

## Ink on a Page

John 1:1,2

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

*The Bible is not simply words about God; it is the Word of God. Many people learn about God from the Bible, which is good. But we are not to stop there. The Word of God is the voice of God in print. (Dr. Tony Evans)*

*“Since Jesus possesses all authority, and His Word has all of His authority behind it, why we as Christians not seeing God’s Word at work any more than we are? We are not seeing the power in our lives and the church at large because we aren’t taking the Bible seriously.”*

*The verb was highlights the eternal pre-existence of the Word, i.e. Jesus Christ. Before the universal began, the Second Person of the Trinity always existed.*

Nehemiah (Second Ezra) 8:5,6, and 8,9

Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD the great God. And all the people answered, “Amen, Amen!” while lifting up their hands; then they bowed low and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

*In respect at the reading of God’s Word, as though they were in the presence of God Himself, the people stood for all the hours of the exposition.*

*Careful attention to the reading of God’s Word in order to perform His will is a constant theme. The spiritual revival came in response to Ezra reading of the “the book of the law of Moses”*

Then Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God, do not mourn or weep.” For all the people were weeping when they heard the words of the law.

*When the people heard and understood God’s law, they understood their violation of it. Not tears of joy but penitent sorrow came forth as they were grieved by conviction.*

Hebrews 4:12 (New King James Version)

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 joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

*While the Word of God is comforting and nourishing to those who believe, it is a tool of judgment and execution for those who have not committed themselves to Jesus Christ.*

To the degree that you honor, respect, and obey the Word, you will live the abundant life Christ came to give. To the degree that you don’t, you won’t.

