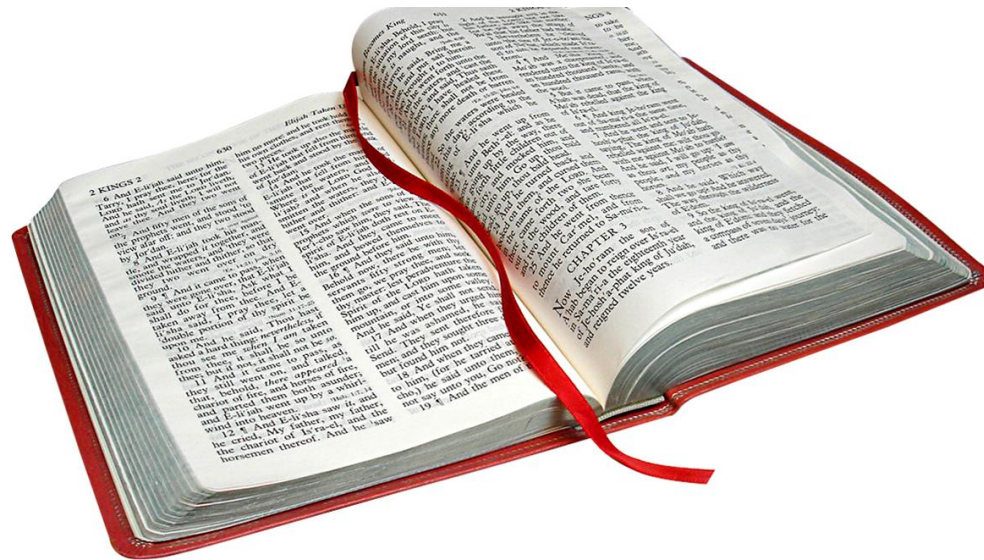
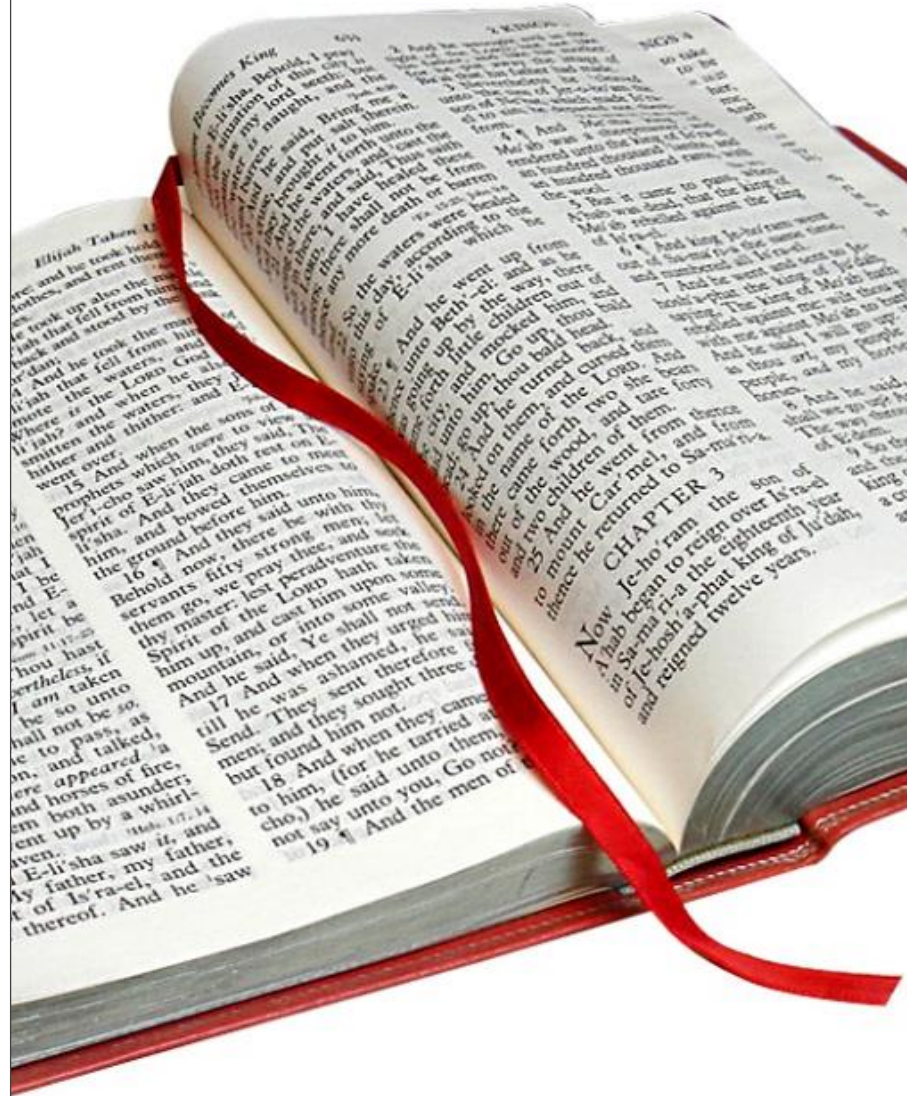


LOVE: THE ANSWER



BEREAN BAPTIST LADIES MINISTRY



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SCRIPTURE IS SUFFICIENT & UNEQUALLED

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WEEK 1

Sufficient & Unequaled

Scripture is Living & Active!!

- *For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (Heb 4:12)*

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Scripture is Unique: God Breathed

- *All Scripture is inspired by God (literally “God breathed”) and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*

(2 Tim. 3:16)

Sufficient & Unequaled

Scripture is described as a constant companion & counselor

- *When you walk about, they will guide you; When you sleep, they will watch over you; And when you awake, they will talk to you.”*

(Proverbs 6:22)

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Scripture is eternal!

- *All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls off, but the word of the Lord endures forever.*

(1 Peter 1:24-25)

Scripture Authoritatively Addresses:

- What is the nature of man
- What is the nature & activity of the one true God
- What is the purpose & meaning of life
- For what is & is not one's responsibility to God
- What causes the pain & conflict in one's heart
- What is the root answer for one's inner turmoil
- The standards for what is normal & abnormal in one's inner-person
- How one can move from abnormal to normal in one's inner-person
- How mankind is to relate to God & other people & creation
- How one can help a fellow human being do likewise

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Colossians 2:8

- **“See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.”**

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**The
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Philosophy of
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Sufficient & Unequalled...

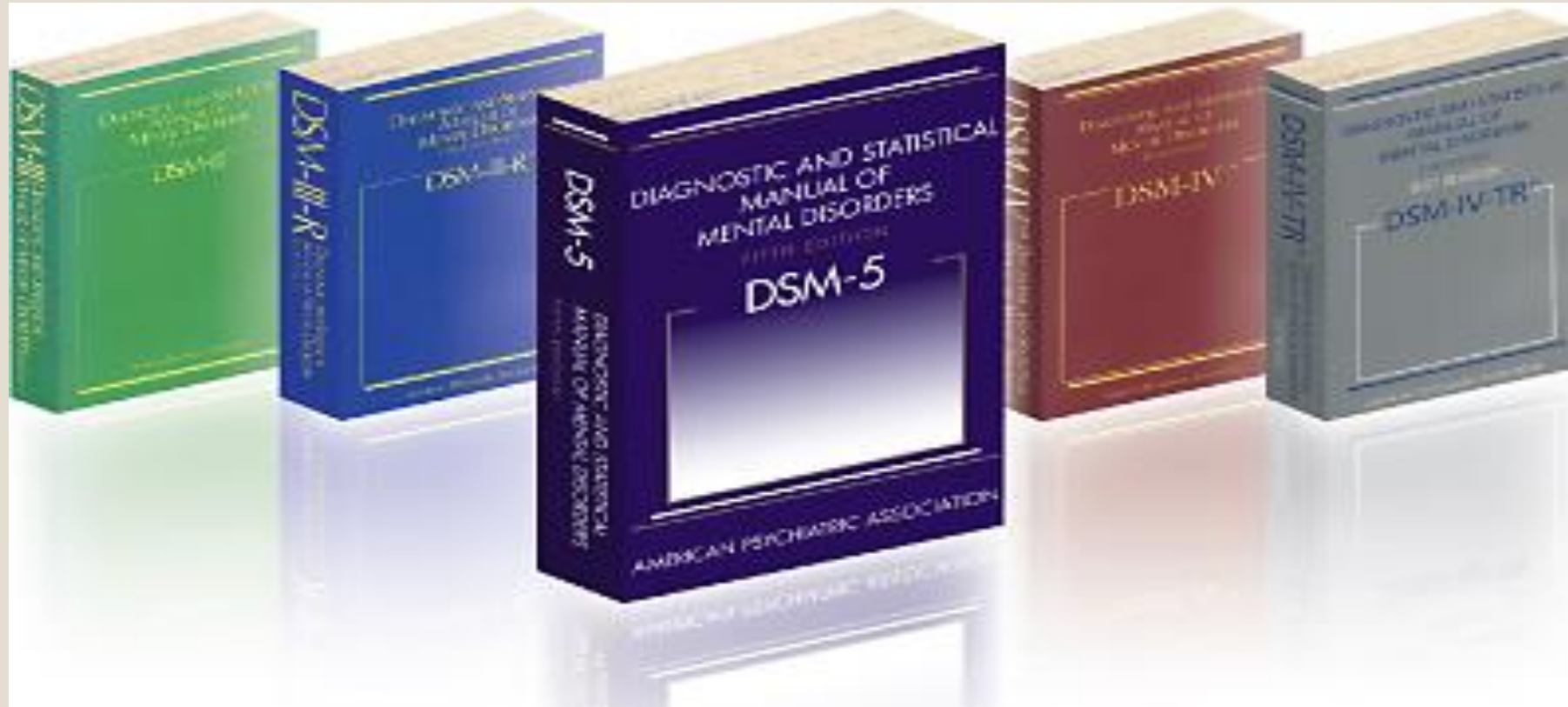
What It Does Not Mean?

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- It does not mean that human wisdom cannot make right observations and insights, **BUT** we can only know it's right if revealed in the Word of God. (Prov 3:5-6; Jer.17:9-10)
- It does not mean that believers will not suffer the same “fallen” conditions as unbelievers **BUT** our conditions do not determine our inner-person soundness. (Job 1:18-22)
- It does not mean that the physical body/brain cannot limit or expand our “inner-person” ability to think, express and experience things **BUT** it cannot determine our choices. (Daniel 4:34)

PYSCHOLOGY/PSYCHIATRY

The Power of a Diagnosis

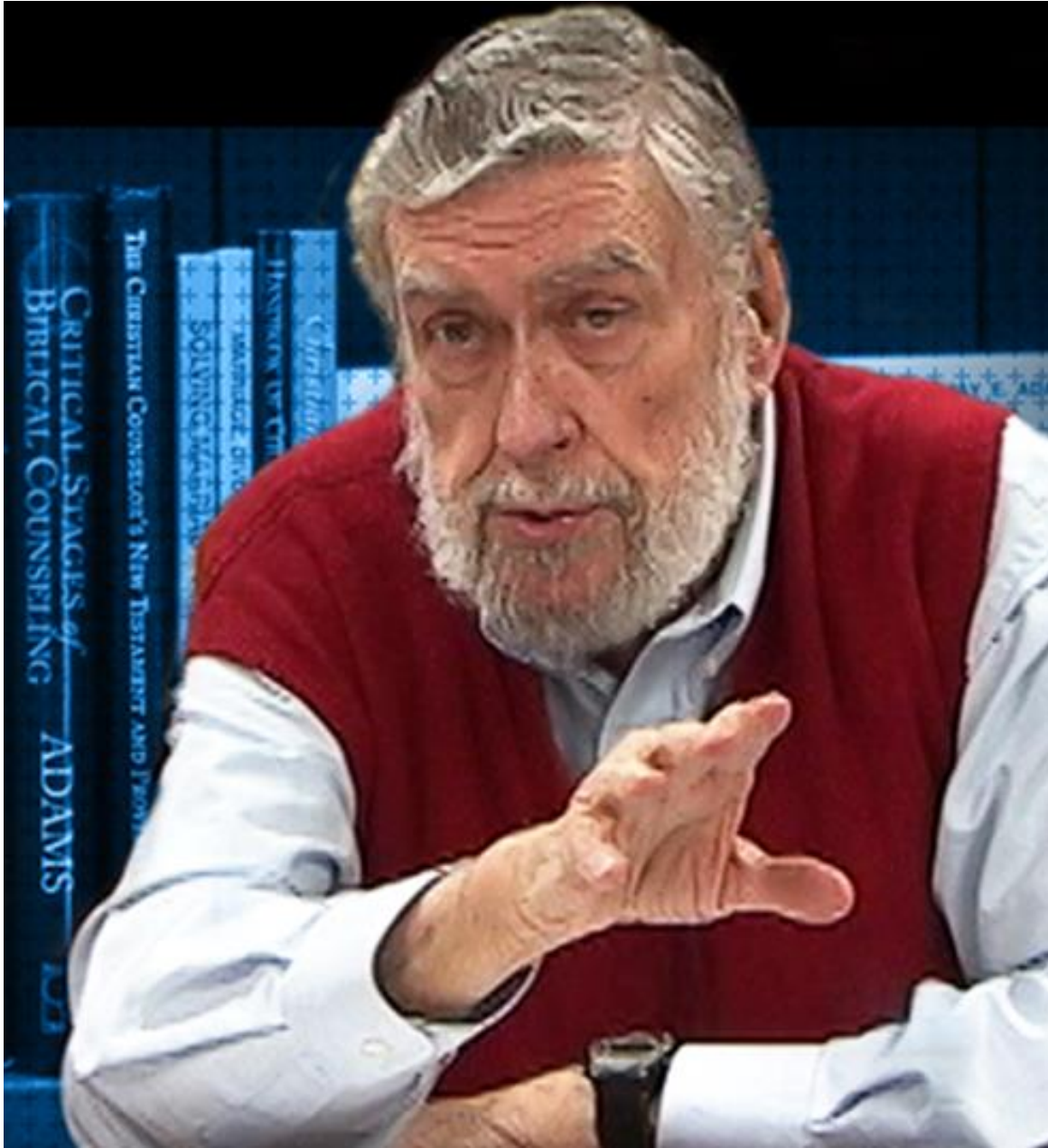


Accepted human wisdom leaks into theology:

- Our deepest issues are rooted in the unconscious mind (Freud)
- Positive self-esteem is a worthy goal (SELF-LOVE vs. AGAPE LOVE)

Accepted human wisdom leaks into theology:

- The greater the pain, the less I can obey;
the lesser the pain, the more I can obey
(RELIEF vs. REPENTANCE)
- False guilt is a common root of inner-
person problems (FALSE GUILT vs. TRUE
GUILT)



Jay E. Adams

Father of the Nouthetic Counseling Movement
◦ (1929-2020)

Nouthetic—Gk “admonish”

“We urge you, brethren, admonish (noutheo) the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.”

(1Thess 5:14)

7 Biblical Reasons: God's Word is Sufficient & Unequalled & Not to Be Integrated with Human Wisdom

- 1. True happiness comes from God** (Ps 1:1-2)
- 2. Warned against human wisdom.** (Col 2:8)
- 3. Man's heart is deceptive** (Jer. 17:9-10)
- 4. Integration arguments defy Scripture** (Col 2:8)
- 5. Integrationist logic is false** (Col 2:8)
- 6. God's Word produces "mental soundness"** (See Next Slide)
- 7. God's Word unfolds a "Biblical Framework" of the inner-workings of the immaterial heart** (Ps 119:130)

Biblical Reason # 6

God's Word produces inner-person soundness (Normality)

- **Peace for one's mind** (Phil 4:6-7)
- **Strength to meet any situation/person** (1 Cor 10:13)
- **Ability to exercise self-control under pressure** (Gal 5:22-23)
- **Confidence** (Heb 13:5-6; 1Jn 3:21)
- **Freedom from guilt** (1Jn 1:9)
- **Guidance in relationships** (1 Cor 15:33)
- **Ability to Love** (Rom 8:35-39)
- **Hope** (Rom 5:3-5)
- **Joy** (James 1:2- 4)
- **Fulfillment** (John 10:10)

The Psalms:

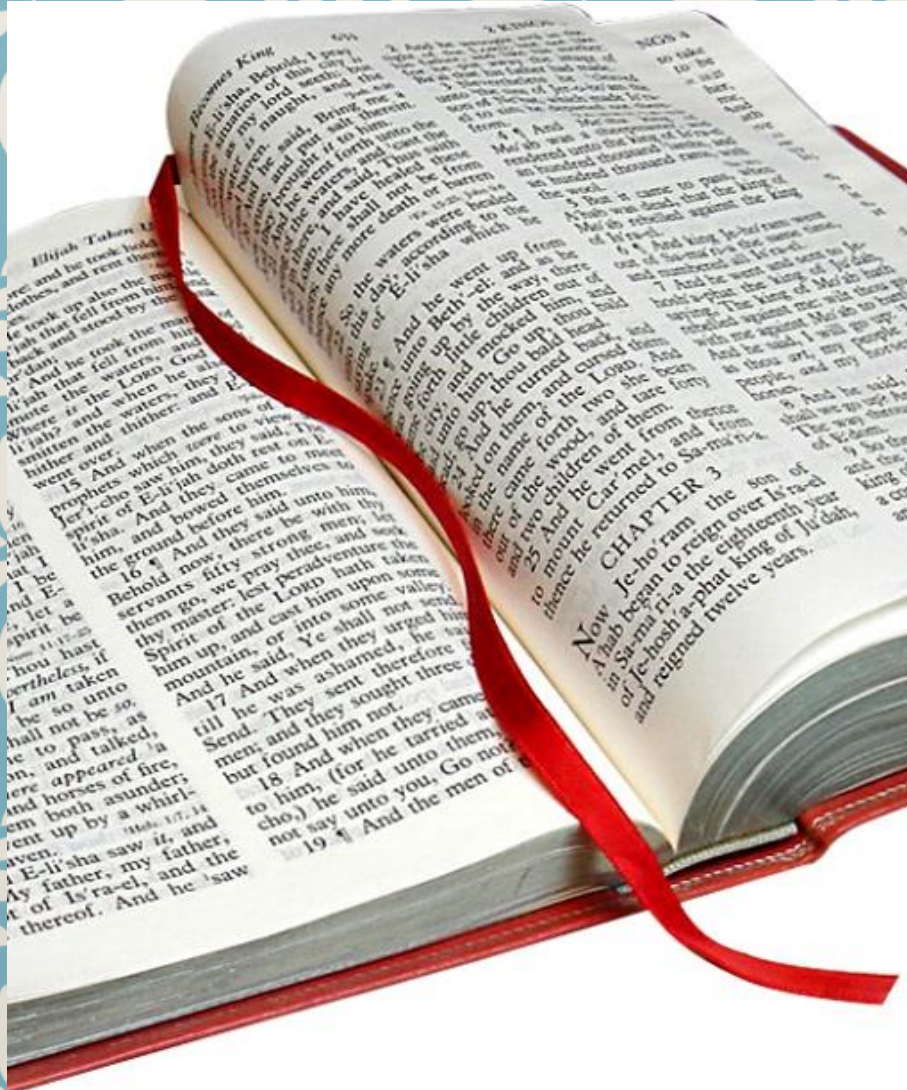
- 24 Your testimonies also are my delight; *They are my counselors.*
- 99 I have more insight than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation.
- 100 I understand more than the aged, Because I have observed Your precepts.
- 130 The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.

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NEXT WEEK:

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