

# The Proper Attitude Toward God's Word

## Introduction

1. **Today, as never before, brethren have the least regard for the Bible as God's Word (His Perfect Plan).**
  - A. **Do we "speak where the Bible speaks & be silent where the Bible is silent, & call Bible things by Bible names?"**
2. **Little regard for the Bible as God's Word causes much unrest, strife, & division.**

Ps 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

3. **We should want to show the proper attitude.**
  - A. **I especially want to invite the attention of the young people in this area.**
    - 1) **A proper attitude, wanting to fill your mind with Godly things will result in a righteous life, whereas filling your minds with trash will result in a trashy life.**
  - B. **Where the proper attitude is absent then there are innovations, substitutions, and error.**
  - C. **Where they are present you have peace, love, and purity.**
    - **One should never be ridiculed for living "too" righteously.**
    - **Would we rather see someone living "too" worldly?**

## Approach it with Respect

1. **Moses approaches the burning bush - and what happens?**  
**Exodus 3:1-5**
2. **"put off thy shoes, for this is holy ground". (KJV)**
  - A. **The voice of God made it holy - and Moses knew to respect the voice of God. Today we recognize the voice of God through the pages of His Holy Word.**
3. **To approach the Bible with any less respect is to deny the Holy & Divine nature of His revelation.**
  - **Pray – silence**
  - **Read – listen**

John 12:48 "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him-- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

4. **If we have this proper attitude; nothing can deter us from following it.**

Romans 8:38-39 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

5. **"I know it says that...but...".**  
**Luke 14:25-27**

6. **The Bible is a light and lamp.**

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

1Thessalonians 2:13 For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

## Recognize it as Infallible

**1. What is infallible? Free from error. (Webster).**

**2. It is the Perfect law of liberty.**

James 1:25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Psalms 19:7 The **law of the LORD is perfect**, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

**3. It is for our perfection.**

Ephesians 4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

**4. We should develop a love for the Word of God - having the right attitude.**

Isaiah 55:8-9 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

Galatians 1:10 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

## Accept it as All Sufficient

### 1. It is a sufficient guide & pattern.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**A. It tells me everything I need to know to get to heaven, or else God is a liar.**

**Titus 1:1-3**

**B. It is "God-breathed".**

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

2 Peter 1:21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

**C. Man is the liar - - God is true.**

**1) Changing the truth – making up things!**

Romans 3:4 Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: "That You may be justified in Your words, and may overcome when You are judged."

**2. Change that, and human philosophy and religious error is bound to result.**

## Determine to Be Guided by It

### 1. Refuse to be guided by it, and we have no place in His eternal Kingdom.

Revelation 22:14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

2 John 1:9 Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

### 2. Be like Samuel: *"speak, for your servant hears"*.

1 Samuel 3:10 Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."

### 3. Purify your souls by obeying the truth.

1 Pet 1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

### 4. To be guided by His Word is to be united in truth.

## Conclusion

1. **We must:**
  - A. **approach it with respect.**
  - B. **recognize it as infallible.**
  - C. **believe it to be sufficient.**
  - D. **be willing to be guided by it.**
2. **Then we will agree that baptism is essential:**
  - A. **for the remission of sins.**  
**Acts 2:38**
  - B. **to save us.**

1 Peter 3:20-21 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. There is also an antitype which now **saves us-- baptism** (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

- C. **to put us into Christ.**  
**Galatians 3:27**
3. **To reject baptism, is to reject God's counsel, and our actions are saying to others and to God "I don't fully respect your Word".**
  - 1) **When we know better – yet refuse to obey!**

Luke 7:30 But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.

4. **Reverently accept the Word of God for what it says. Paul did, Peter did, and so have many others that became Christians.**

