

Worshipping God by Listening to Him Speak

Gospel Reading: John 14:25-26, 15:26-27, 16:12-15 (p. 764)

Epistle Readings: 1 Peter 1:10-12 (p. 857)

2 Peter 1:3, 19-22 (p. 860)

Gospel Lesson Text: Hebrews 1:1-2 (p. 846)

Gospel Lesson: "Confidence in the New Testament, and Eternal Inheritance"

Introduction: Understanding and believing in what the New _____ is- and _____ to it-is the most _____ decision- the decision of the greatest _____-of a person's life.

1. Be _____ in my _____ in Jesus because my faith is not a faith of the words of _____, but of God _____ (2, Exodus 3:14, 1 Kings 13:21).

There are _____ instances of "Thus says the Lord" in the Bible.

- a. The Christian faith is not a faith of "_____ to _____ God" and writing down their best _____.
- b. It's not a faith of _____ and _____ ideas about life and about a "possible" divine being or higher power (Colossians 2:8).
- c. It's a faith in which God _____ has communicated about _____ to His creation (1).
- d. _____ had been speaking to and through the _____ Testament prophets (1 Peter 1:10-12).
- e. _____ on earth was not a mere man, speaking _____ God, He _____ God, continuing to speak about _____ (2, John 1:1-3, 14, 18).
- f. The words of the _____ Testament, written by various authors, are the

words of _____, God Himself (2).

- 1) Some of the words of the New Testament are _____ of Jesus and _____ of what Jesus did, which the apostles saw and heard (John 21:24-25, Acts 1:3).
 - 2) The rest of the words of the New Testament are words Jesus gave to His disciples by the Holy _____ His ascension (John 14:25-26, 15:26-27, 16:12-15, 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21).
- g. The men who wrote the New Testament were not _____ a religion for their _____ glory, but communicating from God for the glory of _____ and unto their own being derided, _____ by the world, and _____ (Hebrews 13:20-21, Acts 7, 12:2, 2 Corinthians 4:8-10, 16-17, 11:23-27, Revelation 6:9-11).
2. Through faith in Jesus, "the _____ of all things," I, too, will be an _____ of an eternal _____ (2).
 - a. Persons apart from Christ will die and face _____ (Hebrews 9:27).
 - b. But those who believe and are _____ for Him are _____ with Jesus and will be brought _____ and an eternal _____ (Romans 8:17, Hebrews 9:15).
 - c. So, _____ in Jesus is _____ because it has consequences: those who _____-and none other-get an eternal _____ (not condemnation) after their lives on earth (Romans 8:1, Hebrews 1:14, 6:12, 9:15, Matthew 19:29).

Summary: There is great _____ to remain _____ in my faith in Jesus and the truths of Christianity, for Christianity's truths have their _____ in God _____-Jesus-speaking, and not in mere men, _____ about God.

This belief is _____ because those who believe in Jesus _____ after this life an eternal _____ with the heir of all things, _____.