

**Aveleigh's Year of the Bible**  
**Sunday Nov. 18, 2018**  
**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**  
**Sermon: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO DO WITH ME?**  
**Text Res.PS. 100 p.646 & James 1:22-25 p. 1302**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

People: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

Leader: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

People: Love, peace, joy, patience, kindness and gentleness are all of God.

Leader: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

People: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

**Prayer of confession**

Dear God, here we are again at the start of another year. And as we think back over the last years there's been a lot of change. We have a lot to be grateful for but I'm sure a all of us have a lot of regrets. But today is a new day and You're a God who specializes in the new. Right now, we want to turn our focus toward You and invite You to speak to each one of us. Remove all the noise and barriers and distractions so that we can hear You. For Your Word is the Word of Life Amen.

**Aveleigh's Year of the Bible**  
**Thanksgiving Sunday**  
**Sunday Nov. 18, 2018**  
**Sermon: THIS THANKSGIVING I AM THANKFUL FOR THE BIBLE**  
**Text Res.PS. 100 p.646 & James 1:22-25 p. 1302**

**INTRO: Why I am Thankful for The Bible**

**1. PROCLAMATION: THE BIBLE IS INCREDIBLE**

The Bible is both timeless and timely

Your view of the Bible will determine the value of the Bible in my life

*Promise:* Knowing the Bible brings peace.

*"I tell you the truth, nothing will disappear from the law until heaven and earth are gone. Not even the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will be lost until everything has happened."* Matthew 5:18 (NCV)

**2. Proclamation: THE BIBLE IS ENLIGHTENING.**

*Promise:* Applying Bible truth guides me successfully through life.

*"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living."* 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (TEV)

*"But Jesus told him, 'No! The Scriptures say, "People need more than bread for their life; they must feed on every word of God."'"* Matthew 4:4 (NLT)

**3. Proclamation: IT IS INVALUABLE.**

That's the promise. Living by the Bible doesn't just bring reward but it brings great reward.

*"Study this Book of the Law continually. Meditate on it day and night so you may be sure to obey all that is written in it. Only then will you succeed."* Joshua 1:8 (NLT)

*"But you must never stop looking at the perfect law that sets you free. God will bless you in everything you do. If you listen and obey, and don't just hear and forget."*  
James 1:25 (CEV)

#### **4. Proclamation: THE BIBLE IS INFALLIBLE.**

*“You must crave pure spiritual milk so that you can grow into the fullness of your salvation. Cry out for the nourishment as a baby cries for milk.” 1 Peter 2:2 (NLT)*

Here’s the promise: Feeding on the Bible nourishes my soul.

#### **Conclusion: HOW DO I MAKE THE BIBLE AND ITS PROMISES MINE?**

**1. MARY IT!** Luke 10; two sisters and a brother – Martha, Mary and Lazarus.

**2. Mediate on it.** *“I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on Your statutes.”*  
Psalm 119:99 (NIV)

**3. Lastly, remember it,** *“I have hidden Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You.”*  
Psalm 119:11 (NLT)

*“They will always be my most prized possession and my source of joy. I have made up my mind to obey Your laws forever, no matter what.”* Psalm 119:111-112 (CEV)

**Concluding Prayer:** Father, thank You for the clarity of Your word. Thank You for going to such trouble to communicate with us. Thank You for preserving the Bible through these years so that today we can live it and use it and apply it in our lives. May this Thanksgiving be a new start for many of us as we come to know You more deeply, more profoundly and Your word. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

#### **FOUR FOR THE ROAD:**

1. What if anything do you think is incredible about The Bible?
2. What about the Bible suggest it is authoritative?
3. HOW could you make the bible and its promises mine?
4. What will you be thankful for this Thanksgiving?