

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

1. You can go to church religiously every Sunday and study your Bible every day without fail and yet still be miles and miles away from God, 3:5.
2. We are now living in the last days, they began when Jesus ascended back up to heaven and left His disciples behind to bring His promise of life to us all so that we would not devolve into unrestrained, self-centered, and utterly godless human beings, 3:1-5.
3. When we walk away from God and reject His life and power to save, to transform us, our worst inclinations surface and flourish. We become absolutely and completely depraved, untethered, and unholy, 3:2-5.
4. There's not much you can do with individuals who are VERY religious but VERY wicked underneath—so wicked that they take advantage of people who are burdened by their sins and unable to find relief—except to avoid them, 3:2-7.
5. You can't live in sin and expect 1,000 Bible studies to turn you into a godly person. That is, studying the Bible a million or a trillion times won't change you. You have to engage God's Truth in a way that brings you "to the knowledge of the Truth," i.e., in a way that God's Word convicts you of your sin and false view of everything, in a way that causes you to repent and to actually start loving to live by God's Truth instead of loving to study it, 3:6-7.
6. Falling for Satan's lies corrupts your mind, e.g., it makes you easy prey to religious charlatans, 3:5-6. But it also makes you oppose God's Truth, 3:8. However, walking in God's Truth enables you to see the clear folly of Satan's lies, which will fail in their attempt to deceive you, 3:9.
7. Being a Christian is not about the many things Christians do—going to church, worship music, sermons, prayer, Bible studies, etc.—it's about living life in light of what God said, in light of what is in His doctrine, His Word. When we live by God's Word, we have a distinct way of life, purpose, love, perseverance, faith, and fortitude in the face of suffering, 3:10-11.
8. Christianity is synonymous with suffering: however, Jesus can deliver you from the worst that life has to offer [even death, Acts 14:19-20], 3:11.
9. When you decide to live the way Jesus did, to engage the world around you the way He did, i.e., to see God, life, and man the way He did, then you will face serious opposition, 3:12.
10. The longer you walk in evil and darkness, the more you're convinced of it and therefore the more you deceive others. And the more you deceive others, the more you're deceived by the darkness you peddle, 3:13.
11. God's Word provides wisdom that saves from everything, whether hell or anything else. And that salvation is found in no one else except Jesus Christ and it's available to you through simple faith in Him, 3:15.
12. The Bible is God-breathed, i.e., it's His voice. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that it is endlessly beneficial: it will teach you, let you know when you've taken a wrong turn, remove all your faults and failures, and train you in how to live a proper godly life, 3:16.
13. The Bible has ample and clear instructions because God wants to absolutely and completely equip you for any and every person or situation you'll ever face in life, 3:16-17.