

But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. **James 1:25**

Store In My Heart

Zephaniah 2:3

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the Lord.

Zephaniah was a prophet during the reign of Judah's King Josiah. Josiah brought a return to God among the people, but punishment for the wickedness during the reign of Manasseh was certain. Zephaniah spoke of God's judgment on the wicked and His plan to restore a remnant of the faithful. The "day of the Lord" is a common phrase to speak of God's judgment of both Israel and all mankind at the end of time.

The warnings of the prophets help us also. We need to give earnest heed to the words of the prophet. We live in our own time of difficulty, but his warning and instruction can certainly help us be prepared for our "Day of the Lord."



The Truth Is Important

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Truth is very important because:

It Makes Us Free. In **John 8:32** Jesus said: *"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* Truth when known, will liberate us from superstition, the ignorance of sin, the love of sin, the practice of sin, and the wages of sin.

It Sanctifies. Jesus said in his prayer in **John 17:17**; *"Sanctify them through Thy truth; thy word is truth."* To sanctify means to dedicate; to set aside for holy uses; to make holy. Our dedication to God's service, or our being made holy and being set aside for holy uses is accomplished by the truth, which is God's Word.

It Purifies. In **1Peter 1:22**, Peter said: *"Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth..."* We learn from **Acts 15:9** that our hearts are purified by faith... since faith comes by hearing the Word of God (**Romans 10:17**), we must hear the truth, believe the truth, and obey the truth in order for our souls or hearts to be purified. There is no other way.

It Saves. We learn from **Romans 1:16**, that the gospel (which is the truth) is God's power unto salvation. **James** says in **1:23**; *"Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the*

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For Our Information

Joyce Venable has had a painful end of the week.

JoBeth Henderson got a good report from her Doctor last Wednesday.

Brenda Keisler had a MRI last week regarding her pain.

Jimmy Gray has all prep work done for his knee surgery the end of this month.

Tonight we start in 1Samuel 25:26.

Wednesday at 7 pm in Ephesians 4:17.

Join us for all these studies.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." The truth must be believed and obeyed in order for us to be saved by it. Jesus said; *"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."* (**Mark 16:16**).

It Will Judge Us. In **John 12:48**, Jesus said: *"He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my word, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."* The Word of Christ is the truth by which we shall be judged in the last day. Whether we receive or reject the truth, it will stand forever and we must face it in judgment. If we have spurned the Lord's invitation to obey the truth, we will stand condemned and thus lost forever. Our eternal destiny will be the lake of fire and brimstone where the devil and all the wicked will be cast to be tormented.

Yes, truth is indeed the pearl of great price. We should be willing to pay whatever the cost may be that we might buy it, and even then it will be the greatest "bargain" of our lives. As the wise man said; *"buy the truth and sell it not."*

Are you willing to pay the price in order to receive the truth? Do not be deceived by cunning craftiness and the sleight of men who lie in wait to deceive, but *"try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets have gone out into the world."* (**1John 4:1**).

(Our world seems to be filled with lies and deception. Everywhere we turn we are faced with a need to check and double check what we hear and read. Even things that once were trustworthy must now be verified before we can accept them as accurate. We have learned that even pictures and video can be faked with such accuracy that it is almost impossible to disprove.

In the midst of all of this dishonesty the Word of God stands firm and unchanged. Most religious texts and guides have changed in some manner over the years. God's Word is still the same today as when Peter, John and Paul spoke to the people of the Roman empire in the first century A.D. We need to heed that Word above all else because our eternity depends on our obedience. DLH)



We seek only to serve God according to His Will!