

How to Study the Bible V

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| READ | UNDERSTAND | OBTAIN |
| KNOWLEDGE | AWE | LEARN |
| FRIENDSHIP | COMMANDMENT | LOVINGKINDNESS |
| YOUNG | SPIRITUALLY | WORLD |
| OBJECTIVE | SUBJECTIVE | LIFE |
| CREATOR | ACTIONS | IMPACT |
| PERISH | BELIEVETH | FOUNDATION |

Notes

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Welcome

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

If you desire to have a private Bible Study at your convenience, let us know.

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Meeting Location

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Bible Study:

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Objective and Subjective Living

I have a practice of visiting several establishments to meet with, and/or observe the constituents of each. Observation is often revealing to one's own purpose and intent in life. Seeing so many people going about as "sheep without a shepherd" gives occasion to ask the question, "Where are you going?"

Having observed young and old alike, it makes me wonder whether or not individuals are spiritually minded: do individuals give more than a passing reflection on what lies beyond this world? What motivates individuals to get out of bed and pursue their normal course of activity? Is there any value in the course individuals take and what satisfaction is to be achieved in those courses?

When considering the activities of life they can be divided into two categories: objective and subjective. Whether or not the actions are in view of other considerations, or are they purely "about me"?

Or, is life viewed from a standpoint of “How do my actions impact other people, and/or circumstances, or are my actions motivated by what’s in it for me?”

When we consider what our Creator did for us, in that, “He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:16), we see an objective act which was devised “before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish before him in love” (Ephesians 1:4), because, in this action, Jesus Christ, “who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient [even] unto death, yea, the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:6-8), that he might make you alive, “when ye were dead through your trespasses and sins, wherein ye once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the powers of the air, of the spirit that now worketh in the sons of disobedience; among whom we also all once lived in the lust of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest:--but God, being rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ...” (Ephesians 2:1-5).

Remember the words of the apostle Paul, who said, “Wherefore also God highly exalted him, and gave unto him the name which is above every name; that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Ephesians 2:9-11). ret

How To Study the Bible Part V

I. Prerequisites to a Successful Study:

- A. A Fear of the Jehovah:
 - 1. Fear is being morally reverent.
 - 2. Deut. 31:12-13 – Learn to fear Jehovah
 - 3. Heb. 12:28 – Reverence and awe
- B. Read:
 - 1. Eph. 3:1-4 – Read to understand
 - 2. Exod. 24:7 – Method of obtaining knowledge
 - 3. Deut. 17:19 – May learn to fear Jehovah
 - 4. Josh. 8:34-35 – That you may learn what you need to know, that you do not know.
 - 5. Neh. 8:1-12 – Through reading one can understand the will of God.
 - 6. Prov. 1:7 – The more you read the more you will understand and increase your fear of Jehovah.

II. When an Individual Fears Jehovah:

- A. Psa. 25:14 – The friendship of Jehovah is with them....
- B. Psa. 33:18 – The eye of Jehovah is upon them...
- C. Psa. 103:17 – The lovingkindness of Jehovah is upon them...
- D. Psa. 147:11 – Jehovah takes pleasure in them.

Solomon Says

The fear of Jehovah prolongeth days; But the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

Proverbs 10:27