

Bibliology

Building Conviction and Confidence in the Bible

Lesson # 5 – November 09, 2025



Text: Proverbs 30:5; Psalms 119:105

Introduction: This week's lesson deals with the "Illumination of the Word of God"! This is how the Lord communicates with us today, through His Word. What does it mean "Illumination of the Bible"? The word Illumination simply means – "a lighting up, special lighting, spiritual or intellectual enlightenment". How many times has a scripture from the Bible just "illuminated or shined brightly" to you during your Bible study time? I firmly believe that the Lord reveals or illuminate things from His Word to us when we need it the most. My personal one recently was when I was down and out, didn't not which way to go or how to go where I needed to go.....then the Lord brought Philippians 4:13 to me and the illumination from that verse just overwhelmed me!!! I sure of us, has a verse in the Bible that the Lord did the same thing to you!!!!

Now on the hand, that illumination be diminished or not visible? What are some factors for restricting that illumination?

The same thing for the illumination of the Bible. Illumination is God's way of communicating with us today through His Word. But unfortunately, mankind cannot communicate with Him because of a barrier between us and Him (Isaiah 59:2). So the Lord made a Way through His Holy Word for us to come and know Him. Matthew 11:28

So what is "Communication"?

- Communications is the process of sharing information, ideals or feelings between a sender and a receiver through a common system of symbols, signs, or behavior. It can be verbal, non-verbal, written, or visual and is essential for personal, professional, and societal success.
- Now think about that spiritually. The Lord (the sender) communicates to His children (the receivers) through a common system (the Word of God) for our spiritual success.

Lesson:

Let's look how the Lord communicates or illuminate Himself to us today! Does He actually communicate with us today?

1. God's purpose includes communication

- a. God made people in His image – Have you ever wondered why? The Lord wanted a permanent and close relationship with His creation (man/woman) Genesis 1:26,27. During this time the Lord spoke (communicated) with them regarding so many things in the garden, to include not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. We notice the Lord made man and woman in His own image and because of this He communicated with them – Genesis 3:8.

But that communication was violated or broken because of the sin of disobedience. One of the worst things about communication are barriers between the sender and receiver. The barriers that exist are not from the Sender (God) but from the receiver (us) because of our sin(s) – Psalms 66:18; Proverbs 28:9; Micah 3:4

- i. Example # 1 – Adam / Eve – Genesis 3:1-8* - after sin they heard the Voice of the Lord and hid them themselves.
- ii. Example # 2 – Moses – Exodus 20:7-12* - Moses was told to speak to a rock to bring forth water, but he struck it instead, which was a disobedience that resulted in his own prayer being unheard and him being barred from entering the promised land.
- iii. Example # 3 – The nation of Israel – II Chronicles 7:14 – “after repentance then the Lord will hear from heaven”.

Note – The devil will do whatever it takes to keep you from hearing (communicating) from the Lord through His Word! Which brings us to the next part.

- b. God gave people His Word – Not only the “10 Commandments” but the whole Word of God (from Genesis to Revelation)!
 - i. The Lord made His Word accessible to us – I Peter 1:23-25; 2:2,3; John 17:17-23
 - ii. The Lord made His Word announced through us – Isaiah 61:1; Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 16:15; Romans 13-17;

2. God’s process for communications – The Lord has designed a process to help us understand His Word. There are two parts of this process:

- a. The believer’s job – II Timothy 2:15 – Why is this so important for us?
 - i. We have to develop a taste for the things of the Lord – I Peter 2:2; Psalms 34:8
 - ii. We have to desire to seek the things of the Lord – Psalms 27:4
 - iii. We have to discover the things of the Lord – Romans 15:4
 - iv. We have to do the things of the Lord – James 1:22-25

Note – If we as believers do our part then the next part comes easy-----

- b. The Spirit’s job – John 14:26, 16:13 – this is a promise from the Lord, which was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost – Acts 2:1-6
 - i. **He illuminates (brings to light) the Scriptures to the believers** – I Corinthians 2:12-14 – That is why we need to ask the Lord to allow the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom, understanding, clarity, and knowledge as we read the Bible so we can apply it to our daily lives.
 - ii. **He indicts the Scriptures to the believers** – John 16:8 – The Holy Spirit convicts us with a loving act to repentance to a deeper relationship with God. How?
 1. There is that slight or gentle nudge of doing wrong – Psalms 51:3
 2. There is a heaviness or sorrowful action for their wrong doings – Psalms 51:4; II Corinthians 7:10; I Thessalonians 5:19
 - iii. **He empowers the Scriptures to believers** – Acts 1:8 – The Holy Spirit provides spiritual strength for us so we can live righteously from His Holy Word.
 1. By proclaiming the Gospel – Acts 1:8 – as a result of this power you will be witnesses unto me to all the world.
 2. By proficiency in living godly – Galatians 5:22,23 - the evidence of living godly is through the fruits of the Holy Spirit.
 3. By performing acts of the gifts He gives us – I Corinthians 12:1-4 – these gifts are for the edification or strengthening the church.

Conclusion: When was the last time you asked to the Lord to allow His Word to illuminate in your heart? Just remember, in order for the Holy Spirit to do His part, we must do our part and get into God's Holy Word!