

# God's Word, Alive!

## HOW TO APPROACH GOD'S WORD

### 1. REVERENTLY

#### a. Because it is holy.

**Psalm 138:2.** "I will worship toward Thy holy temple and praise Thy name for Thy loving kindness and for Thy truth, for Thou hast magnified Thy Word above all Thy Name."

#### b. Because it is enduring.

**Psalm 119:89.** "Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven."

**Matthew 24:35.** "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away."

#### c. Because we will be judged by it.

**John 12:48.** "He that rejects Me and receives not My Words, hath one that judges him; the Word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

#### d. Because it is true (Psalm 119:160)

**Psalm 119:160.** "Thy Word is true from the beginning, and every one of Thy righteous judgments endures forever."

### 2. PRAYERFULLY

#### a. Because we cannot understand God's Word with our natural minds.

**1 Corinthians 2:14.** "But the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

**Psalm 119:18.** "Open Thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law."

**Matthew 13:35, 51.** "...His disciples came unto him, saying, Explain unto us the parable of the tares of the field." Jesus said unto them, "Have ye understood all these things?" They said unto Him, "Yea, Lord."

**Isaiah 2:3.** And many people shall go and say, "Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us His ways and we will walk in His paths."

### 3. DILIGENTLY

#### a. By steadily and earnestly seeking it.

**Proverbs 2:1 – 6.** "My son, if you **receive** my words, and **treasure** my commands within you, So that you **incline** your ear to wisdom, and **apply** your heart to understanding; Yes, if you **cry out** for discernment, And **lift up** your voice for understanding. If you **seek** her as silver, and **search** for her as for hidden treasures; **Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God.** For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding."

### 4. BELIEVINGLY & TRUSTINGLY

#### a. Expressed through obedience and humility

**James 1:21, 22.** "Wherefore, lay apart (put away) all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness and receive with meekness the engrafted Word which is able to save your souls But, be you doers of the Word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."