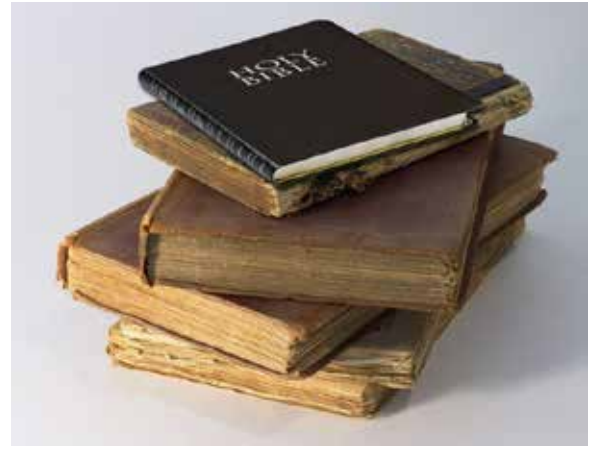


“Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.” Psalms 59:17 KJV

Jesus said, “Without me, ye can do nothing.” Jesus is the “Word made flesh.” He is the origin of ALL that exists! “He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.” You would not be, except by God’s Word! You could not complain, enjoy, hurt, or praise. The very things on which you pride yourself aren’t of you at all! Until you begin to realize that God is the origin and sustainer of all, you are no better than Satan who said, “I will be like the Most High.” He thought himself worthy of equal footing with his Creator. God



said, “Thou shalt be brought down to Hell!” When you disagree with God’s Word, you pridefully assume equal footing with your Creator! Only the author can explain his meaning. I used to sit in English class and marvel at those who, never knew him, assumed to know what Shakespeare meant. How could they know without knowing him? The difference is, God is not dead! You cannot KNOW God’s Word without God! We can hear Him in our thoughts as He brings His Word to mind if we do what He says. “*This book of The Law...shalt [thou] meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein. Study to shew thyself approved unto God...rightly dividing the word of Truth. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom. Thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. These Words...shall be in thine heart and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.*” Don’t claim to KNOW God’s Word if you have not complied with, at the very least, these instructions! God’s Word is your defence! When God speaks, your trials, obstacles, and enemies become non-existent! “No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.” Sin is the barrier between you and eternal life! God, your mercy, mitigates that obstacle to your benefit. “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us. The Lord...is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” Mercy waits, Mercy forgives, and Mercy restores. “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father...heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.” Are you led by personal desire or by God’s Word?

God, my mercy, strength, and defence,
Without Him I would have no chance,
For Hell would wait with bated breath,
And I would know eternal death! ~CGP

Would you stake eternity on a gamble when you have a guarantee? That’s exactly what you do when you disobey God’s Word! You may be thinking, “God didn’t write this, so I’m OK.” You’re right, God didn’t, but He wrote this: “...upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things’ sake the Wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience.” (Col. 3:5-6)

“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the Second Death.” Revelation 21:8 KJV