

# *Know the God of Scripture*

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## **Week 28: Embrace His Holy Word - Answer Guide**

*Below is the answer guide for this week's lesson. By no means are the answers complete or the only possible responses to each question. They are a guide to fully understanding the intent of the questions posed.*

**1.** People who read and adhere to God's Law are blessed, happy, unashamed, and live in purity. They find God's Word helps them to prevent sinning, to follow His ways, it helps in trying times, gives meaning and purpose to life, and leads to salvation. God's Word makes them feel loved, they find comfort and abundant solace, have good judgement, are humbled, find hope in life, have insight, and are convicted by it. In addition, it guides them in their daily walk empowering them to sing to God and more!

**2.** The Word of God is the most powerful antidote against sin (Jesus used it alone in resisting the temptations of Satan, Matthew 4:1-11) for Satan cannot occupy the resident where the Word of God resides. The Word of God transforms the way you think (Romans 12:1) and aligns your thinking with that of the Almighty. D. L. Moody once said, "Reading the Bible will keep you from sin and sin will keep you from reading the Bible." Hiding God's Word in your heart is like filling your car with gas every day ... you need it to properly run your life!

**3.** As you live your life on a daily basis you need the Word of God to show you how to live according to God's divine will. His Word will enlighten your understanding of this life and guide you through all life's winding roads of uncertainty. David was keenly aware of the importance of soaking in God's Law and used it to guide his thinking in overcoming the many obstacles that were placed before him. Likewise, we must do the same for life's challenges have not changed. God's Word illuminates the reality of circumstances we encounter by reminding us that God is in control and allows events to occur in our lives. In addition, the Word of God reminds us that He never leaves us alone.

**4.** They humble the believer by acknowledging who God is and His endless attributes of mercy, grace, love and forgiveness which the sojourner longs to acquire. They place significance on the city of Zion and the Temple, throne, mercy seat and Holy of Holies where Yahweh resides. They have a humbling effect on the weary sojourner and point to the endless supply of mercy and grace offered by Yahweh. Similar to singing spiritual songs at the beginning of many services today ... it prepares the heart of the worshipper to encounter God.

**5.** As the sojourner longed to be in Jerusalem, he/she could visualize the mountain from which Yahweh resides and the God who never sleeps and would sustain them on their journey. Geographically, Jerusalem sits atop Mount Zion and when the Temple existed it could be seen for miles encouraging sojourners to continue their trek to encounter God. References to Sun, shade and moon refer to the plight of their journey.

**6.** Jerusalem was where Yahweh resided in His Temple, a city blessed by God to prosper and protect God's people. All 12 tribes returned to it annually to worship and praise God. The "name" of the Lord alluded to God's character, attributes and powers. Prayers for the city and its people were expected to be offered up daily. Even today Christians are moved to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (122:6).

**7.** Psalm 127:1 means that our reliance, our trust, and every deed we do should be in accordance with God's will and not based on our own skills and abilities. God comes first in our lives in every aspect. Compare this to Jesus' teaching of the foolish builder in Luke 6:46-49.

Psalm 127:4-5 is highlighting the fact that children were blessings granted to those who had God's favor upon them. In ancient days large families brought joy and delight to the parents for they equated them to blessings from God.

8. Jews placed their hope in Yahweh and Adonai who will remove their sins (Psalm 130:8). Today we place our hope in the same Father, Yahweh. The difference between now and then is we know and have encountered the Messiah, Jesus, who has removed our sins and given us eternal life. Hope in spending eternity with Jesus fuels our hope in life and encourages us to live for Him.

9. The Messiah was to come from the lineage of King David that was promised in 2 Samuel 7. Known as the Davidic covenant, Yahweh promised a mighty warrior to redeem future Israel from their bondage. We know this mighty warrior as Jesus Christ who came to redeem us from the bondage of sin and death.

### **Additional Questions:**

1. Answers will vary depending on personal experience.

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3. Good reads on this subject can be found at:

<https://hoshanarabbah.org/blog/2020/03/04/the-hidden-message-in-psalm-145/>

<https://www.tsbibles.org/page/psalm145>

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