



Believe

Week 13

**Why do I study God's
Word?**

**We need to hear God's
Word, not just read it...**

**We should prepare ourselves
appropriately to hear God's
Word when you read it.**

Why and how do we do this?

Seven Reasons
why we MUST
Read God's Word

1. It is God's voice speaking to us. The Bible is literally "God-Breathed".

2 Timothy 3:16-17

2. It is our life instruction manual, provided to teach/instruct us... so that we might have hope.

Romans 15:4

It answers life's big questions like:
Why am I here? Where did I come
from? Where do I go after this
life? Why is this life so hard? How
can I have a successful marriage,
be a good friend, a good parent, a
good employee, a good leader, a
good son or daughter? How can I
have eternal life?

3. It is our weapon
against satan. The
sword of the Spirit is
the armor of God's
only offensive weapon.

Hebrews 4:12

4. It keep us from sin!

Psalm 119: 10-11

5. We are Blessed by
God when we read his
word and...

Luke 11: 28

Romans 10: 17

What else does the Word do that is described here?

6. It builds our faith

How does faith come from hearing the Word?

1 Thessalonians 2: 13

What are some ways the Word is at work in us?

R.C. Sproul Quote

“The devil is delighted when we spend our time defending the Bible and talking about it as long as we don’t get around to actually seeing and hearing the words inside it.”

James Merritt Quote

“The primary purpose of reading the Bible is not to know the Bible but to know God.”

Matthew 10: 16

*Look, I am sending you
out like sheep among
wolves; therefore be as
shrewd as snakes and as
innocent as doves.*

2 Peter 2: 1-2

But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—

bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute.

Acts 20: 29-31

I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them.

So be on your guard!

*Remember that for three
years I never stopped
warning each of you night
and day with tears.*

John 4: 1-11

7. It helps us spot the wolves!

Satan knows scripture and deceit is one of his biggest battle offenses.

How can you spot deceit without knowing the Word?

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Latter-day Saints revere the Bible. They study it and believe it to be the word of God.

However, they do not believe the Bible, as it is currently available, is without error.

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As the Bible was compiled, organized, translated, and transcribed, many errors entered the text. The existence of such errors becomes apparent when one considers the numerous and often conflicting translations of the Bible in existence today.

Did you spot the Wolf ?



Matthew 22: 29

John 17: 17

John 10: 35

Proverbs 30: 5

Abortion

Did you spot the Wolf ?



Acts 4: 12

John 14: 6

Mark 2: 7

Matthew 23: 9

Listen Carefully

Listen to this:

Quran 4: 157

And for their saying, “We have killed the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, the Messenger of God.” In fact, they did not kill him, nor did they crucify him, but it appeared to them as if they did. Indeed, those who differ about him are in doubt about it. They have no knowledge of it, except the following of assumptions. Certainly, they did not kill him.

Quran 5: 75

The Messiah son of Mary was only a messenger, before whom other Messengers had passed away, and his mother was a woman of truth. They both used to eat food. Note how We make clear the revelations to them; then note how deluded they are.

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John 10: 30

John 14: 9

John 8: 58

Colossians 2: 9

Purgatory

Did you spot the Wolf ?



Luke 16: 25-26

Unitarianism

Did you spot the Wolf ?



Key Idea

I Study the Bible to Know
God and His Truth and to
find direction for my life

Scripture Reading Tips

The Bible isn't a book about the great men of God. It's a book about the great God of men.

1. Find Time (Make time)

2. Have a Plan

3. Find Something to Meditate
on Each Day

What difference does this
make in the way I live?

1. I regularly read, study and listen to God's Word.
2. I recognize the value of studying God's Word in Church and with other believers.
3. I align my life to the Bible because I believe it is the Word of God.