

A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED ON PAUL'S LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN ROME

ENTRUSTED WITH GOD'S WORD

Romans 3:1-2 "What advantage, then, is there in being a Jew, or what value is there in circumcision? Much in every way! First of all, the Jews have been entrusted with the very words of God."

God placed an awesome responsibility upon the Nation of Israel. He entrusted His Word to them. Well, how did they do? In their sinfulness, they frequently did not live up to the standards of God's word. As Moses received the Ten Commandments from Yahweh, the folks on the ground were pleading with Aaron to create the Golden Calf for them to worship. Aaron, the right hand of Moses who should have known better succumbed to Israel's petitions to create the Golden Calf and lead the people in idol worship.

One of the Old Testament words oft used to describe the Jews was "murmurers." They often complained to Moses! In spite of God faithfully keeping His word to them, they were never satisfied. Paul, warned the Corinthians, "Nor should we put Christ to the test, as some of them did and then died from snakebites. And don't grumble as some of them did, and then were destroyed by the angel of death. These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age. If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall." (1 Corinthians 10:9-10)

You have received God's word, inspired and revealed by the Holy Spirit. His word is true. (John 17:17) His Word is instructive. (Psalm 119:105) His Word is powerful. (Romans 1:16) His Word comforts. John writes, "So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy." John 16:22

God has entrusted His Word to you. This is an awesome thing. Through His word He blesses you with every blessing you will ever need. It is a changeless Word to give you a solid foundation for your life in an ever-changing world. It is an eternal word through which the Holy Spirit is daily working faith in your heart to trust in Jesus your Savior and the only source of eternal life for you.

Prayer: Lord, keep me steadfast in Your Word. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.
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