# 4 GOD BREATHED SCRIPTURES

### Explore

- Who is God
- Who I am
- Where I am
- Where can I find the living God and meethim
- How to live
- My life's purpose

It is written: What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today? (Deuteronomy 4:7-8 NIV)

[] Do you believe God is near to hearyour prayer?

"Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?" declares the LORD. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD. (Jeremiah 23:24  $\mbox{NIV}$ )

[] Have you learned that history is the fulfillment of Scripture just as the future will be?

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God maybe thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV)

The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law. (Deuteronomy 29:29 NIV)

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4 NIV)

If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work. (2 Timothy 2:21 NIV)

They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good. (Titus  $1:16\,\rm NIV)$ 

[] Do your actions agree with what you claim?

#### 4.1 WORD PERSECUTION JOURNEY IN HISTORY

Then they will deliver you over to be persecuted and killed, and you will be hated by all nations on account of My name. (Matthew 24:9)

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death, (Revelation12:11)

And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. (Revelation12:17)

# First century to 20<sup>th</sup> century persecution

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persecution of Christians

https://study.com/academy/lesson/christian-persecution-facts-history.html

https://www.historytoday.com/archive/causes-early-persecutions

# 20<sup>th</sup> Century persecution

WWL (world watch list) 2020: 260 million Christians face 'extreme', 'very high', or 'high' persecution

https://evangelicalfocus.com/world/5042/world-watch-list-wwl-2020-260-millionchristians-face-extreme-very-high-or-high-persecution

Persecuted Christians Are Not Given Much Hope In 2020 https://www.forbes.com/sites/ewelinaochab/2020/02/18/persecutedchristians-are-not-given-much-hope-in-2020/#4a2efd856889



Bible in your language (pdf) https://www.wordproject.org/download/bibles/index.htm

#### 4.2 NO WORKS OF MAN IMPRESS GOD

It is written: Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar. (Proverbs 30:6 )  $\,$ 

Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you. (Deuteronomy 4:2 NIV)

He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. (Matthew 15:13 NIV)

He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. (John 15:2 NIV)

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near. (Revelation 1:3)

[] Do you believe you are opening the "blessing gate" when you obey the written word of God?

#### 4.3 OPEN THE GATES OF BLESSING NOT CURSE

It is written: "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who build this house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:

and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall." (Matthew 7:24-27)

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. (2 Chronicles16:9)

He who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.  $_{\rm (Psalm \ 33:15 \ NIV)}$ 

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. (Hebrews 4:13 NIV)

[] Do you believe that God wants to bless you?

[] Do you know God searches our motivations and thoughts?

#### 4.4 SCRIPTURES CANNOT BE BROKEN

It is written: Then his people recalled the days of old, the days of Moses and his people—where is he who brought them through the sea, with the shepherd of his flock? Where is he who set his Holy Spirit among them, (Isaiah 63:11 NIV)

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20-21 NIV)

Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are gods'? If he called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came and the Scripture cannot be broken. (John 10:34-35 NIV)

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands for ever." (Isaiah 40:8  $\mbox{NIV})$ 

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. (Matthew 24:35  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{NIV}}\xspace)$ 

It is easier for heaven and earth to disappear than for the least stroke of a pen to drop out of the Law. (Luke 16:17 NIV)

Look in the scroll of the LORD and read: None of these will be missing, not one will lack her mate. For it is his mouth that has

given the order, and his Spirit will gather them together. (Isaiah 34:16  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{NIV}}\xspace$ 

the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:10-11 NIV)

- [] Do you believe God is searching for a person like Moses today?
- [] Do you know that only the word of God lasts eternally?
- [] Do you know why God said "dwell in the word"?
- [] Do you believe that the Scriptures cannot be broken?

# 4.5 THE WORD IS ALWAYS THE SAME, CALL OF WISDOM

It is written: Does not wisdom cry out, and understanding lift up her voice? She takes her stand on the top of the high hill, beside the way, where the paths meet.

She cries out by the gates, at the entry of the city, at the entrance of the doors: "To you, O men, I call, and my voice is to the sons of men. O you simple ones, understand prudence, And you fools, be of an understanding heart. Listen, for I will speak of excellent things, and from the opening of my lips will come right things; for my mouth will speak truth; Wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

All the words of my mouth are with righteousness; nothing crooked or perverse is in them. They are all plain to him who understands, and right to those who find knowledge.

Receive my instruction, and not silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold; For wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.

"I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge and discretion.

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way, and the perverse mouth I hate. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding, I have strength. (Proverbs 8:1-14)

[] Will you answer when wisdom calls?

[] Do you believe you can find wisdom in a busy place?

- [] Do you know what God hates?
- [] Do you hate evil?

#### 4.6 WISDOM IS THE LORD'S

It is written: By me kings reign, and rulers decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, all the judges of the earth.

I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently will find me. Riches and honor are with me, enduring riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold, and my revenue than choice silver. I traverse the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice, that I may cause those who love me to inherit wealth, that I may fill their treasuries.

"The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I have been established from everlasting, from the beginning, before there was ever an earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains abounding with water.

Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I was brought forth; while as yet He had not made the earth or the fields, or the primal dust of the world. When He prepared the heavens, I was there, when He drew a circle on the face of the deep, when He established the clouds above, when He strengthened the fountains of the deep, when He assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters would not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside Him as a master craftsman; And I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him, rejoicing in His inhabited world, and my delight was with the sons of men.

"Now therefore, listen to me, my children, for blessed are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not disdain it. Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoever finds me finds life, and obtains favor from the Lord; but he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; all those who hate me love death." (Proverbs 8:15-36) The Lord has made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. (Isaiah 52:10)

For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea. (Habakkuk 2:14)

He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the lowly. (Luke 1:51-52)

[] Are you traveling on the road of righteousness and justice?

### 4.7 THE WORD NEVER CHANGES, PEOPLE DO

It is written: He who has ears, let him hear. (Matthew 13:9)

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)

"For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. (Malachi 3:6)

God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it? (Numbers 23:19)

Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but you are the same, and your years have no end. (Psalm 102:25-27)

To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the market places and calling out to others: (Matthew 11:16 NIV)

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear. (Matthew 13:43 NIV)

Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown." When he said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." (Luke 8:8 NIV)

It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out. "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." (Luke 14:35 NIV)

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. (Revelation 2:7)

- [] Do you hear God's tune for this generation?
- [] Do you have good soil?
- [] Do you know how to change bad soil to good?
- [] Do you repent when you hear the Word?
- [] Is eating from the tree of life an option?

## 4.8 HEART TO UNDERSTAND THE WORD OF GOD

It is written: And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' (Matthew 13:10-13)

"Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return and be healed." (Isaiah 6:10)

"Search from the book of the Lord, and read: Not one of these shall fail; Not one shall lack her mate. For My mouth has commanded it, and His Spirit has gathered them. (Isaiah 34:16)

- [] Does a parable remain a parable when you listen?
- [] Do you know how to overcome daily battles?
- [] Do you know what the Second Death and who it is for?
- [] Do you know what the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven are?