



# *Basics of the Faith*

## Scripture Memory Series

### Week 18

"But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth."

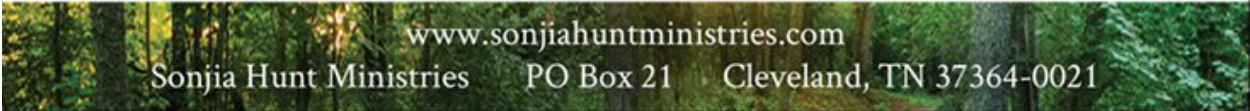
**Psalm 86:15**

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

**Jeremiah 29:11**

". . . I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;"

**Deuteronomy 30:19**



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*Your Scripture memory verses for this week are on the front.*

### **God's Inspired Word**

Paul the Apostle taught his young friend and son in the faith many things about serving God and about God's Word. In Paul's second letter to Timothy, he wrote:

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man [or woman] of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16, words in brackets added)

"Inspired" in this verse means "God breathed," making the meaning different from our common use of the word which usually refers to exceptional creativity. God, by His Holy Spirit, is the author of Scripture, breathing upon the writers. It was *given* by the Holy Spirit. Thus it is God's Word. No other book can truly make that claim.

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