

Contacting the Lord in His Word

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The Lord Jesus Himself said of the Scriptures, “It is these that testify concerning Me” (John 5:39), showing us that the subject of the entire Bible is God’s Son, who is the eternal life (John 14:6; 11:25). As the apostle John testified, “He who has the Son, has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life” (1 John 5:12). The Bible is a revelation of Christ as life.

We must heed the Lord Jesus’ warning to the religious teachers of His day: “You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that testify concerning Me. Yet you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life” (John 5:39-40). The Jewish religionists searched the Scriptures but were not willing to come to the Lord. These two should go together; because the Scriptures testify concerning the Lord, they should not be separated from the Lord. We may contact the Scriptures, yet not contact the Lord. Only the Lord can give life.” Whenever we come to the Bible, we must realize that we are coming to contact Christ, who is life and who has even become our life (Col. 3:4).

As we open the Bible, we must also open to the Lord. We may pray: “Lord Jesus, I come to You. I want to know You as my life. I want to see who You are from this printed page. This is not merely a book; this is Your revelation. O, Lord Jesus, enlighten Your Word and anoint every line that I may touch You.” The Lord will give life to us through His Word. Coming to the Bible with such a spirit will make a great difference in our Bible reading!