

– John 14.21-26 –
Words to Teens 3

Communing with God in His Word

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* **The Scriptures** are God’s words to us. In prayer, God wants to _____ from us. In the Scriptures, God wants to _____ to us. In both, he wants to develop us as his _____ and _____.

* **When we** really want to know someone, we naturally want to spend _____ with them and _____ with them. It’s the same with God, for the key relationship he made us for is with _____.

Jer 9.23 Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; 24 But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the LORD.

* **One of** the things that hinders us from coming to God in the Scriptures is the idea that language is an _____ way to communicate which is _____ God.

* **In addition**, postmodernism has taught us that language has no objective _____, but only what the listener or reader assigns to it. Post mod. has also taught us that there is no objective _____ or _____, for all our thoughts and sense perceptions are just brain _____. This is the black box that _____ has put us in.

* **Richard Rorty**, perhaps the best known post mod. philosopher, summed it up this way:

“The very idea that the world or the self has an intrinsic nature — one which the physicist or the poet may have glimpsed [(in other words, the very idea of objective reality or knowledge)] — is a remnant of the idea that the world is a divine creation, the work of someone who had something in mind, who Himself spoke some language in which He described His own project.” (Richard Rorty, *Contingency, Irony, and Solidarity* (Cambridge University Press, 1989) 21).

That is exactly what _____ is.

Gen 1.3 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ...

Gen 1.26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness ...”

Gen 2.16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die. ...

Gen 2.18 And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”

Gen 1.28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion ... over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Gen 3.15 “And I will put enmity between you [the serpent] and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

Heb 1.1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

* **What is** Jesus’ relationship to prayer and Scripture?

Luke 5.15 ... great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him ... 16 So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.

Luke 2.46 ... they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, ... listening ... and asking ... questions. 47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

Mat 4.1 Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil ... 3 Now when the tempter came to Him ... 4 He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" ... 7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" ... 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "

John 10.35 ... "the Scripture cannot be broken"

Mat 27.46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ... "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (quoting Psalm 22.1)

Luke 24.13 Now behold, two of them were traveling ... to ... Emmaus ... 15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him ... 25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. 28 Then they drew near to the village ... 29 they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." ... 30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. 32 And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" (cf. Jer 15.16 "Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart)

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*** Two takeaways:**

—1) 1 Pet 2.2 "like newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby"

—2) James 4.8 "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."