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**DAILY BIBLE STUDIES**

“λογον θεου - logos Theos – *(The Word of God)*”

*1 Thessalonians 2:13*

*January 20 - 26, 2008*

**THE LORD'S DAY** – As we continue our study in the second chapter of **1 Thessalonians** we come this week to **verse 13**. I have chosen to take an entire week in the study of this one verse. I pray to God that He would by His Holy Spirit do great things in your hearts and lives as we look at this text. There is no greater source of wisdom, direction, guidance, peace, instruction, safety, courage, strength, counsel, (the list could go on endlessly) than the Word of God. Yet, there is no other source so ignored by mankind today (even professing Christians) than God’s Word. My prayer is that you would see The Word in its exalted glory and that God would by His grace; use it to change your life. Read **1 Thessalonians 2:13**.

*What truth(s) did I learn from God’s Word today?*

Suggestion for prayer: *Ask the Lord to teach you from His Word this week.*

**MONDAY** –I would like to remind you today of the value that God places on His Word. In **Psalm 138:2**, Scripture declares, “*You have magnified Your Word above all Your name*”. The prophet Isaiah writes as God speaks to the power and efficacy of His Word “*...My Word will not return unto Me void...*” (**Isaiah 55:10-11**). We find that God dedicates two entire Psalms exclusively to exalt His Word (**Psalm 19, Psalm 119**). God also said that He “*looks*” on the man “*who trembles at My Word*” **Isaiah 66:2**). The Apostle Peter makes some incredible statements concerning the fact that careful attention and obedience should be given to God’s Word for it is not mere speculation but “*confirmed*” truth (**2 Peter 2:19-21**). Finally, today remember Jesus Christ, The God-Man, as He faced the most severe attack and temptation from Satan that any man has **EVER** faced. Where did He turn? He went each and every time to the Word of God for strength and authority to rebuke Satan (**Luke 4:1-13**).

*What truth(s) did I learn from God’s Word today?*

Suggestion for prayer: *Thank You God for Your Word. Forgive my sin of taking so lightly, and my lack of faith in Your living Word of Truth. Use it I pray, to sanctify me just as Jesus prayed for You to do. May I tremble at Your Word with Holy awe.*

**TUESDAY** –In our text we find that Paul, Silas, and Timothy “*thank God without ceasing*” for the way the Thessalonians received The Word of God.

Praise & Prayer	ADORATION Hallowed be Your name. (6:9)	AUTHORITY Your Kingdom come... (6:10)	APPEAL Give us this day... (6:11)	AQUITAL Forgive us our debts... (6:12)	ASSISTANCE Deliver us from evil. (6:13a)	ADMIRATION For Yours is the Kingdom... (6:13)	Lord's Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

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The Apostle says that they were giving thanks constantly for these people (1:2) and the dramatic changes that had taken place in them. Paul had been fearful that the time he had spent among the Thessalonians teaching and preaching the Word of God to them “*would be in vain*” (3:5). But his fears of them not being transformed by The Word of God were completely dismissed when Timothy returned to Paul with such an incredible report (3:6). What makes this so remarkable, the fact they were so changed by God’s Word is the very short time in which Paul was with them originally to teach them it. Read **Acts 17:1-4** and find out how long Paul was with them. Then ask yourself if you have shown change in your life from the Word of God. If not, you can’t blame it on the Word of God; rather on your unrepentant, unreceptive heart.

*What truth(s) did I learn from God’s Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer:* *O God, forgive me for my selfish, prideful, rebellious, and sinful way. Soften my heart by Your Word and Spirit and work amazing changes in my life by the power of Your Word.*

**WEDNESDAY** –Paul now elaborates upon the “*reason*” from the statement at the beginning of the verse which says, “*For this reason we also thank God without ceasing...*” They were thanking God first for the facts the Thessalonians were receptive to God’s Word but secondly, for the manner in which the Thessalonians received it. Notice the “*way*” or the “*how*” in which they received it as he continues by explaining that upon hearing The Word from these men of God, they “*welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God.*” These people heard the infinite value of truth in the message spoken to them rather than focusing their attention on the mouthpiece from where it came. Not to be overlooked here, is the work of The Spirit of God in quickening hearts to see the beauty and truth of the message of God. This verse is also speaking primarily to the “*Gospel message*” which was what these missionary men were sharing. Read **1 Corinthians 15:1-4, Galatians 1:11-12.**

*What truth(s) did I learn from God’s Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer:* *God, help me to spend myself for You and to live unselfishly and sacrificially for others. Forgive my lazy, selfish, self-centeredness.*

**THURSDAY** –There are great lessons for us to learn from these people and this text. We must learn that the Word of God and the message of God is powerful and changes lives. We also must learn that God has commanded us to be receptive to the message and embrace it although at the end of the day, all glory goes to God for it is He alone that awakens our dead souls to receive it (**Ephesians 2:1-10**). God says that His Word and message “*is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God*”. Paul goes on in that text in Corinthians to explain that man’s wisdom is pure folly compared to the truth and

wisdom of God which is found and revealed in His Word (**1 Corinthians 1:18-25**). Do you hear God’s Word and see it as “*foolish*”? Or is it literally like food being poured into your soul as The Holy Spirit imparts His Divine Truth to you?

*What truth(s) did I learn from God’s Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer:* *Father, help me to taste and feed on Your Word. Open my heart to receive and embrace it and by Your power make me crave the message of Your truth. May I remember, You alone are the cause of my salvation and have removed the boasting of men, for Your glory. Praise and thanks be to You O God!*

**FRIDAY** –I must spend another day on the thoughts that come to my mind when I look at and meditate on the phrase, “*...but as it is in truth, the Word of God.*” This small phrase says so much in regards to a proper view of Holy Scripture. Other translations render this as follows: “*...but as what it really is...*”, “*but as it actually is...*”, “*but for what it really is...*”, “*...you accepted what we said as the very Word of God—which of course it was.*” As a pastor my prayer to God and desire is that the people He has put under my care would have the view of God’s Holy Word that these people in Thessalonica had. Many professing “*believers*” today do not hold this view of God’s Word. When you come and sit under the teaching of God’s Word, given to you by men of God who are called by God to lead His church, you are hearing God speak. This is true only in as far as what the speaker is saying is in accordance with Holy Scripture. I am not referring to the preacher’s opinions, feelings, etc...; but rather to what is said when he delivers the Scripture as God intended it. Beloved, receive the “*truth*”; living, incarnate, and written. Read **Psalm 119:89, John 17:17-19.**

*What truth(s) did I learn from God’s Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer:* *God, help me see and receive Your Word for what it really is—Divine truth. Please sanctify and set me apart to Yourself by the truth.*

**SATURDAY** –The final thing we see this week is found in the last phrase of the text where Paul explains that the Word of God, “*...also effectively works in you who believe*”. The Greek word used for “*effectively works*” is the word *energeo* which means “*to be operative, be at work, to effect, to put forth power*”. The Word of God performs and displays its effects in the lives of those “*who believe*”. The list is long of the ways Scripture “*works*” in us as believers. Read the following verses which explain just some of the ways Scripture works and effects believers: **James 1:18, 1 Peter 2:2, John 8:31-32, Psalm 119:11, 24, 28, 147, 154.**

*What truth(s) did I learn from God’s Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer:* *Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, effectively work in me producing powerful change and help me to persevere and continue on believing.*