

What is God Saying to Me About God, Life, and Man?

7. When you see God and His Word merely as a subject to be studied, you will suffer shipwreck concerning what His Word means, how it is to be applied to life, and what it can/cannot do for you regarding sin, godliness, and salvation (1:3-7, 8-11, 12-17, 18-20).
8. The Mosaic Law was there to point out unrighteous behavior. However, it could not make you righteous or keep you righteous, as God's glorious Gospel shows. Seeing God's Word this way, as a list of rules you must keep, will not save you. God is after your heart not your lifeless, disengaged, and robotic obedience (1:5, 8-11).
9. If you doubt that trying to follow a bunch of rules, that trying to be good will not make you righteous, that it will not save you eternally, just look at the apostle Paul: the only thing that saved Paul from his sins and granted him eternal salvation is faith in Jesus Christ (1:12-16).
10. You can be the worst sinner ever, do the worst things imaginable and the Lord will still show you mercy and desire to save you, not just from hell but from the hell you're living right now, even if He has to suffer long with your wickedness (1:12-16, 19-20).
11. In God's eyes no one is too bad to be saved or to work alongside Him in ministry (1:12-16).
12. God understands that sinners, especially the worst of them, are blinded by their unbelief (1:13).
13. If God gives you a task, He'll fully equip you to do what He asked you to do (1:12-14, 18-20).
14. Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners, all of us, even the worst of us (1:15).
15. If you stop to think of what God did—what He had to forgive—and what He gave you—His personal conscience and love—when He saved you, it would cause you to drop to your knees and praise Him forever and ever (1:5, 12-17, 19).
16. When God disciplines you, He doesn't do it to disown you; He does it to restore you (1:20).