

# **A God Encounter** **Series**

## **An encounter with IT (the Word)**

### **Part 3**

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We Must Never Neglect The Bible... It Is The Key To Our Well Being... The Combination To Our Success... It Is The Most Precious Gift God Has Ever Given Us... Let Us Bear In Mind The Bible's Importance... There Is An Attack On Its Relevance In A Mans Life, For Without It There Is No Conversion... We Must Never Lose Sight Of The Fact That Their Are Billions Of People Who Have Never Even Seen One, But Long For The Day In Which They Do... In This Hour I Wish For The Healthy Argument Of Which Translation We Will Use Instead Of The One Which Is @ Our Door That Bellows That We Must Never Use One At All...

We Can Never Allow The Memory To Slip That Men And Women From Previous Centuries Laid Down Their Lives In Sacrifice To Preserve The Bible For You And Me... Let Us Treat It With Reverence... Let Us Be Respectful Toward The Bible, For It Is The Way That God Comes Into Our Lives...

## God's Word Is A Ladder And Every Promise Is A Step To Becoming Like God...

### **Genesis 28:10-12**

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**10** And Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran.

**11** And he came to a certain place and stayed there overnight, because the sun was set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down there to sleep.

**12** And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!

Promises: The Ladder To Become Like Our Father...

### **2 Peter 1:3-4**

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**3** For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by *and* to His own glory and excellence (virtue).

**4** By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature.

God's Word Works In Us When We Believe It...

### **1 Thessalonians 2:13**

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**13** And we also [especially] thank God continually for this, that when you received the message of God [which you

heard] from us, you welcomed it not as the word of [mere] men, but as it truly is, the Word of God, which is effectually at work in you who believe [a]exercising its superhuman power in those who adhere to and trust in and rely on it].

## Results Of Believing The Bible...

### 1. Faith Comes Alive The Moment You “Hear It”...

#### **Romans 10:17**

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**17** So faith comes by hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the preaching [of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself).

### The Ethiopian Eunuch

#### **Acts 8:26-31**

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**26** But an angel of the Lord said to Philip, Rise and proceed southward *or* at midday on the road that runs from Jerusalem down to Gaza. This is the desert [a] route].

**27** So he got up and went. And behold, an Ethiopian, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure, had come to Jerusalem to worship.

**28** And he was [now] returning, and sitting in his chariot he was reading the book of the prophet Isaiah.

**29** Then the [Holy] Spirit said to Philip, Go forward and join yourself to this chariot.

**30** Accordingly Philip, running up to him, heard [the man] reading the prophet Isaiah and asked, Do you really understand what you are reading?

**31** And he said, How is it possible for me to do so unless someone explains it to me *and* guides me [in the right way]? And he earnestly requested Philip to come up and sit beside him.

2. Without “It” “Genuine Conversion” Is Impossible...

### **Psalm 19:7**

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**7** The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the [whole] person; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

### **James 1:18**

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**18** And it was of His own [free] will that He gave us birth [as sons] by [His] Word of Truth, so that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures [a sample of what He created to be consecrated to Himself].

### **1 Peter 1:22-23**

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**22** Since by your obedience to the Truth *through the* [Holy] Spirit you have purified your hearts for the sincere affection of the brethren, [see that you] love one another fervently from a *pure* heart.

**23** You have been regenerated (born again), not from a mortal [**a**]origin (**b**seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the *ever* living and lasting Word of God.

3. To Become What God Has Created You To Be, You Must Prefer “It” Over Belly Bustin’ Morsels...

### **John 4:32**

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**32** But He assured them, I have food (nourishment) to eat of which you know nothing *and* have no idea.

**33** So the disciples said one to another, Has someone brought Him something to eat?

**34** Jesus said to them, My food (nourishment) is to do the will (pleasure) of Him Who sent Me and to accomplish *and* completely finish His work.

Baby

### **1 Peter 2:2**

Amplified Bible (AMP)

**2** Like newborn babies you should crave (thirst for, earnestly desire) the pure (unadulterated) spiritual milk, that by it you may be nurtured *and* grow unto [completed] salvation,

Young Man

### **Matthew 4:3-4**

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**3** And the tempter came and said to Him, If You are God's Son, command these stones to be made [**a**]loaves of] bread.

**4** But He replied, It has been written, Man shall not live *and* be upheld *and* sustained by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Mature Believer

### **Hebrews 5:12-14**

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**12** For even though by this time you ought to be teaching others, you actually need someone to teach you over again the very first principles of God's Word. You have come to need milk, not solid food.

**13** For everyone who continues to feed on milk is obviously inexperienced *and* unskilled in the doctrine of

righteousness (of conformity to the divine will in purpose, thought, and action), for he is a mere infant [not able to talk yet]!

**14** But solid food is for full-grown men, for those whose senses *and* mental faculties are trained by practice to discriminate *and* distinguish between what is morally good *and* noble and what is evil *and* contrary either to divine or human law.

4. Heaven Opens The Moment One Makes “It” Their Guiding Light...

**Education Is Not Light...**

**Psalm 119:130**

Amplified Bible (AMP)

**130** The entrance *and* unfolding of Your words give light; their unfolding gives understanding (discernment and comprehension) to the simple.

**Ephesians 1:17**

Amplified Bible (AMP)

**17** [For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him,

5. God Had One Thing In Mind When He Spoke “It”... Our “Restoration”...

**Acts 3:19-21**

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**19** So repent (change your mind and purpose); turn around *and* return [to God], that your sins may be erased (blotted out, wiped clean), that times of refreshing (of

recovering from the effects of heat, of [a]reviving with fresh air) may come from the presence of the Lord;  
**20** And that He may send [to you] the Christ (the Messiah), Who before was designated *and* appointed for you—even Jesus,

**21** Whom heaven must receive [and retain] until the time for the complete restoration of all that God spoke by the mouth of all His holy prophets for ages past [from the most ancient time in the memory of man].

### **Psalm 107:17-20**

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**17** Some are fools [made ill] because of the way of their transgressions and are afflicted because of their iniquities.

**18** They loathe every kind of food, and they draw near to the gates of death.

**19** Then they cry to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivers them out of their distresses.

**20** He sends forth His word and heals them and rescues them from the pit *and* destruction.

### **Proverbs 4:20-22**

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**20** My son, attend to my words; consent *and* submit to my sayings.

**21** Let them not depart from your sight; keep them in the center of your heart.

**22** For they are life to those who find them, healing *and* health to all their flesh.

6. Enjoying “Victory Over Sin” Is Only Possible When You “It”...

## **1 Corinthians 15:57**

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**57** But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory [making us conquerors] through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Psalms 119:9-11**

Amplified Bible (AMP)

**9** How shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed *and* keeping watch [on himself] according to Your word [conforming his life to it].

**10** With my whole heart have I sought You, inquiring for *and* of You *and* yearning for You; Oh, let me not wander *or* step aside [either in ignorance or willfully] from Your commandments.

**11** Your word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

From the Message Bible.

Psa. 119:9 (Message) How Can A Young Person Live A Clean Life? By Carefully Reading The Map Of Your Word.

Psa. 119:10 (Message) I'm Single-Minded In Pursuit Of You; Don't Let Me Miss The Road Signs You've Posted.

Psa. 119:11 (Message) I've Banked Your Promises In The Vault Of My Heart So I Won't Sin Myself Bankrupt.

7.The Way To Know What You Look Like Is To Peer Inside Of "It"...

## **Hebrews 10:7**

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**7** Then I said, Behold, here I am, coming to do Your will, O God—[to fulfill] what is written of Me in the volume of the Book.

## **James 1:23-25**

Amplified Bible (AMP)

**23** For if anyone only listens to the Word without obeying it *and* being a doer of it, he is like a man who looks carefully at his [own] natural face in a mirror;

**24** For he thoughtfully observes himself, and then goes off and promptly forgets what he was like.

**25** But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it *and* perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience).