

People with Healthy Hearts Allow God's Word to Shape Them

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Matthew 5:17-20

Matthew 5:18 ¹⁸I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

Acts 4:25 ²⁵You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: " 'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?' "

1. God speaks to us through the Bible.

Matthew 5:17 ¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."

Luke 24:27 ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

2. Jesus is the focal point of the Bible.

Matthew 5:19 ¹⁹Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Luke 24:32 ³²They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

3. Inner transformation is the purpose of the Bible.