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THE BIBLE

The Bible is the greatest book ever written!

In the Bible:

1. God Himself speaks to men.
2. It shows it the book of divine instruction.
3. It offers comfort in sorrow.
4. It offers guidance in perplexity.
5. It offers advice for problems.
6. It offers rebuke for our sins.
7. It offers daily inspiration for every need.
8. It reveals the truth about God.
9. It explains where man came from.
10. It explains the origin of man.
11. It explains and points out the only way to Salvation and Eternal Life.
12. It explains the age old problem of sin and suffering.
13. It explains where I am going.
14. It explains "why am I here?"
15. It explains how I can know the truth.
16. The greatest subject of all is the Lord Jesus Christ and His work of Redemption for mankind.
17. The person and work of Jesus are promised, prophesied, and pictured in the types and symbols of the Old Testament.
18. The Lord Jesus Christ is revealed. (Gospel)
19. The full meaning of His life is shown. (Gospel)
20. The full meaning of His death is shown. (Gospel)
21. The full meaning of His resurrection is shown. (Epistles)
22. It explains His glorious coming again to this earth in the future.
23. It reveals the great purpose of the written Word of God. The Bible, is to reveal the loving Word of God, the Lord Jesus Christ.



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John 1:1-18

"1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2. The same was in the beginning with God. 3. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. 4. In Him was life: and the life was the light of men. 5. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. 6. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through Him might believe. 8. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9. That was the true Light, which lighteth ever man that cometh into the world. 10. He was in the world, and the world knew him not. 11. He came unto His own, and His own received him not. 12. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: 13. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. 15. John bare witness of Him and cried, saying, This was He of whom I spake, He that cometh for He was before me. 16. And of His fullness have all we received, and grace for grace. 17. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. 18. No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom the Father, He hath declared Him."

John the Baptist. His role was simply to be a witness to the light. (John 1:8)

24. It discovers and convicts us of sin.
25. It helps us to cleanse us from the pollution of sin.
26. It imparts strength.
27. It instructs us in what we are to do.
28. It provides us with a sword for victory over sin.
29. It makes us fruitful.
30. It gives us power to pray.
31. It shows us to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing (handling) aright the Word of truth.



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2 Timothy 2:15

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

God has given us the Bible in order that we might know Him and that we might do His will here on earth.

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

Devotional Bible Study:

1. Begin your Bible reading with Prayer.

Psalms 119:18

"Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous thing out of thy law."

John 16:13-15

"13. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself: but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come. 14. He shall glorify me: for He shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 15. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that He shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you."

2. Take brief notes on what you read. Keep a small note book for your Bible study.
3. Read slowly through one chapter, or perhaps two or three chapters, or just one paragraph at a time. After reading ask yourself what this passage is about, then re-read it.
4. It is often very helpful in finding out the true meaning of a chapter, or passage to ask yourself the following questions and then write the answers simply in your note book.
 - a) What is the main subject of this passage?
 - b) Who are the persons revealed in this passage: Who is speaking? About whom is he speaking? Who is acting?
 - c) What is the key verse of this passage?



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- d) What does this passage teach me about the Lord Jesus Christ?
- e) Is there any sin for me to confess and forsake in this passage?
- f) Is there any command for me to obey in this passage?
- g) Is there any promise for me to claim?
- h) Is there any instruction for me to follow?
- i) Is there any prayer I should pray?

Not all of these questions may be answered in every passage.

5. Psalm 119:11 says:

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

Also Luke 2:19

"But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart."

Also Joshua 1:8

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

Also Matthew 6:33

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

To meditate means to "reflect, to ponder, to consider, to dwell in thought."

Through meditation the word of God will become meaningful and real to you, and the Holy Spirit will use this time to apply the word of God to your won life and its problems.

Obey the Word of God as Paul said to Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:16:

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."



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The Bible has been given to us that we may live a holy life well pleasing unto God. Therefore God says in James 1:22:

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

HINTS FOR BIBLE STUDY

After Prayer, read the Bible passage through slowly - once silently, and then read it again aloud.

The more you read and study the Word of God, the more you'll want to read it.

The most important thing is to follow faithfully some systematic method of Bible study.

BIBLE STUDY BY CHAPTERS

In the Bible there are 1189 chapters in the Old and New Testaments. In a little over three years a person could make an intensive study of the whole Bible, just taking a chapter a day. It is usually a good practice to start your Bible study in the New Testament.

1. Read throughout the chapter carefully, seeking to find its main subject or subjects.
2. As you read each chapter, give it a title which suggests its main content. If you are reading the Gospel of John for example, you might give each chapter titles like this:
 - Ch1: Jesus Christ, the Word of God
 - Ch2: The Wedding at Cana
 - Ch3: The New Birth
 - Ch4: The Woman at the Well
 - Ch5: The Healing of the Man at the Pool of Bethesda
 - Ch6: The Feeding of the 500



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3. Re-read the chapter again and make a simple outline of it which will include its main thoughts. For example in John 1, you might make an outline like this:
Jesus Christ, the Word of God
 - a) Jesus Christ was the eternal word. John 1:1-9.
 - b) Jesus Christ came into the world. John 1:10-18.
 - c) John witnesses that Christ is to come. John 1:19-28.
 - d) John says that Jesus is the Lamb of God. John 1:29-37.
 - e) Jesus Christ calls His first disciples. John 1:38-51
4. Concerning each chapter, ask and answer the questions suggested in devotional Bible study hints above. Especially take note of any practical or theological problems in this chapter. Then using your concordance look up the key words in these verses and find out what other portions of the Bible will have to say about this question or problem. Compare Scripture with Scripture for its true meaning. Very often to understand an important Bible chapter, one must study it together with the preceding or following chapters.

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