



Section 1 Lesson 1 Class Overview, The Word of God

***"...and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it".
Matthew 16:18***

WELCOME to the first meeting of the **How to go Through Tribulation Victoriously** (HTGTTV) class. Our purpose is to provide each one of you with a firm foundation in the word and for you to have opportunities to progress, receive and **experience** your inheritance from our Heavenly Father. This course has 3 divisions; **First Foundational Steps in God** (FFSIG, This, is step 1 and *its aim and focus is to get you rooted and grounded*), **Becoming Empowered in Christ** (BEIC, This, is step 2 and *is filled with 6 "Power and Revelation classes"*), ending with, **How to Go Through Tribulation Victoriously** (HTGTTV This section is *focused on Christ-character in you, your coming into experiencing moving in the gifts of the Spirit and while taking your position in the Body of Christ, and what prophetic time it is*). Today, we will give you a briefing of the class standards, structure and support systems, along with what you can expect of us and our expectations of you.

WHAT To Expect

Once you have accepted the Lord it is necessary **that you grow up into the inheritance, He has provided for you.** These classes give a systematic approach backed up with teachers, counselors, study partners and a class support group website and how to meditate God's word, to assist you in reaching the goals in life that God's Love and Grace has provided for you. This course is designed so that you will not only receive knowledge but a **firsthand experience** on how wonderful the Lord truly is! This experience will bring you into a deeper relationship with God and Jesus through the Holy Spirit. **All of this is accomplished through your learning to consistently "seek and hear from the Lord, come into belief, obey, gain faith and then continue in it as you speak and activate it effectively in your daily life!"**

As you find out how and grow in God's purposes for your life, you will discover your purpose in the body of Christ. This in turn will lead you to be productive in every area of your life, making you a living witness of the benefits of God's Kingdom. God's Kingdom, of which you have been birthed into is **SUPERNATURAL**, therefore, raise your expectations and become an active part of it! Look at the given scriptural references regarding the supernatural experiences in God's kingdom.

Genesis 2:19-20, Adam giving names to all the creatures on earth and sky.

Exodus 7:10-12, Aaron's rod became a serpent that ate the serpents of Pharaoh's magicians.

2 Kings 6:4-7, Elisha caused the iron axe head to swim.

Luke 1:41-45, Elizabeth prophesied to Mary that she was pregnant with the Messiah.

John 20:8-18 Jesus, with the greatest miracle of all...is resurrected from the dead.

Matthew 8:5-13, A Roman centurion believed that Jesus could heal his servant by simply speaking it to be done.

Acts 3:1-11, Peter and John heal a man that was born lame by pulling him up and speaking the miracle of his walking in Jesus' name.

These things mentioned above are all part of the inheritance all believers have received once they were born into the Kingdom of God through belief in Jesus being God's only begotten Son, who took their sins by shedding His blood, dying and then being raised from the dead...and transferred that same power to us!

This lesson will focus on

1. COURSE EXPECTATIONS
2. WHAT IS THE WORD?
3. THE LIFE & POWER OF THE WORD
4. THE TRUTH OF THE WORD VS. FACTS

1 . COURSE EXPECTATIONS

- **Prioritization of God:** See *Jeremiah 29:12-13* and *Matthew 6:33*.
- **Diligence:** the only way to be successful in any area in life. Perfect attendance proves your dedication to increasing your level of attaining. **You must make up any classes missed on another available day or on-line and cannot miss more than 1 class/section.**
- **Punctuality:** We will begin on time, so please arrive a few minutes early to not be a distraction to the beginning of the session. Sunday classes begin at 9:30am. Saturday classes begin at 9:00am and other times per your specific location. **(Please arrive early)**
- **Time, Study, Focus:** and Class Participation **(Concordance exercise with your cell phone, laptop, or iPad)**
- Please bring your Binder, Bible, pens, pencils and/or highlighters to each on-site class.
- **Have the weekly homework completed before the start of class.** Start reading/studying each lesson and completing the homework on each Monday or the first day after your scheduled class time for the upcoming week. Complete at least 1 section of the lesson each day. This will assist you in developing a profitable study habit, which will give you great benefits in learning and comprehension of the materials. Assignments from the previous week will be collected and reviewed by the instructors at the beginning of each class. The online classes have an automatic process whereby you instantly receive your answers to the questions as you press **submit** of your typed responses. The same applies regarding your meditation exercises in lessons 10-13 of Section 1.
- **Memorize each word** of the “verse of the week in lessons 1-12.” This comes from repeating and writing the words in phrases, while you attentively focus! (see the example sheet)

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

2. WHAT IS THE WORD?

What exactly is “the Word of God?” Firstly, the Bible is the Word of God. God spoke to men - telling them what to write - so that we would have instruction, understand right from wrong, have direction, and be able to grow in being right with Him.

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for corrections, for instruction in righteousness:

1 Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

This means that when you are reading the Bible, you are literally reading what God said and what He wanted to be known. It is a personal letter from a Holy God! God's Word is infallible, without error, first and last, and all things in between. It has total authority and validity with integrity...His....**and He watches over it to make sure it happens when it is believed with all of our hearts.**

(NIV) And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe. 1 Thessalonians 2:13

It is most important to note that the Word of God is not limited to the scriptures printed on the pages of the bible - because before there were any bibles printed or scrolls scribed upon, His Word was in existence. Please note the scripture below:

Psalm 119:160 (KJV) Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

This scripture states clearly that God's Word was from the beginning. Even before He told Moses of the story of creation; even before Moses wrote the book of Genesis; the Word of God was already in existence. Scriptures show us that the worlds were framed by the Word of God. Therefore, His Word came before all that is in the universe.

3. THE LIFE AND POWER OF THE WORD

After the Lord created the world, chaos came through the rebellion of Lucifer, who then became Satan.

Genesis 1:2 (KJV) And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

The earth was disordered (without form) and void (no substance to hold it together). The oceans covered the land, the land was under the sea, and everything was in darkness. Darkness in this context means: **no understanding; rampant confusion with hatred and evil permeating the air** (see **Genesis 1:1-5**). God **spoke the word** and created Day and Night (before the sun and stars were made). He separated the waters from the land. He made trees, plants, flowers, birds, fish, and mammals – all with the words of His mouth! This principle or law of the Kingdom of God is of paramount importance...the Word **proceeds or** comes before events. **First God spoke it;** then it happened. God's word spoken from His mouth, is alive, just like and electric wire without insulation.

Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Proverbs 4:20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. 22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. 23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

4. THE TRUTH OF THE WORD vs. FACTS

We will search the scriptures and share a couple of examples showing that God's word is truth. First let's define truth. **Truth is what is behind all things and indeed supports all things. It has integrity. Truth is therefore the foundation of all things seen and unseen. Truth is Light in darkness!**

Because it is the highest authority, it is very important to match up information gained from television, radio, books, friends & relatives, and even counselors with the truth of Word of God. Contrary to truth, a *fact* is something that has a present status according to the interpretation of the senses and mind of man. As an example, at one time men believed that the world was flat. This belief was based on the senses of man and was temporary; limited to the senses. Discovery and revelation proved this **not to be truth**. Truth is superior to facts. **TRUTH is superior to FACTS. TRUTH IS SUPERIOR TO FACTS!**

Another example of this is that throughout families for generations, facts have been passed down, such as - "diabetes runs in our family" (or alcoholism, or bad temper, or pregnancy out of wedlock, etc.). This is different from the truth of God which says:

Psalms 103:3 (KJV) *Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.*

The **TRUTH** was and is always here amongst us, unseen with the natural eye. When we hear the word of God, and follow it continually, though it is against our nature; forgiveness, submission, tithes, God, by His Holy Spirit, will lead us to see the way to go in our actions that will give manifestation beyond the logic of the natural norm.

The **TRUTH** was with the scribes and Pharisees when they came to Jesus with stones in their hands to kill the woman caught in the act of adultery. They planned on discrediting Jesus because they knew from His actions of **LOVE** that He would not kill the woman. When they said the Law of Moses states anyone in adultery is to be stoned to death; but what do you say. Jesus answered not but waited on the unseen voice of God for direction; once received told them, "*you without sin cast the first stone.*" The **TRUTH**, by the Holy Spirit of God, convicted all of them to drop their stones and leave their planned actions. The **TRUTH** is always with us, unseen with the natural eye. When we Ask, Seek and Knock (rap), all of which shows an intensity of inquiry from the heart, while ceasing from our thoughts and actions, causes God in **TRUTH** amid us to appear. As this chapter ends Jesus tells them a **TRUTH**; before Abraham was born, He was, **I AM**. This meant God. The religious rulers immediately picked up stones to kill Him and He was concealed by **TRUTH** and walked out from among them. This enablement came about because His time of sacrifice was not yet...**TRUTH** concealed and kept Him for and in His purpose established by God the Father whom He was One with.

Romans 12:2 (NIV) *Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

Psalms 100:5 *For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.*

Psalms 117:1 *O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. 2 For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.*

1 Thessalonians 2:13 *For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.*

God's Word is THE TRUTH!!

LESSON TAKE AWAYS:

- A. **KNOWLEDGE:** God's Word is infallible (incapable of failure or error) and it is alive and truth. Revelation knowledge causes us to come into the secrets hidden in the Kingdom of God. **Knowledge** is **Information** from God on an issue.
- B. **UNDERSTANDING:** God's word is **LIVING** and **POWERFUL** and He causes it to come to pass (to happen) It is the **What** and **How** to do with the information to unravel problems.
- C. **WISDOM:** As you meditate God's Word and do it, He will speak or show or manifest His revelation of the issue; and then direct you into how and when with the methods of causing it to manifest in your life and surroundings. It Is the **Way, Why, Where & When** to use *Knowledge* and *Understanding* to resolve issues.

MEMORIZATION SCRIPTURE:

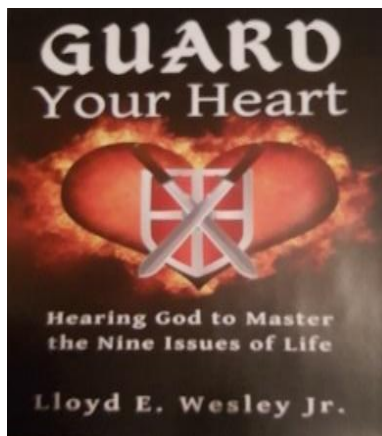
Note: All memorization scriptures will be given in King James Version (KJV) and the New International Version (NIV). You are only required to memorize one of the versions.

Joshua 1:8 (KJV) This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Joshua 1:8 (NIV) Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Evaluation form: inform students what we will measure their progress periodically. Testimonies of success; have teachers share the how-to's of memorization etc. **Do the questions for lesson 1 and the memorization portion in class.** Show them how to verbally exercise memorization that leads to revelation and **FAITH** by speaking the words aloud and personalizing the them...I am healed by the stripes of Jesus....I do prosper in all things because greater is Christ in me than Satan in the world; etc. Show them how to push back spiritually against the enemy. **FAITH** comes by hearing and hearing by the word of GOD. (Romans 10:17)

References:



Guard Your Heart: Hearing God to Master the Nine Issues of Life by Lloyd E. Wesley, Jr. is a valuable Bible-based self-help guide to help get your life out of the ditch. While you read this book, you'll feel like the author is talking to you one-on-one as he defines what he believes to be the nine issues of life everyone has. Those in this simplified list are self-esteem, relationships, prayer life, health, education, vocation, prosperity, legacy, and eternal rewards. The book points out that perhaps of the nine, self-esteem is the most important as it often dictates how we handle the other eight issues on the list. Each issue has its own section in the book and is elaborated on in much more detail. These often overlap, which shows how interwoven they are with one another in our lives. Some of the book emphasizes listening to God, hearing God, and then acting on or doing what He is saying.

Wesley's advice, along with his personal anecdotes and Scripture, can help unlock biblical secrets to success on a supernatural level, sometimes using spiritual gifts God gives us, therefore changing generations of defeating thoughts, behaviors, and choices. The author's style offers a practical approach that can be applied on a daily basis. The advice isn't philosophy or pep talk, it's a new way of Christian thinking that's been in the Bible all along. It's a different way of listening to what Scripture has to say about people in general, about success, and about the future. Guard Your Heart: Hearing God to Master the Nine Issues of Life by Lloyd E. Wesley, Jr. is a book to help you get your life onto a brighter path.

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SECTION 1 LESSON 1 HOMEWORK Overview, the Word of God

(In the questions below, check the best answer per the lesson)

1. List 5 important things we expect from you in this class.

- ☐ Read most of the lesson, state that your plans of being successful, while showing a smile while singing with the rest of the class and giving hallelujahs to the Lord.
- ☐ Be a good person, dressing appropriately, with a polite disposition, being respectful to the other students while sharing with others needed resources such as a bible, paper, pencil or pen.
- ☐ It is expected that diligence, punctuality, focus, study and meditation be given for each lesson.
- ☐ Get to most of the classes, on time while giving your best effort while being Christ like in agreement and being willing to help others in their homework assignments.

2. Where did the Word of God come from and give an example of the power of God's word?

- ☐ The word of God comes from those who have studied well in ministerial schools, and they are able through well-spoken sermons to get people to join churches.
- ☐ God spoke His word to those He chose and then selected those that gave demonstration of faith and right relationship with God.
- ☐ God's word came from Peter, as he was selected as the Rock that Jesus built His church from and then those that came from whom Peter selected and those that followed those who came after them.
- ☐ The word of God came from the bible and those that study it well to get good understanding and have a way with words to get others to follow them.

3. Give at least 3 elements regarding the truth of the Word of God.

- ☐ God's word is the truth and those that believe it receive special ways (gifts) to influence others for the good.
- ☐ The truth is behind all things, while causing all things to exist. When we hear the word of God, believe and follow it continually, God, by His Holy Spirit, will lead us to see the way to go in our actions that will give manifestation beyond the logic of the natural man. Truth is greater than facts.
- ☐ Truth is a strong mental and emotional tie that one can back up with scripture and witness for God in bringing others to Himself.
- ☐ Truth is the witness of a strong majority of people whose intentions are to follow the Lord despite what negative obstacles are in opposition. Their goal is to please God firstly.