

play our proper part in relation to them, but they are secondary, they are temporal. ^{The} Things that are unseen are eternal. Just how real is God to you? Is He as real to you though you do not see Him as the people you do see? Is He as real to you as the individuals with whom you walk and talk day by day? Is His teaching to you through His Word, more ^{effective} ~~effective~~, more real, more vital than anything that any human being gives you in class or presents to you in personal discussion? After all ~~that~~ that which you see of us is temporary. It is affected a great deal by our personality, by our personal situation, but God is the One who is eternal. He has given us His Word which is the only truth which is for everlasting.

It is good to read our newspapers, ^{to read} our magazines to learn about things that are occurring. It is good to read good literature. It is good to learn about history. All of these have truth in them, ^{that} ~~and~~ we need to know. But there is one book that is the only book that is only true; it is the only book that will really last. And how thoroughly do we know its contents? How aware are we of the fact that this is that which will last? ^{alone that is} The things that are seen are temporal, but God alone and His Word ~~are~~ ^{are} eternal.

And then when we think of our activities, here I call your attention to another one of the four uses of this word in Scripture. We find it in Heb. 11:25. Where we read about Moses - he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the temporal pleasures of sin. If it said the temporal pleasures of sin I don't think many would have much idea of what it meant. But it isn't translated that way in this case. It is translated ^{than} "to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." Moses might have been a pharaoh of Egypt. He might have had millions of people ready to obey his will. He might have had everything that a man might desire in this world. Anything that you or I will accomplish if we spend our lives working in this life to advance ^{ourselves} in a material way will be nothing compared to what Moses had, or ^{it was} simply given to ~~him~~ ^{and he could} if he would have just taken it. He could have just taken ^{without questions.}