

Titus 2

Introduction

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King Edward's proclamation:

“It was ordenyed and commaunded...that in al and synguler paryshe churches, there should be prouyded by a certen day nowe expyred, at the costes of the curates and paryshioners, Bybles conteynynge the olde and newe Testament, in the Englyshe tounge, to be fyxed and set vp openlye in euery of the sayd paryshe churches”

THE ORIGIN AND GROWTH
OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE

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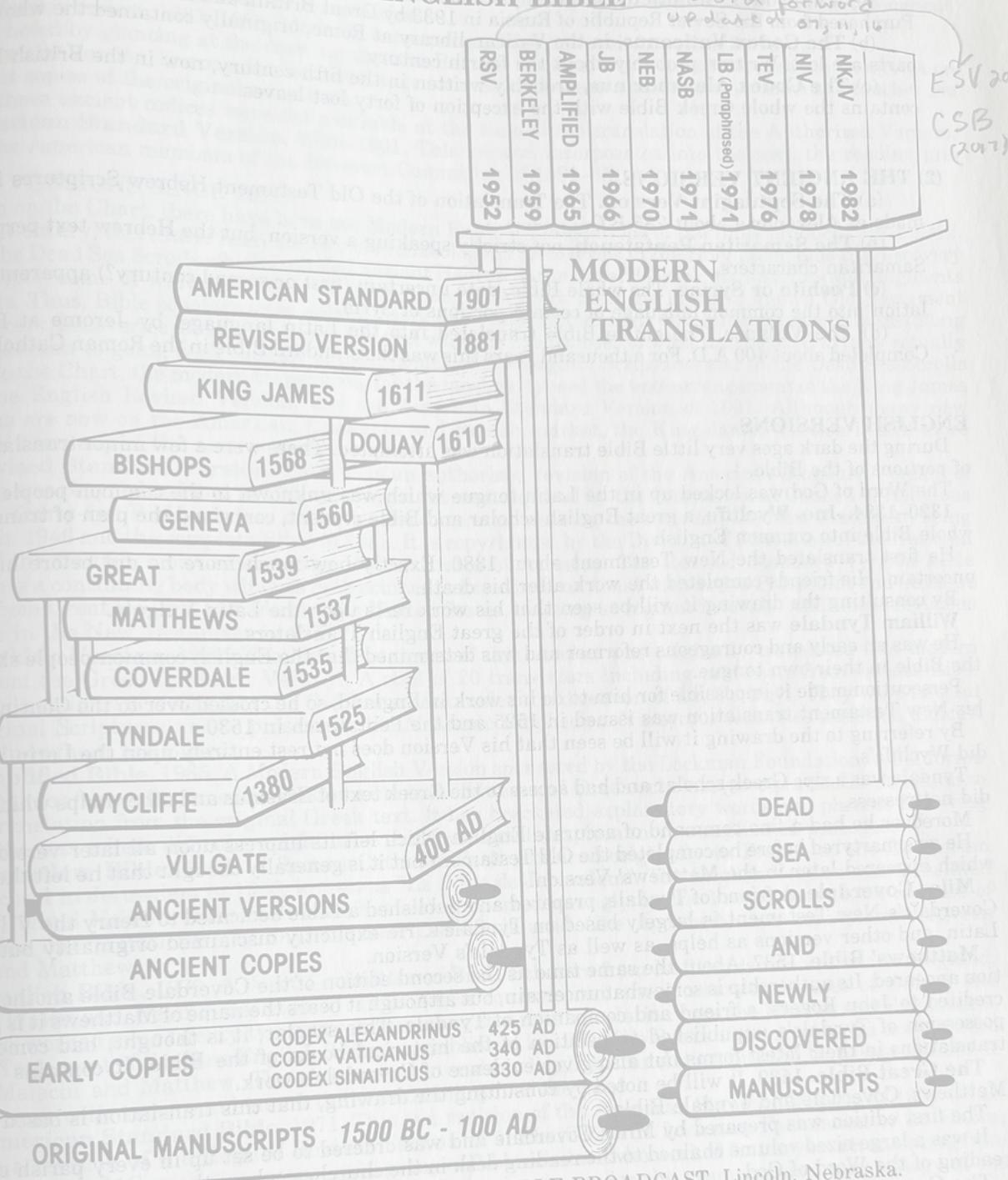


Chart Revision courtesy of BACK TO THE BIBLE BROADCAST, Lincoln, Nebraska.

In the above drawing is shown the gradual development of the English Bible as well as the foundations upon which each successive version rests.

We are living in an age of printing.

It is hard for us to realize that when the books of the Bible were originally written, there was no printing

press to multiply the copies.

Each copy must be made slowly and laboriously by hand. Under these conditions it was inevitable that many

ancient books should be lost. This largely accounts for the fact that all the original manuscripts of the Bible

have perished.

The question arises, what have we then as the literary foundation of our Bible?

(1) We have the most ancient copies made from the original manuscripts. We mention only three principal

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Studying the Word of God
to Know the God of the Word

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Quick Introduction



“Nobody ever outgrows Scripture;
the book widens and deepens with
our years.”

Charles Spurgeon

Experiencing Scripture through our hearts

Psalm 34:8

“Taste and see that the Lord is
good.”

Psalm 34:8



Active Participation

- The Israelites **walked** into the Red Sea for it to part.
- Naaman **washed** in the river to be healed.
- The disciples **distributed** the food to feed the thousands.

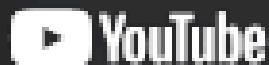
Shema

Deuteronomy 6:4-9



RVL Shema in Hebrew and English

Shema Israel,
Adonai eloheinu—Adonai echad
Ve'ahavta et Adonai eloekah,
b'khol levavkah,
uve'khol nechekah,
uve'khol nideekah.
ve'ahavta l're'acha comocha. Amen

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Hear O Israel!
The Lord is our God—the Lord alone.

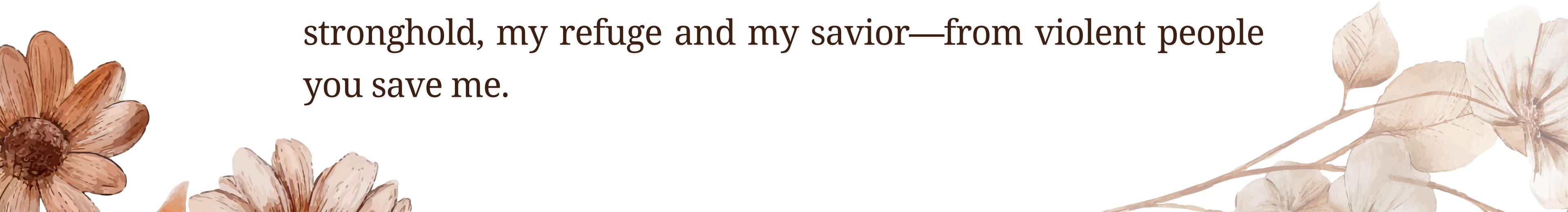


Imagery and Tangible Assurances

God as a **ROCK**

2 Samuel 22:2-3

He said: “The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield^[a] and the horn^[b] of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior—from violent people you save me.





Imagery and Tangible Assurances

God as **LIGHT**

Isaiah 60:1-2

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.



Imagery and Tangible Assurances

God as FIRE

Deuteronomy 4:24

For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

Hebrews 12:29

for our “God is a consuming fire.



Imagery and Tangible Assurances

Jesus is our sustainer or **BREAD**

John 6:35

Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Why?

Romans 15:4

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

Jeremiah 9:23-24

This is what the Lord says: “Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,” declares the Lord.

Experiencing Scripture through our heads

2 Timothy 3:16-17

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Why?

2 Timothy 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Matthew 4:4

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Why?

Psalm 119:130

The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Psalm 19:7-8

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

How?

Joshua 1:8

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Proverbs 7:2-3

Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.

How?

Read the Bible Systematically.

1. Read whole books of the Bible.
2. Focus on the Biblical storyline.
3. Read the whole Bible in a year or more.
4. Focused studies
 - Inductive study--asking who, what, where, why, and when about the text.
 - Topical studies (example, God's faithfulness or forgiveness)
 - Character study
 - Word study
 - Contextual study (example historical or archeological)

How?

Read the Bible Consistently

1. Create or find a plan.
2. Set a schedule.
3. Find accountability.

How?

Read the Bible Collectively

1. Be an active participant in your church family.
2. Read the Bible orally.
3. Find a community of people who will support your Bible reading habits.

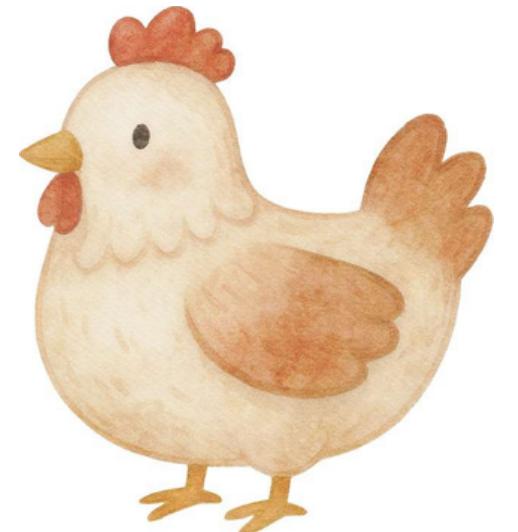
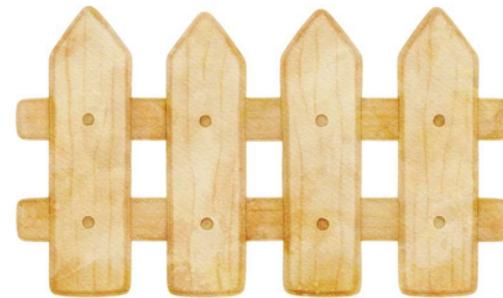
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Read the Bible in conjunction with God through prayer.

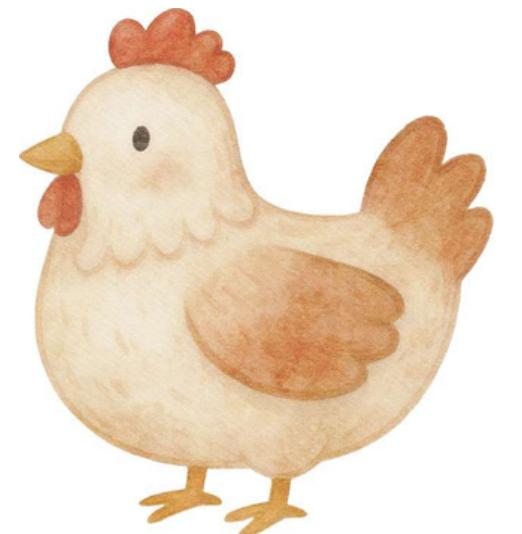
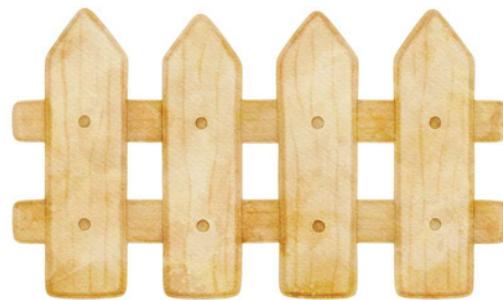
- 1. Pray before reading the Scriptures.**
- 2. Pray during your reading to communicate with God what He wants you to know and hear.**
- 3. Thank God for His Word and communication.**

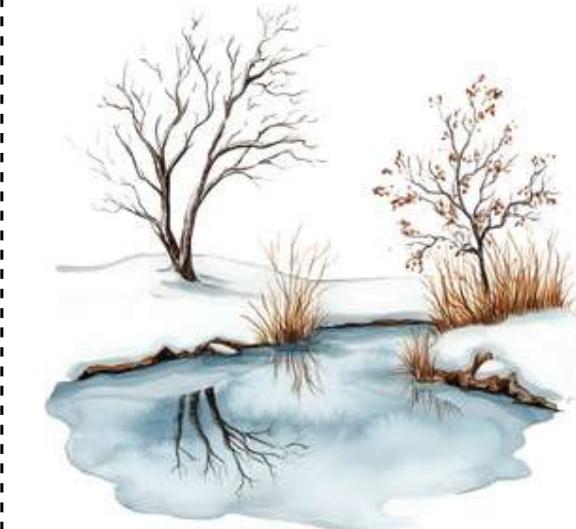
Experiencing Scripture through our hands

James 1:22-25

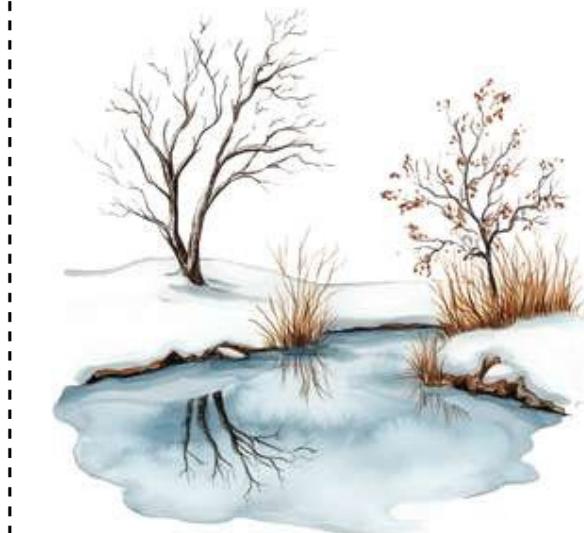


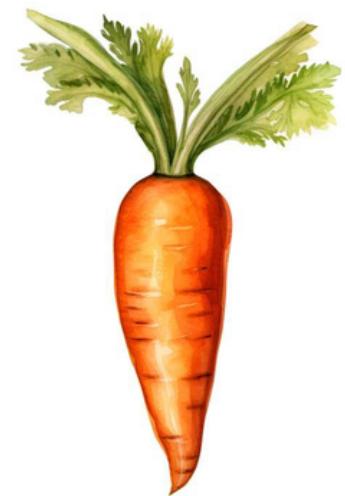












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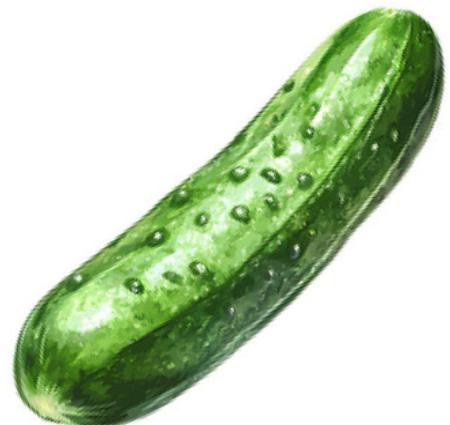
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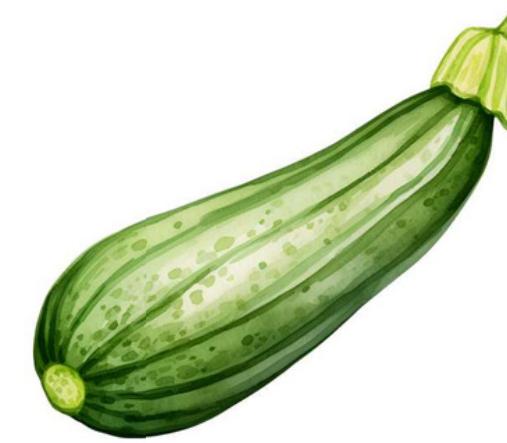
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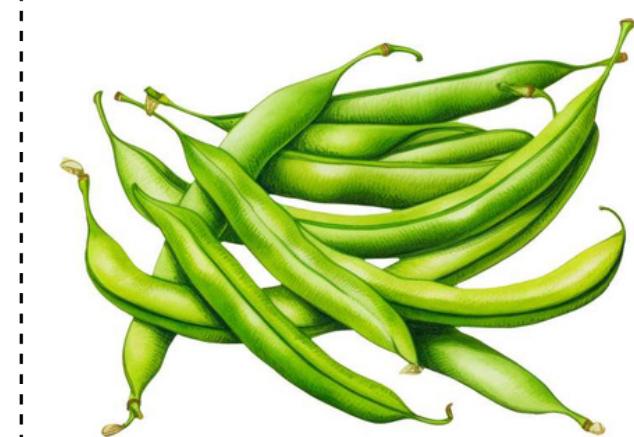
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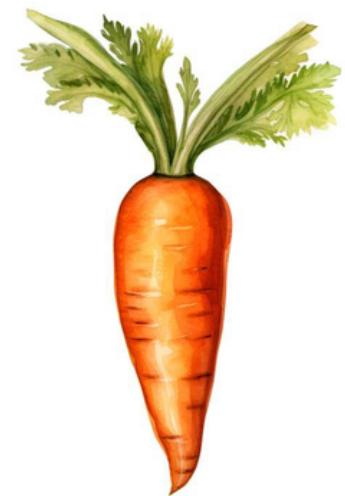


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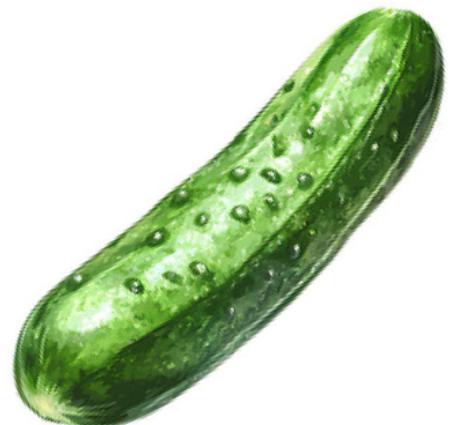
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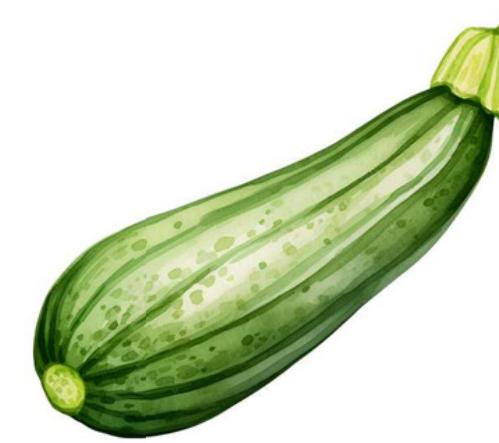
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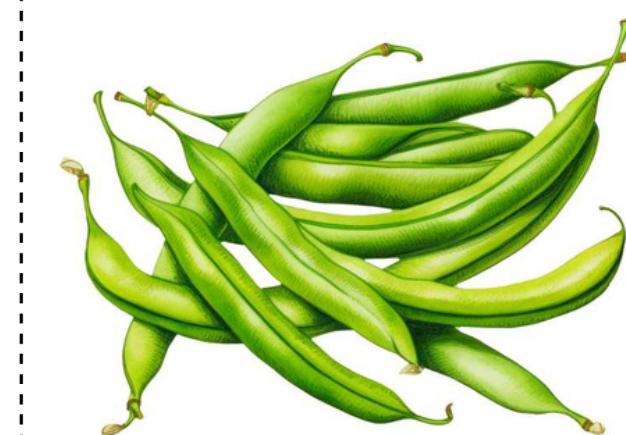
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“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.”

James 1:22-25

Why?

Psalm 119:9-11

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Why?

John 8:31-32

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

I John 2:4

Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.

Jeremiah 31:33-34

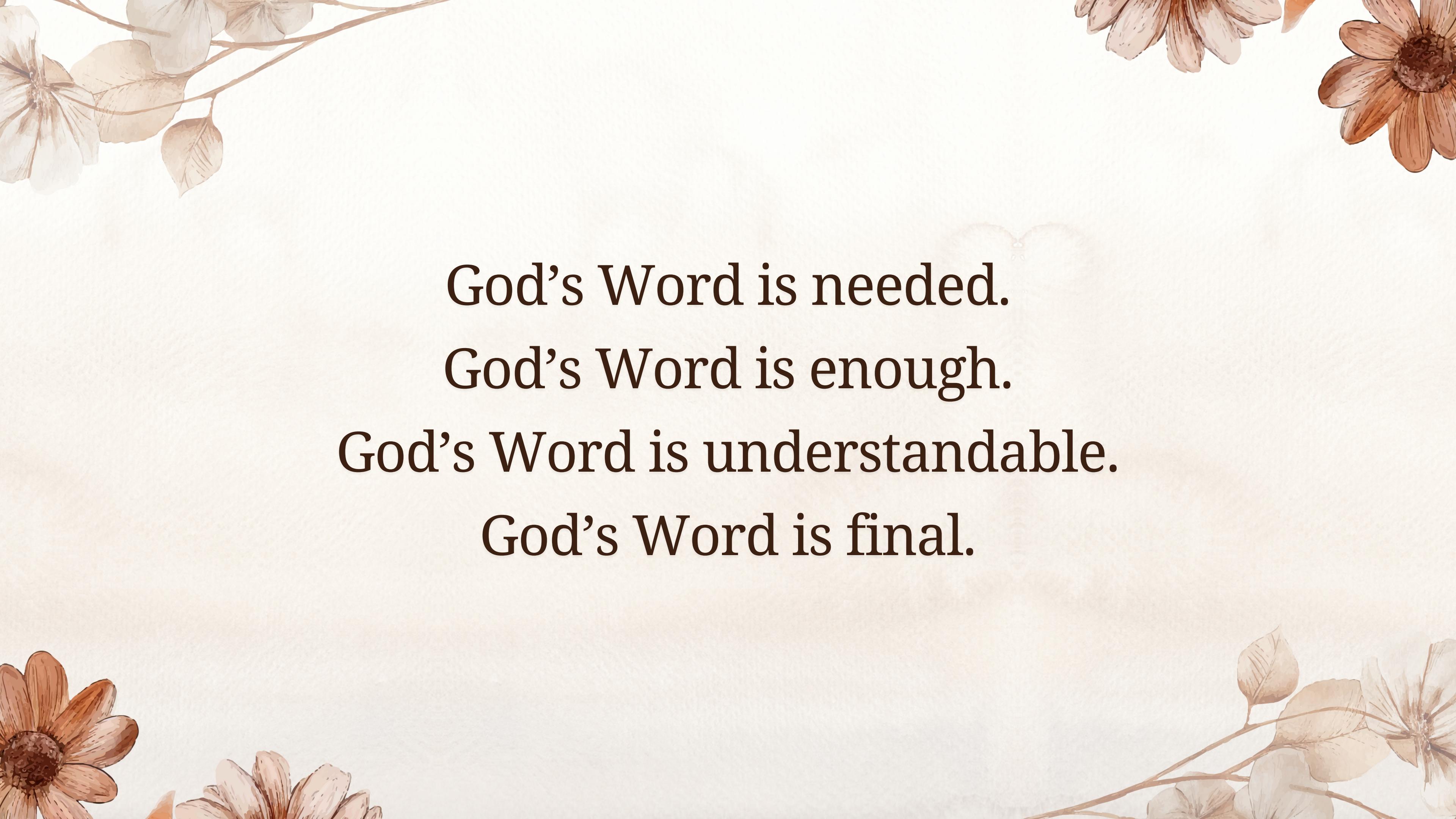
“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord.

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,”
declares the Lord.

“For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”



God's Word is needed.
God's Word is enough.
God's Word is understandable.
God's Word is final.

Thank you