

The Gathering

BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday

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7:30 P.M.

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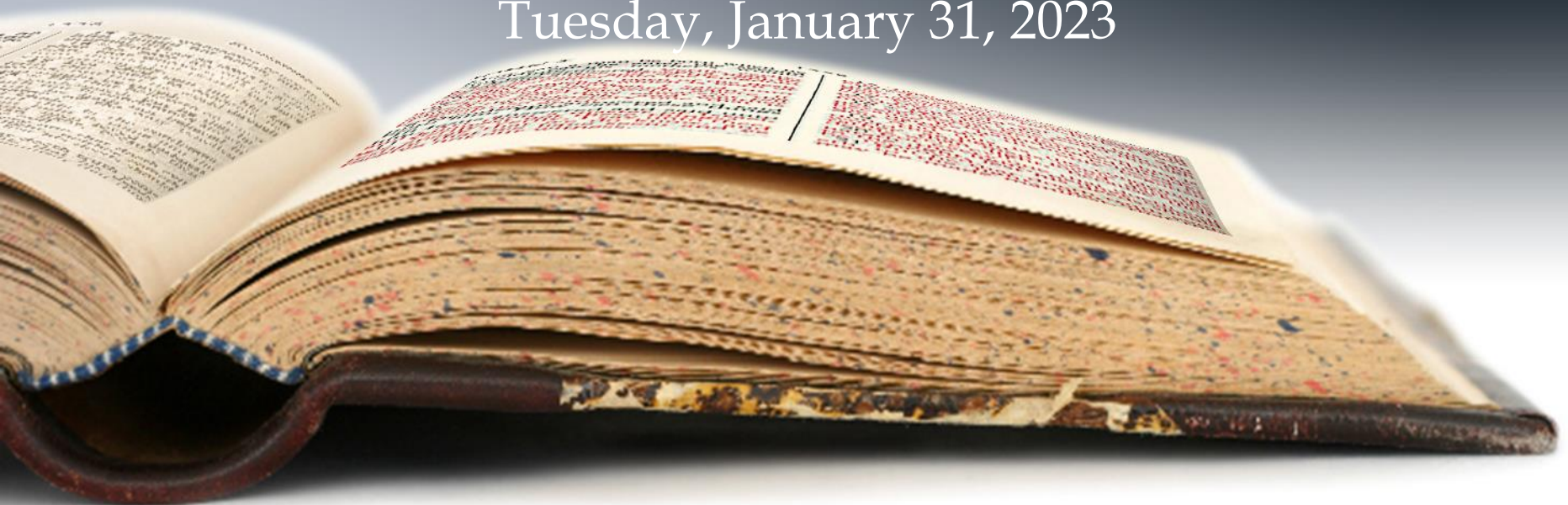


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The Power of Choice

Choose God's Word!

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The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is much reward.

Psalm 19:7-11



Choose God's Word



God has written a blueprint
for humans that promises us
abundance of life, success,
and victory, if we will only
access and follow it.



I will instruct you and teach you the
way you should go; I will counsel
you with my loving eye on you.

Psalm 32:8



The omniscient, all-knowing God
is our instructor, our teacher,
who has provided us with
everything we need for life
and godliness.



God leads us primarily
through his word.



Resource Central



What do you need right now?

Consult the Word of GOD!



Discussion:

What is the final authority in your life?
On what have you built your life or
made the major or minor decisions
of your life? Is the word of God your
final authority?



Perspectives of the Word and ways of handling it.



Some treat the Word as a
plate of hors d'oeuvres.



Some folks treat the Word like
car rental insurance.



Some folks treat the
Word like a seat belt.



Some treat the Word
like it is a foreign language
they do not understand.



II Peter 1:20-21



16. And I will ask the Father to send you another Advocate to help you and be with you forever — the Spirit of truth. 26. But, the Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:16,26



What qualifies God's word to be the final authority in our lives?

1. It is through the Word that we are saved. Romans 1:16



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2. The Word was given with a purpose. John 20:31



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the final authority in our lives?

3. The Word is God breathed and has
the power to change your life.
II Timothy 3:16



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the final authority in our lives?

4. The Word gives us hope. Romans 15:4



Hope is the confidence
that better things are ahead,
in our future.



Read the Word.
Hope is written throughout
the Word of God.

Lamentations 3:21-27



Can you see how valuable
the Word of God is?



Psalm 19 is a
Psalm of David that celebrates
God's Law or Word.



The Law of the Lord is
perfect, refreshing the soul.



The statutes of the Law
are trustworthy, making wise
the simple.



Reflection:

What kind of mess would
that be for you?



The precepts of the Lord are
right, giving joy to the heart.



Precepts are clearly marked statements like, “Abstain from sexual immorality”. They are commandments, not suggestions.



Principles – general guidelines
that require discernment
and maturity if we are going
to grasp them.



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Lord are radiant, giving
light to the eyes.



The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever.



God's word becomes your authority
when it confronts you, challenges you,
stops you dead in your tracks, makes
you see the error of your ways and
makes you go in a different direction.

Dr. James McDonald



Keeping the Word
brings great reward.



The decrees of the Lord are firm,
and all of them are righteous.



So, how do I make the word
my final authority?



Read it!

Study it! – *II Timothy 2:15*

Meditate on it! – *Joshua 1:8*

Memorize it! – *Psalms 119:11*

Delight in it! – *Psalms 1:2; Jeremiah 15:16*

Question it!

Share it! – *Hebrews 10:24*



30 Day Bible Challenge

