

The word of God is a powerful thing. God's creative power is unleashed when he speaks. His commands are intentional, and direct. God said, "Let there be light", and there was light. He said, "Let us make man in our image", and he created them, male and female.

Jesus was the Word of God, made flesh. The book of John says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word *was God*." It says, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. He was full of grace and truth." John 1

One Psalmist said "blessed is the man...who's delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night."

We begin to understand who God is, and how He thinks by reading His word. By praying and meditating on it. By incorporating it into our lives. God still works through his word in convicting us of sin, in guiding our consciences, and directing our paths.

We are strengthened by God's word, encouraged, instructed, and sometimes even chastised. Hebrews 4 says, "the word of God is living 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. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give an account."

God wants us to know Him and His sense of justice long before we stand before Him in heaven. He wants us to guide our lives by His sense of right and wrong, and to fulfill the purpose for which we were created.

*"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
And do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish,  
So that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,  
So is my word that goes out from my mouth:  
It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for  
which I sent it." Isaiah 55:10-11*

Once, Jesus' disciple Philip implored him to "show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." What was Jesus' response? Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? **Whoever has seen me has seen the Father**. How can you say, '**Show us the Father**'?" (John 14:8-9) When we see how Jesus responds to people, their needs, and their desires, we see the very nature of God. We can't get any closer. How I wish I had lived during the time He graced the earth with his bodily presence. But, we have something even more powerful now. We have the very Spirit of the living God. How fortunate we are!