

Hebrews 5.12

The Oracles of God

The oracles of God are the whole of the scripture, in the New Testament usually refers to the OT. But as Christians we know that the whole Bible is the Word of God. The word oracle means, in this context, something which is the infallible guide or authority. It is that which is communicated by God Himself and so carries with it the very authority, wisdom, will and power of the One who spoke it. It is the very breath of God to us...

I. LIVING ORACLES

Consider the nature of these oracles...

- a. They are the oracles of the living God.
- b. Stephen goes so far as to call them the "living oracles"

Acts 7:38 (NKJV)

38 "This is he who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, the one who received the living oracles to give to us,

c.They live because God lives

Jeremiah 10.6-13

d. He enlivens them, and His people, when His people read them

Psalm 119:49–50 (NKJV)

49 Remember the word to Your servant, Upon which You have caused me to hope. 50 This is my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life.

e.He enlivens His people through them when they are taught them

2 Corinthians 3.1-6

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

f. They are living because they are living.

Hebrews 4:12–13 (NKJV)

12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

g. They are the very breath of God to us, and they do the work that God sends them out to do.

Isaiah 55.8-11

- h. They are mysteries –
- i. It is a different flavor than the "mysteries" that satanic lies contain. Where they are mysterious and dark, God's mysteries are blindingly brilliant and glorious so that we must look away and catch but a glimpse of what is to be revealed later.

2 Corinthians 3.7-11

. LIVING VS DEAD

Satan always attempts to counterfeit that which God gives. He gives false things to worship, false words to heed, false men to follow and false practices to keep. There is always a clear and decisive difference between truth and lie if you know where to look

- a. The living truth of God stands in sharp contrast to the dead things of the world. Satan's lies are all dead, and usually involve the shrines, graves and relics of dead men.

Psalm 106:28 (NKJV)

*28 They joined themselves also to Baal of Peor,
And ate sacrifices made to the dead.*

- b. They are living because they give life to those who obey them –

Deuteronomy 32:47 (NKJV)

47 For it is not a futile thing for you, because it is your life, and by this word you shall prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess.”

Ezekiel 20:11 (NKJV)

11 And I gave them My statutes and showed them My judgments, 'which, if a man does, he shall live by them.'

Satan's lies only bring death. Satan lies to us telling us that we can keep the law and be a good enough person to please God.

c. However, we must remember that the OT oracles taken alone are but a ministry of death –

2 Corinthians 3:7 (NKJV)

7 But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away,

d. But if we set out to please God with the Law, we are bound to keep the whole of it with no failure, ever.

James 2:10 (NKJV)

10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.

Thus, since God calls us to hope in Him, when we consider the fact that we cannot keep it, the implication is clear that we MUST have some other hope beside the laws that condemns us. For the law is weak through sin

Romans 8:3 (NKJV)

3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

That hope which God sent in Christ is:

- i. The blood of Jesus shed for the forgiveness of sins
- ii. The resurrection and empty tomb of Jesus proving that God has accepted that sacrifice in our stead
- iii. The enlivening Spirit of God demonstrating that He has also accepted every single one who has been found in Christ and has made them alive to His glory.

. **THEY HAVE AUTHORITY.**

a. As the oracles of God, they carry the authority of the author.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NKJV)

13 For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

b. They are given by God for HIS purposes - to instruct us in HIS ways –

Romans 3.1-4

I. THEY ARE TRUTH

They are infallible truth, They are absolute certainty.

a. The oracles of God.

- i. He is the first and final truth, Jesus IS the truth.

John 14:6 (NKJV)

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

- ii. God cannot lie.

Titus 1.1-3

- iii. Every false thing is opposed to Him. To believe that any false thing comes from Him is deny that He is God –

2 Peter 1.16-21

- iv. God is the God of truth –

Deuteronomy 32:4 (NKJV)

4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.

- v. All His words are truth – in describing the portion of Scripture that he was writing, Solomon wrote:

Ecclesiastes 12:10 (NKJV)

10 The Preacher sought to find acceptable words; and what was written was upright— words of truth.

- . It is here that we stand in absolute confidence. Whatever frame of hope and expectation we built before or apart from Scripture is a false hope and will be our doom.
- a. All attempts to falsify them will fail and be punished.

Jeremiah 23.9-40

II. THUS OUR DUTY?

What does all of this imply about our duty to the Scriptures as a whole?

a. We are to take them in faithfully and regularly.

2Timothy 3.14 - 4.5

b. We are to seek to grow in our understanding of them and our retention of them and their truth –

Psalm 119:97–99 (NKJV)

97 Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. 98 You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me. 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation.

c. because there is a direct correlation between how we treat with God's Word and how we love Him and the Christ.

John 14:23–24 (NKJV)

23 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.

d. We are obey what they teach us

1 John 2:3–6 (NKJV)

3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

e. We are to abide in them

John 8:31–32 (NKJV)

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

f. We are to speak to one another in them and through them

1 Peter 4.7-11

g. We are to find our hope in them

Psalm 119:113–114 (NKJV)

113 I hate the double-minded, But I love Your law.

*114 You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope
in Your word.*

h. We are to love them and desire them, for they are the very words of God, the very words of LIFE to us.