

# What Does the Next Verse Say?

## Introduction

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.

- 1. Many scriptures emphasize the seriousness and respect with which we should view the Word of God.**
- 2. We can see the limitations that God has placed upon His Word.**

1 Peter 4:11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, **that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ**, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

### **A. No additions to His Word**

Proverbs 30:6 Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.

Revelation 22:18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;

2 John 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.

## **B. No subtractions from His Word**

Revelation 22:19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Deuteronomy 4:2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

## **C. No substitutions to His Word**

**Leviticus 10:1-2**

**Galatians 1:6-9**

Matthew 15:8-9 'These people draw near to me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. and in vain they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' "

- 3. Not only should we learn not to add, subtract, substitute, or go beyond that which is written; we need to learn the lesson found in **Acts 20:20, 27****
- 4. If these principles were applied, our confusion and difficulties in the religious world would be eliminated!**
- 5. So much spiritual wrong is the result of individuals taking one verse and building a doctrine around it without considering the next verse.**

## **One Verse Can Lead to False Conclusions**

### **1. The following verses seemingly teach retaliation.**

Job 2:4 So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life.

Matthew 5:38 "You have heard that it was said, 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'

#### **A. However, we find the next verse corrects that idea.**

Matthew 5:39 But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

### **2. Some would say that the Bible teaches us to hate our enemies.**

Matthew 5:43 "You have heard that it was said, 'you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

#### **A. However, we must consider the next verse.**

Matthew 5:44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

### **3. We can readily see from these examples that one verse taken by itself can lead to a false conclusion.**

### **4. If this is true, based on these verses, it can also be true in reference to other verses upon which some may base their doctrines.**

## **Some Misconceptions**

### **As a Result of Not Considering the Next Verse**

#### **1. Some in the religious world actually pray for baptism in fire.**

Matthew 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

##### **A. Yet, we do find what this baptism is within the context.**

Matthew 3:10 And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and **thrown into the fire.**

Matthew 3:12 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but **He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**"

#### **2. Members of the church often end their teaching with this verse:**

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

##### **A. However, we learn that the baptized must continue to be taught.**

Matthew 28:20 **teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;** and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

**3. Many have a misconception as to the purpose of miracles.****Mark 16:15-18****A. Jesus continues on to tell us their purpose.****Mark 16:19-20****1) They are to confirm the Word.**

Hebrews 2:4 God also **bearing witness** both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

**4. How are men drawn to God?**

John 6:44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

**A. Many teach a direct, miraculous operation of the Holy Spirit.****B. However, Jesus explains how we are drawn to God.**

John 6:45 It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' therefore **everyone who has heard and learned from the Father** comes to Me.

**5. Some teach that the denominations are the branches.**

John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

**A. However, Jesus shows that individuals are the branches, not denominations.**

John 15:6 **If anyone** does not abide in Me, **he is cast** out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

**6. One of the most misapplied passages in the New Testament is:  
Romans 10:13**

**A. It can be scripturally understood only in light of its context and parallel passages.**

**Romans 10:12-17**

**B. A similar misapplied passage is taken from Acts 2:21-38.**

Acts 2:21 and it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

**1) They then ask in verse 37 “what they must do?”**

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**2) Notice also what is told to Saul.**

Acts 22:16 And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

**7. Some teach that all that is necessary in order to be a child of God is just to have faith.**

Galatians 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

**A. However, the next verse explains the preceding verse – being children of God by faith.**

Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

**B. The reason you are children of God is because you have been baptized INTO Christ.**

## Conclusion

### 1. Me must be willing to accept the whole counsel of God.

#### A. The whole counsel of God does include the next verse!

Acts 20:20 how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house,

Acts 20:27 For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

### 2. The only way that we can be pleasing to God and to ensure that we are really saved is to submit to His will and teaching.

#### A. God's teaching will lead us into heaven. Man's teaching will lead us into an eternal hell.

##### 1) We must always remember this:

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.

