

What does scripture say about God's Supreme Authority?

Isaiah 40:28: "Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of His understanding."

Isaiah 46:9-10: "Remember the former things of old, for I *am* God, and *there is* no other; I *am* God, and *there is* none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *things* that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.'"

As such:

John 1:11-13: "He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

1 John 5:20: "And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life."

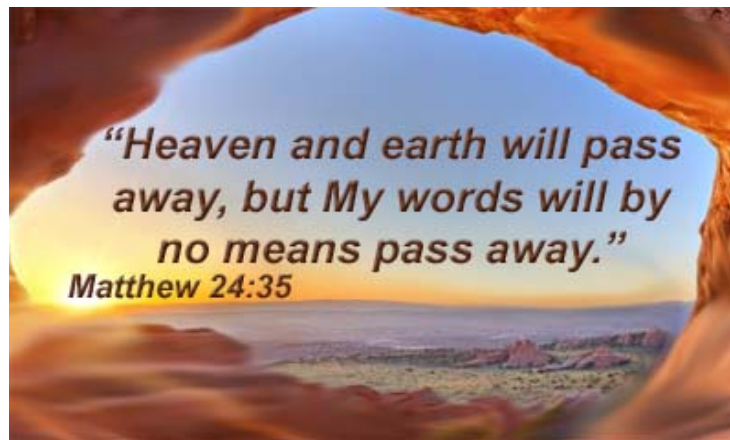
Therefore as the apostles said:

Acts 5:29: "We ought to obey God rather than men."

What's more?

Proverbs 30:6 says, "Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar."

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How secure and powerful is the Word of God to lead us into everlasting life?

John 1:1: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

John 1:14: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

What's more?

Hebrews 4:12: "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 of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

1 Thessalonians 2:13: "For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe."

As such Jesus added:

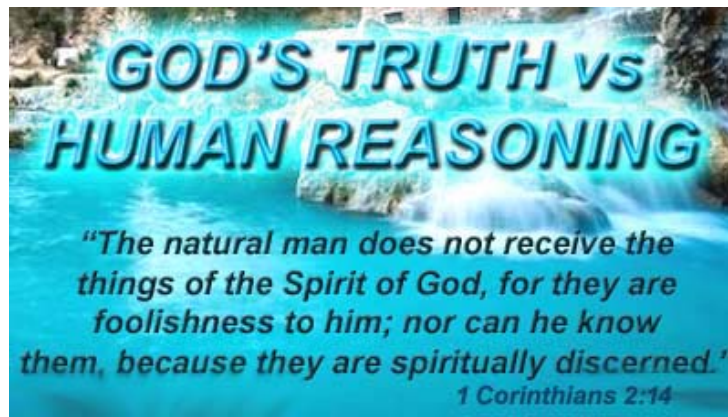
Matthew 4:4: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God."

Therefore:

Isaiah 55:11: "So shall My Word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it."

Isaiah 40:8: "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever."

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What more does scripture tell us about the human reasoning of the world as compared to the Wisdom of God?

Proverbs 1:7: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Proverbs 16:25: "There is a way *that seems* right to a man, but its end *is* the way of death."

Why?

Isaiah 55:8-9: "For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."

The reason why:

1 Corinthians 2:13: "These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

Therefore:

Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

Why?

Psalms 118:8: "*It is* better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."

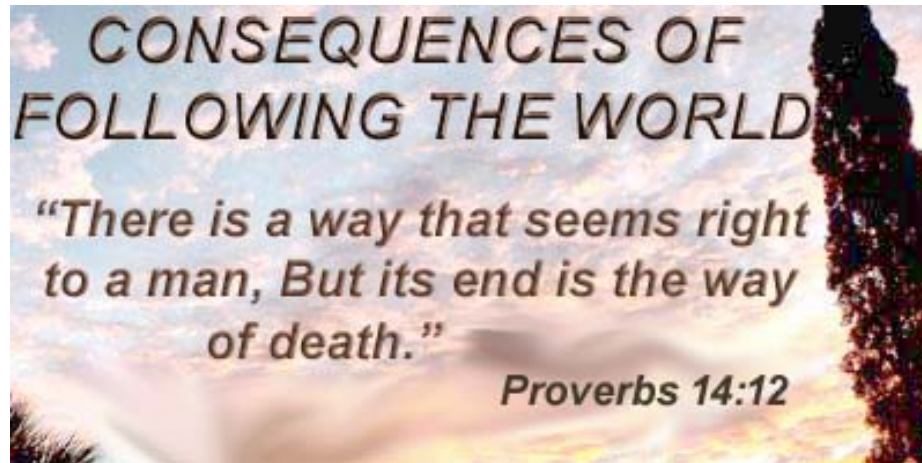
The reason Jesus said:

John 14:6: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 6:63, "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life."

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Are there consequences for following the deceptions of the world's so-called wisdom, rather than abiding in Christ?

John 12:48: "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him, the Word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day."

Revelation 22:18-19: "For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life."

As such:

1 Corinthians 3:19: "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their *own* craftiness."

What's more?

2 Peter 2:1: "There will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction."

Consequently:

Galatians 1:10: "Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ."

Do I abide in Christ, or do I follow the so-called wisdom of the world?

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THE BELIEVER'S LIFE FOCUS

*“See then that you walk
circumspectly, not as fools but
as wise, redeeming the time,
because the days are evil.”*

Ephesians 5:15-16

What does scripture teach us, on how to focus our lives to honor God and follow Christ the Lord?

Colossians 3:16: “Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another.”

Romans 12:2: “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Colossians 3:17: “And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

Why?

1 John 5:3: “Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome.”

What’s more?

2 Timothy 2:15: “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.”

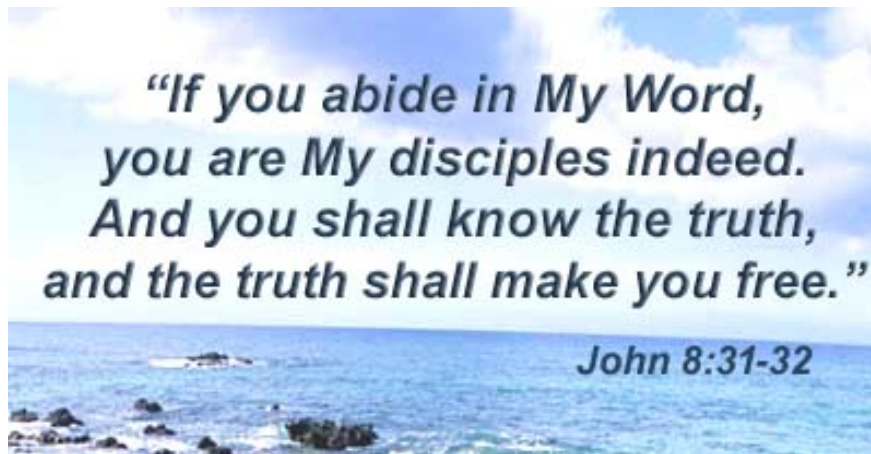
Isaiah 55:6-7: “Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him.”

Therefore:

Ephesians 4:15: “Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ.”

How steadfast am I to seek God through His Word and live faithfully to abide in Christ?

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What are God's promises for those who seek Him and live to follow Christ?

John 1:12-13: "As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

What's more?

Ephesians 1:13: "In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the Word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise."

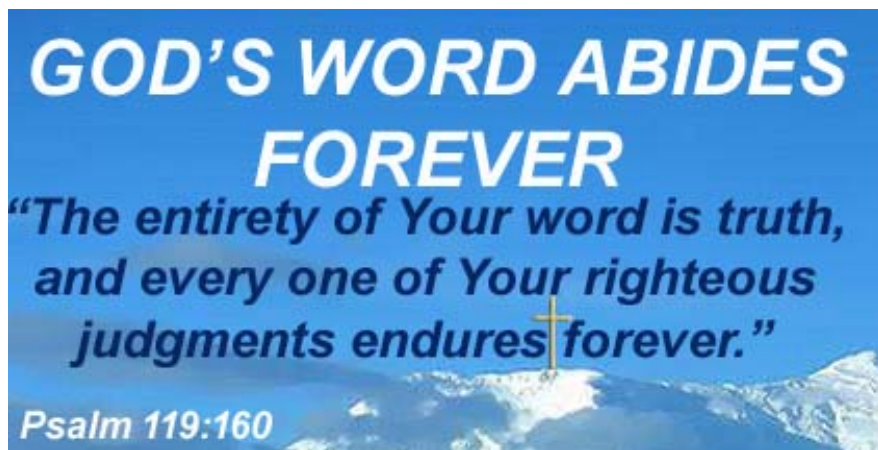
Romans 8:37-39: "We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:16-17: "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together."

Philippians 4:7: "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Am I a true disciple of Christ, in abiding in Him, His Word?

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Does God change from time to time to adapt to the world's humanistic tendencies, or will His Word prevail forever?

Here's what Scripture says on this:

Psalm 119:142: "Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your law *is* truth."

James 1:17: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."

Psalm 119:189: "Forever, O LORD, Your Word is settled in heaven."

Isaiah 40:8: "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever."

Psalm 145:13: "Your kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion *endures* throughout all generations."

As such:

Romans 3:3-4: "For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar."

What's more?

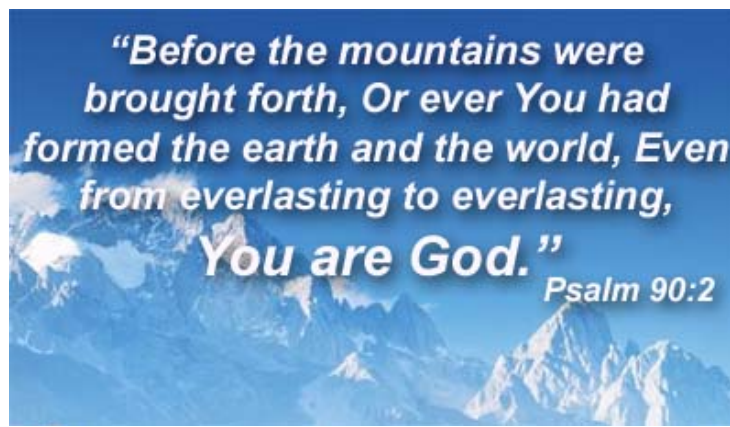
Hebrews 13:8: "Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever."

And as Jesus clearly said:

Matthew 5:18: "I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God's law will disappear until its purpose is achieved."

If my time in this life was up right now, am I ready to meet the Lord knowing His Word is truth and His judgments endures forever?

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Who is God?

Isaiah 46:9: "*I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me.*"

1 John 1:5: "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all."

Colossians 1:16: "By Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him."

What's more?

John 1:1: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

John 1:14: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

As such:

Revelation 22:13: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End, the First and the Last."

John 17:3: "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

Therefore:

John 10:30: "I and *My* Father are one."

John 10:27-29: "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand."

Do I hear His voice?

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