

# Holding Your Ground in 2019 - Jeremiah 23:25-27

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## Intro

Times have changed

There are people who do not have good training!

*2 Peter 2:1 2 Peter 3:16*

*1 John 1:1*

**“to handle”** to feel, examine and scrutinize

### **Carefully handle the word of God**

We have been blessed according to (not out of) his riches. We can crash spiritually if we listen to the wrong teaching of the Word of God.

Our focus must be on the unchanging word of God! We must safeguard our lives on the erroneous doctrine out there today.

*Jeremiah 23:25-27*

What's the difference between today's doctrine and our day? Things that are out of the word of God but is out of context.

## Be aware of compromised Christianity

*Jeremiah 23:30-31*

If you lead people to believe that God is something he doesn't say he is are you really helping them?

*Be careful that you don't have a hyper-critical or contrarian attitude or spirit*

We are not “fighting fundamentalists”!

However, our society is willing to swallow anything that doesn't sound diabolical or heretical. If one is sincere they are sure to be heard.

A clerk learns what a counterfeit is by studying what a real dollar is.

One of the dangers of being a Bible Church is that we become complacent, ho-hum.

Our oxygen for living is the word of God! Without it we cannot survive. The older we get the more we should be uncomfortable with being comfortable.

*Jeremiah 23:16-17*

We hear among believers: “God isn’t like that!” or “God wouldn’t do that!”

Most of the time counterfeit sounds positive! For example (Rob Bell)

**Perspicuity** The clarity of Scripture

“We must look for true truth” - Francis Chafer

*Jeremiah 23:28-29*

## Perfer Hard Truth To Appealing Lies

When you go to the doctor you want to hear the hard truth.

“Build Character and Faith not Comfort!”

*1 Peter 1:23*

Devine combustion:

1. HS - oxygen
2. Word of God - heat
3. Human Spirit - fuel

Like a fireplace the Word of God can burn us!

*Isaiah 6:1-2*

“**Seraph**” fiery ones

*Revelation 1:17-14 Hebrews 12:28-29*

God is like a hammer

*Jeremiah 23:23-26*

## Keep God’s omnipresence in mind.

*Jeremiah 23:22*

## Application

1. Do not underestimate the transforming power of God’s word. Keeping in mind we do not go around trying to fix people

2. Pray for a insatiable hunger for God's word
3. Ask God to use His Word to Complete his transforming Work to your life
4. Stand your ground when it comes to God's Truth. Realize that you live for the applause for only One and that is is better to stand for truth then be rejected.