(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)



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LEAD-IN: Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

God's Living Word

God's word is truth. It is food for our entire being. It is fire and a hammer that shatters rock. It is great blessing! (Jeremiah 23:25-32) God's word is perfect. complete, sure, right, pure, completely reliable. (Psalm 19:7-11) It is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. (Psalm 119:105) God's word is a sharp, two-edged sword. (Hebrews 4:12-13) But God's word is more than printed words, more than symbols on a page. God personally speaks His word. He does not abandon us to our weakness and ignorance. He speaks His word within our hearts and minds by His own Spirit:

> "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them at the present time. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take from Mine and will disclose it to you." (John 16:12-14, NASB)

But God goes even further. He shows us His truth in Jesus Christ. In Christ His truth comes to life. We see it lived out in Him. Jesus Christ IS the Word of God. (John 1:1-3, 14)

So when you read God's word, ask for His Spirit to speak it within you. And to understand how to live His word, look to His Living Word, our living example, our living commentary, Jesus Christ.

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