**Word Study for the Lesson on “Truth”**

1828 Webster’s Dictionary:

* conformity to fact or reality; exact accordance with that which is, or has been, or shall be.
* True state of facts or things
* Moral truth: conformity of words to thoughts
* Veracity; purity from falsehood
* Fidelity; constancy
* Honesty; virtue
* Exactness; conformity to rule
* Sincerity
* Jesus Christ is called the truth
* To do truth, is to practice what God commands

**Truth** in Hebrew is: *emet which means:*

Truth, faithfulness, verity. This word carries underlying sense of certainty, dependability.

We find it used in several categories of contexts, all of which relate to God directly or indirectly. First, it is frequently applied to God as a characteristic of his nature. It is a term fittingly applied to God’s words (Ps 119:142, 151, 160; Dan. 10:21).

As a characteristic of God revealed to men, it therefore becomes the means by which men know and serve God as their savior (Josh 24:14; 1 Kgs 2:4; Ps 26:3; 86:11; 91:4; Isa 38:3), and then, as a characteristic to be found in those who have indeed come to God (Ex 18:21; Neh 7:2; Ps 15:2; Zech 8:16).

Because it is an attribute of God which is manifest in man’s salvation and life of service as God’s child, the word is often coupled with another attribute of God related to our salvation, “mercy” or “love” As we study its various contexts, it becomes manifestly clear that there is no truth in the biblical sense, i.e. valid truth, outside God. All truth comes from God and is truth because it is related to God. (Theological Wordbook of the OT, TWOT 116).

**Truth** in Greek is: *aletheia*

\* universally, what is true in any matter under consideration (opposed to what is feigned, fictitious, false): everything as it really is

In reference to religion, the word denotes what is true in things appertaining to God and the duties of man, (‘moral and religions truth’)

\* (subjectively) truth as a personal excellence; that candor of mind which is free from affectation, pretense, simulation, falsehood, deceit, sincerity of mind and integrity of character, or a mode of life in harmony with divine truth (Thayer 225).