very often and some of His last words while alive on the cross were from the Word of God. No doubt there are great benefits that can come from the Word of God.

I. JUST WHO BENEFITS FROM THE WORD OF GOD?

1. It is for certain that not everyone benefits from God's Word for when Jesus was here, preaching and teaching, quoting the Word of God, not everyone listened and not everyone benefited from His ministry.
 - Paul labored long and hard and he found prejudice and unbelief everywhere he went.
- *Acts 19:8-9*
 - The truth in the Word of God was life to some and death to others.
2. The unprejudiced benefit from the Word of God.
 - Coming to the Word of God with one's mind already made up (prejudiced) will not receive any benefit from the Word of God for that person will reject any Biblical Truth which contradicts what his/her opinions might be.
 - People do not like to hear about the infidelities of their heart or that their works are insufficient to please God or that it is impossible to be saved apart from Jesus Christ and that they must give themselves totally, completely to God's service.
 - Therefore those who have an open mind, who are willing to adjust, to even change their minds and lives according to what God's Word instructs, will benefit from God's Word.
3. The diligent benefit from the Word of God.
 - Nothing in this world or in the spiritual world can be attained to any degree without diligence.
 - If one does not apply what he/she learns then it will be of no good to that person.
 - Jesus told a story about a farmer sowing seed and some fell by the way-side where it was snatched away by the birds as well as other things that would take away the effect of the seed/Gospel.
 - *"...They were more noble than those of Thessalonica because they searched the Scriptures daily, whether these things were so..therefore many of them believed..." (Acts 17:11-12)*
4. The humble benefit from the Word of God.
 - Pride and self-sufficiency are obstacles and hindrances to instruction from God's Word.
 - People are deaf and blind to the things of God and therefore need the Word of God to be enlightened.
 - If one does not have the humility to pray for the Holy Spirit to help then that person will remain unknowing and in darkness to spiritual things found in the Word of God.
 - *"...Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law..." (Psalm 69:18)*

- When a person is willing to become humble as little children, then the "*...things that are hid from the wise and prudent be revealed unto us...*" *Matthew 11:25*

5. The obedient benefit from the Word of God.

- One must have a determination (through grace) to obey God's Word if he/she would receive very much good from it.
- God lays great stress upon having an obeying frame of mind, "*...if any man will do my will, he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God...*" (*John 7:17*)
- If a person goes to the most skillful doctor in the world but refuses to take the prescribed medication then all has been useless.
 - So it is with the Word of God, for it shows the way to heaven and if a person will not obey what God's Word says then his/her chosen path will lead to his/her destruction.

II. THE BENEFITS RECEIVED FROM THE WORD OF GOD

1. The Word of God teaches .

- There is instruction which none but those who have an honest and good heart can receive.
- There is an insight into how deceitful and evil one's heart is.
- There is the discovery of the glory of Jesus Christ.
- There is the revelation of Satan and all his devices.
- There is the sight of the beauty of holiness and of the glorious privileges that belong to believers.

2. The Word of God comforts.

- Those who disregard the Word of God are often overwhelmed by their troubles that come to everyone during their lifetime.
- The person "*...who draws water from the wells of salvation...*" finds an inexhaustible source of consolation and realizes that Jesus has already experienced all that he/she is going through and understands.
 - He/she understands that all that he/she goes through will only lift him/her closer to fellowship with the Lord Jesus and to heaven.

3. The Word of God will sanctify.

- It is the Word of God that one learns how to be saved, how to be restored to God, how to have eternal life and how to live one's life as God desires.
- The Word of God points out one's sins, reveals the guilt and danger sin can involve one in, and directs one's eyes to Jesus who will give victory over all sin.
- The Word of God assures that one day all spiritual enemies will be destroyed and the believer will be partaker of endless glory in heaven.

4. The Word of God will save.

- "*...He preached the Gospel to them, and they that received it, and were standing in it, by which also, ye are saved...*" (*1 Corinthians 15:1-2*)
 - Paul had preached the Gospel to the Corinthians as well as to countless others and every where the Gospel was preached, people were saved.
- It is the Word of God that reveals sin, reveals man's lostness, reveals the only way to be saved, restored, forgiven through God's Son, Jesus Christ, only.

CONCLUSION:

1. The Word of God is beyond anyone's ability to grasp and understand in totality, however without the Word of God, not very much about God or His ways would be known.
2. Many don't care about the Word of God, many don't accept the Bible as being the true Word of God, many don't believe a thing in the Word of God, it is but just another history book.
3. For those who do accept the Word of God, who believe it is true and is from God, will greatly benefit from it.
 - How things began is revealed in the Word of God.
 - How man got started is revealed in the Word of God.
 - How evil got started is revealed in the Word of God.
 - Man's true nature is revealed in the Word of God.
 - The history of mankind through the ages is revealed in the Word of God.
 - God's dealings with man through the centuries is revealed in the Word of God.
 - God choosing a people to be devoted to only Him is revealed in the Word of God.
 - Prophecies about someday a Messiah would come is revealed in the Word of God.
 - The coming of the promised one is revealed in the Word of God.
 - The life and ministry of the promised one is revealed in the Word of God.
 - How to be restored to God and have eternal life is revealed in the Word of God.
 - How to live a life pleasing to God is revealed in the Word of God.
 - What the last days of the earth will be like is revealed in the Word of God.
 - Where people will spend eternity is revealed in the Word of God.
 - Countless other truths are revealed in the Word of God.
4. To accept the Word of God, to believe the Word of God, to obey the Word of God will bring eternal life in Heaven.
5. To reject the Word of God, to not apply it's truths to one's life will bring eternal damnation.