1 – **Lessons To Be Learned In The Beginning**

Genesis 2:15-17

2 – **God Spoke And It Was Done**

Psalms 33:9

3 - **God’s word is POWERFUL**

**God Created The Heavens & The Earth…**

* **The power of God’s word - He spoke and it happened.** (Psalms 33:9; 148:5; Hebrews 11:3; 2 Peter 3:5-7)
* **God gave evidence of who He is and our need to submit to Him!** (Romans 1:18-20; Job 38-42)
* **God established the home and the family**. (Genesis 2:24-25; Matthew 19:8)
* **God established His rule and authority**. (Genesis 2:9; 3:2-3)

4 - **God’s word is UNDERSTANDABLE**

* Genesis 2:16; 3:1-3 - *“…you shall not eat… you will surely die”*
* ***“When you read you can understand…”*** (Ephesians 3:3-5)
* ***“Do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”*** (Ephesians 5:17)
* There are some things that are ***“hard to understand”***(2 Peter 3:16; **be careful!) and we will have to be diligent in our studies** (2 Timothy 2:15) but it can - and must - be done.
(Acts 8:30-31)

5 - **God’s word is OPPOSED AND ATTACKED**

* **We have a formidable adversary**
* **As the *“father of lies”* (John 8:44) he will alter scripture.** (Genesis 3:4-5) or take it out of context (Matthew 4:6-7).
* **He is the *“accuser”* of God’s children.** (Revelation 12:10; Job 1:8-12)
* **He is a scheming adversary we can’t ignore.** (1 John 2:15; 2 Corinthians 2:11; 1 Peter 5:8)
* **He can be resisted & has been defeated.** (Ephesians 6:10-13; James 4:7)

6 - **Man has a choice on HOW TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD.**

* **God allowed Adam & Eve to choose whether to obey or not.** (Deuteronomy 30:15)
* **God desires our submission but it must be an exercise of our will.** (Joshua 24:15; 1 Kings 18:21; Romans 6:16).
* **We have been invited by Jesus to *“take (His) yoke upon (ourselves)”*.** (Matthew 11:29)

7 - **We must Accept RESPONSIBILITY TO GOD’S WORD**

* **Adam blamed Eve; Eve blamed the serpent**.
* **Neither acknowledged or confessed**. (Luke 15:21; 2 Samuel 12:13; Psalms 51:4)
* **Examples of denial**: (Exodus 32:21-24; 1 Samuel 15:15, 21)
* **We can’t hide from God**. (Genesis 3:8-10; Jeremiah 17:20; Psalms 139:3)

8 - **Disobedience of God’s word carries SEVERE CONSEQUENCES**.

* *“You shall surely die…”* (Genesis 2:17; James 1:14-15)
* Dead while living. (1 Timothy 5:6)
* The *“wages of sin is death”*. (Romans 6:23)
* Eternal consequences. (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Ezekiel 18:20)

9 - **God promised to SEND HIS WORD to SAVE US**

* God would crush Satan through the seed of woman.
(**Genesis 3:15**; Galatians 4:4 Hebrews 2:14-18)

**# 1 - The first of 5 Key Old Testament scriptures to help lead others to Jesus Christ.**

* God sent His Son - The Word. (John 1:1-4, 14; Heb. 2:14-18; 4:14-16)

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God’s eternal plan. (Ephesians 1:3-7; Acts 2:22-24) Will we…

* Believe? (John 8:24; Mark 16:15-16)
* Confess? (Romans 10:9-10)
* Exercise true repentance! (Acts 17:30)
* Be baptized to walk in newness of life and put on Christ? (Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:27)

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