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THE **Spiritual** **Meaning** OF **Scripture**



Your Greatest Opportunity.

Your Mental Wellbeing.

Your Religion and Science.



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If you care to just stop for just a moment, cast off the noise of the world and look honestly, sincerely, and humbly within yourself to ask the question “what’s it’s all about,” you’ll find “a still small Voice” softly answering out from within your soul.

I dedicate this book in gratitude to being brought to where my knees bent and my neck bowed, and I listened, rather than rejecting the Lord’s Testimony about how we may eternally share in the Joy of His Heavenly Love for us.

I would also like to dedicate this book to all who have, are now, and will soon be experiencing this very same Miracle unfolding within them.

It is without a doubt, the Opportunity of our lifetimes!

*“And Jacob awakened out of his sleep, and he said,
Surely the Lord is in this Place; and I knew it not.”*

Genesis 28:16

Content Summary

Using the Lord's Ten Commandments as our platform and citing many Bible verses that support them, each Commandment is examined with respect to how it affects our individual and collective mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing.

This focus sheds Light upon the most important things of all.

“If ye keep My Commandments, ye shall abide in My Love; even as I have kept My Father's Commandments and abide in His Love.

“These things have I spoken unto you, that My Joy might remain in you, and that your Joy might be full.”

John 15:10–11

Individuals and Bible study groups alike will embrace this narrative as we heed Paul's well-conceived advice, by

“... comparing Spiritual Things with Spiritual.”

1 Corinthians 2:12–13



Author's Note

In the secular world, it is common for people to discuss the differences between the letter of the law and the spirit of the law. Answers are sought about the intent and purpose of the law. Justice is pursued, requiring good judgment.

Making good judgments is called wisdom.

I have written *The Spiritual Meaning of Scripture* to focus on the spiritual meaning and Intent of Scripture so that it will not become ignored, glossed over or obscured by overemphasis on the letter of the Word.

This book explores the Spirit of the Word, seeking answers about the Lord's Purpose for the Creation of your soul. And as Scripture is God's Testimony to you—to all of us, there is no better way to gain understanding about the Way He Intends to fulfill that Purpose within your life.

And because you are finite and God is Infinite, you have been Gifted with the ability to become transformed into a very special person, unique, and invaluable to Him and to others, no two individuals ever being the same. Understanding how to get there from here offers you the Greatest Opportunity of your lifetime.

**With all love, humility, and respect I invite
you to join me in exploring this Opportunity,
for it is the most important thing of all.**



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Introducing Timeless Principles

The Keys that unlock your innermost happiness
and genuine fulfillment in life.

Gaining spiritual understanding about the Lord's Testimony to you is life- altering. It Enlightens your sense of Reason while Inspiring you to develop into the person that you are capable of becoming.

In the Old Testament, the Truth of that understanding is described as an eternal Light placed over the altar of our lives, Exodus 27:20-21 and Isaiah 60:19-20. In the New Testament, John 1:4 and Revelation 22:5 designate that Divine Truth as the *Light of men*.

Receiving the Truth of that understanding will Give meaning and Purpose to everything you think, feel, and do in life. And so, for your Good and for the Good of all, the Lord asks you to learn from Him and then trust Him, relying on what He has been teaching all of us since the beginning of human existence. In Psalms 118:23, He Promises that what He will develop within you as you abide by that understanding will be nothing less than Marvelous in your eyes.

“Give ye ear, and hear My Voice; hearken, and hear My Speech.”

Isaiah 28:23

Throughout the Bible, the Lord uses physical things to teach you about spiritual things. By doing so, He employs the things you have become familiar with since your earliest childhood to teach you about the things that affect your mental, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing. In this manner He uses the letter of the Word to Communicate with you about the Spirit of His Word.

This is His Speech. It is the Way He Gives you understanding about why and how you must live your life, and it is the language spoken throughout the Heavens.

“If I have told you about earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall you believe if I tell you about Heavenly things?”

John 3:12



The very first Words in the Bible are “In the Beginning.” These Words describe a spiritual awakening within your mind and heart about the Truth

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of Love. They describe the time when spiritual Reality begins to dawn within you about what leads to innermost happiness and genuine fulfillment in

life. From this Glorious Beginning, the Lord begins to divide the darkness from the Light within your soul.

Within the first book and chapter of Genesis, the stage is set.

“In the Beginning God Created the Heaven and the earth.

“And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the Waters.

“And God said, Let there be Light: and there was Light.”

Genesis 1:1–3



Christ and the Woman of Samaria, c.1620 Giovanni Francesco Barbieri Guercino

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The Words: *And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the Waters* illustrate the Lord internally Inspiring you with that spiritual knowledge. When willfully applied to the Way you live your life, that knowledge acts as an internal cleansing, dissipating falsities and evils of all sorts from preventing you from recognizing what matters most in life. When acknowledged and accepted, that spiritual knowledge moves everything within you for the Better.

And so, throughout the Bible the Lord describes spiritual knowledge about Divine Truth as Life-Giving. He Offers it to you freely in Order to prepare you to spiritually grow and prosper in all that you think, feel, and do. Spiritually, nothing Good will continue to grow and prosper within you without willfully applying that knowledge to the Way you live your life.

The Words: *And God said, Let there be Light: and there was Light* reveal that Holy understanding dawning within your life.

“O send out Thy Light and Thy Truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy Holy Hill, and to Thy Tabernacles.

“Then will I go unto the Altar of God, unto God my exceeding Joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise Thee, O God my God.”

Psalms 43:3–4



Throughout the Bible, the Lord describes you as a “temple” and as a “church.” He describes you in this manner because you have the spiritual potential to eternally host the Joy and Goodness of His Love within your mind and heart. Everywhere He teaches about the Way you, all of us, must live our lives in Order to receive, retain, and forever share in those incomparable Blessings. Using that understanding to make good judgments about why and how you must is spiritual Wisdom.

“Doth not Wisdom cry? And understanding put forth Her Voice?

“She standeth in the top of High Places, by the Way in the Places of the Paths.

“She crieth at the Gates, at the entry of the City, at the coming in at the Doors.”

Proverbs 8:1-3

Everywhere the Lord teaches about your need to heed His Call. He Beckons you, and me, to turn away from the pride of self-intelligence and to turn toward Him for knowledge about the Way we must live our lives. Through that understanding He Guides you to take steps, to enter through Gates and to open the Doors which will allow the Truth and Goodness of His Love for you to come to Rest in Peace and Goodwill within your soul.

With each story, lesson, and example recorded in the Bible, He Reasons with you about why and how you must. All the while He asks you to abide by the Principles that He is asking you to keep foremost during your entire spiritual journey in this world. Those are the Principles of His Righteousness, and they are embodied within the Commandments He has Given to all of us. To you. And so, He asks you to “Post” those Sacred Principles upon the “gates” of your mind and heart, teaching you that these are the Standards that He has established to protect you from mental, emotional, and spiritual harm as He develops your full potential into becoming a “Place” for His Abode.

“And thou shalt write them upon the door Posts of thine house, and upon thine gates.

“That your Days may be multiplied, and the Days of your children, in the Land which the Lord sware unto your fathers to Give them, as the Days of Heaven upon the earth.”

Deuteronomy 11:20-21



The spiritual potential of your mind and heart is described throughout the Bible as a “land.” It is that potential that the Lord Wills to prepare into becoming a fertile ground. Through that preparation He seeds your mind and heart with spiritual understanding so that the Goodness of His Love for you may take root, grow, and come into fruition within your soul. As you work with Him to tend that growth, He Promises to deliver you into “the Land which the Lord sware unto your fathers to Give them, as the Days of Heaven upon the earth.”

“Now He that planteth and He that watereth are One: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor.

“For we are labourers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building.”

1 Corinthians 3:8-9



In themselves, spiritual curiosity, religious affiliations, and mere confessions of the mouth are ineffectual in unlocking the full spiritual potential of your soul. The Lord teaches you that your full spiritual potential can only be unlocked as you wholeheartedly apply what He is Showing you to be True and Right to each and every aspect of your life. And so everywhere in Scripture He beseeches you to remove any stumbling blocks that would have you think otherwise. He Promises that as you do so, He will Gift you with Thoughts and Affections that are much Higher and much more Perfect than anything you could have ever conceived on your own.

“Go through, go through the Gates; prepare ye the Way of the people; cast up, cast up the Highway, gather out the stones; lift up a Standard for the people.”

Isaiah 62:1



Each stage of your spiritual progression in life is described as a “Day” in the Bible. Each successful progression is depicted as a “night” turning into “morning.” As you continue to abide by what the Lord is teaching you to be True and Right, those progressions will multiply and propagate within you with newly conceived thoughts and affections received from the Lord’s Thoughts and Affections.

The Words in Deuteronomy 11:21, *That your Days may be multiplied, and the Days of your children* illuminate that propagation. In this manner your mind and heart become spiritually born again, formed, and made into an image to His Truth and as a likeness to the Goodness of His Love for you.

“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of Heaven.”

John 3:3

“If ye keep My Commandments, ye shall abide in My Love; even as I have kept My Father’s Commandments and abide in His Love.”

John 15:10

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”

Revelation 2:29



Going Forward, you and I will explore the spiritual meaning of Our Creation Story, Commandments 1 through 10, and the Opportunity God has provided for each of us to enter into and remain in the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Spiritual Meaning of Scripture contains 475 pages of discovery about the Wonderful Way the Lord fulfills His Purpose for the Creation of your soul.

