

King James Bible Study Correspondence Course

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Filling in the Gaps**Lesson 2****Study, Pray & Fellowship**

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1 Peter 2:2 *As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:*

God gave every human being alive enough faith that when they hear the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ from the word of God and believe they can be saved and have eternal life. John 5:24 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.* We are commanded to study the scriptures, as we study God reveals more of Himself to us and we grow in Him. 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.* A person will grow in faith as they read, study and obey the scriptures Romans 10:17 *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

The only way really to understand the Bible is to study, as you study you will find principals God has set forth for understanding His word. Below are 7 principals everyone should follow when reading and studying the Bible.

1. **THE BIBLE IS CORRECT AS IT STANDS.**

God has authored His word, preserved it in its original purity and perfection Psalms 33:4; 12:6-7; 19:7; Proverbs 30:5; 1 Peter 1:23; Romans 3:4. We are not to corrupt or question the Bible, but to study, believe and obey it. Remember: if one must alter the Bible to make a point that point is no longer **Bible** doctrine.

2. **THE BIBLE IS TO BE RIGHTLY DIVIDED**

God has written one Bible, containing the truth man needs in every age. We must carefully examine its contents to determine what portion of the His word is binding upon us today and what portion of His word is for our example only. 2 Timothy 2:15. Each passage must be read with the following questions in mind:

- Who is talking?
- To whom is this addressed?
- What is the speaker trying to explain?
- In what age does the context of the remarks place the passage?
- Does this rightly apply to the day in which we live?

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- How will this come to pass, by God's will?
- Sometimes why would the Holy Spirit want you to know this?

The above 7 questions must be applied to all Bible reading and studying or else the reader will become confused. Always take the Bible literal, it will usually tell you when you need to make it spiritual.

Example: Revelation 11:8

Also it is important to understand that the Bible is written to three groups of peoples. 1 Corinthians 10:32

- The Jews
- The Gentiles
- The church of God

3. COMPARISON OF SPIRITUAL THINGS WITH SPIRITUAL

A. Biblical terms and meanings are to be defined by their use throughout the Bible text, not by extra Biblical sources, such as commentaries, Strong's, Greek/Hebrew or Vine's interpretation.

1 Corinthians 2:12-16.

B. Things which match and things which differ must be noted with utmost care 2 Peter 1:20-21.

4. REPEATING HISTORY IS THE KEY TO PROPHETIC MATERIAL

The student must carefully note the cycles and patterns which the Holy Spirit has woven through the Bible text Ecclesiastes 3:15 History truly does repeat itself.

5. HUMAN KNOWLEDGE AND EDUCATION ARE ONLY SECONDARY IMPORTANCE

The Bible is the work of the Holy Spirit, and the Author, within the believer will teach any willing soul the truth 1 Corinthians 1:26; Psalms 25:14; Genesis 40:8; 1 Corinthians 1:21.

6. USE OF CROSS REFERENCES IS ESSENTIAL

God seldom places all the truth regarding a matter in a single place Isaiah 28:10, Isaiah 28:13; 2 Peter 1:20. The student must search every passage referring to any topic to be certain he has all the counsel of God on a matter.

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7. TRUST GOD BEFORE MAN

God has given each of us certain mental faculties. He has also gifted and enabled certain men to teach His church. But all men, one's self-included, must be judged in light of scripture. Romans 3:4. - When anyone differs with the Bible, the Bible is to be trusted.

Every Christian who studies there Bible will tell of the great enjoyment they have in doing so, as well as gaining much knowledge. God's word is power. Serving the Lord is a joy. Nehemiah 8:10

Another reason why we should study the Bible is also found in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, "***All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.***" That word "***thoroughly***" has been replaced in all the new bibles for the word "thoroughly" which is a contradiction of God's promises. The word "***thoroughly***" means all around and through, the word "thoroughly" means only all around. Why is this so important? Because the word of God will change you from within. 1 Thessalonians 2:13 The word of the Lord will effect you.

PRAYER

Prayer is not some stiff, memorized speech that you make to God. Prayer is conversation with your heavenly Father, who loves you very much. It should be just as natural for a Christian to talk to the Lord as it is for a little boy to talk to his daddy. There is no reason why a Christian should approach God in prayer with formal speeches. It does not show disrespect for God to address Him personally, but rather, it shows Him that we love Him deeply. Galatians 4:6 ***And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.*** God really wants us to "feel at home" when we talk things over with Him. We realize there are certain groups who teach their followers that in prayer you should call Him daddy, be very careful using that casual name with the LORD; daddy is never used in scripture. God invites us to talk to Him, Jeremiah 33:3 ***Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.*** One of the wonderful things about prayer is that the Lord will never turn a deaf ear to you: He is always interested in what affects you. 1 Peter 5:7 ***Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*** Pray always 1 Thessalonians 5:17 ***Pray without ceasing.***

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MEET TOGETHER WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS

Your love for the Lord, for Christians, for the unsaved will be greatly increased as you meet with believers and have fellowship with them. The New Testament believers gathered together often for prayer, Bible study, to encourage one another in their witnessing and comfort one another in their testing's. Acts 14:27 *And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.* Hebrews 10:25 *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.* See also Acts 15:4; Acts 20:7; Acts 21:18-20; and Galatians 6:1, 2.

Since Bible believing churches are rare in the 21st century, we still need to attend a church where the Bible is preached even if you do not agree with them on every point. The scriptures tell us *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together*, Why? because we are to *exhorting one another*. We realize that there are radio and television programs that preach the bible on a the daily basis, but there is no opportunity to exhort, encourage believers or witness to an unbeliever in front of your TV. Some of the most precious times in the lives of Christians have been spent in churches where believers gathered together to share their needs and to help one another through the encouragement of testimonies and the power of earnest intercessory prayer. Always encourage the new believer to attend a good, Bible Believing and teaching church.

Notes

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Name _____

Note: must include scripture with all your answers, including the T/F.

1. Why should we study the Bible?
2. What are the 3 groups of peoples the Bible talks too?
3. Why is it important for me to go to Church?
4. If my pastor says the "The bible is translated incorrectly in this passage, who is wrong, why?
5. How often should we pray?
6. If I am sad, what should I do?
7. Define the following words:
 - a. thoroughly
 - b. throughly
 - c. effectually
8. How does God want us to pray?

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9. Why is it so important to go to a local Bible Believing Church?
10. What are the 7 questions you should ask when studying the Bible?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
 - g.
11. A common misunderstanding of the scriptures can be defined in not carefully reading each word. In following verses, tell us what the misunderstanding is? (hint: like).
 - a. Matthew 3:16
 - b. Matthew 13:33
 - c. Luke 7:32
 - d. Acts 2:3

True/False

- Be careful calling the LORD "daddy."
- The Bible may have errors, only a degreed theologian knows the truth.
- The Lord commands us to go to Church.

**Scripture memorization**

Hebrews 10:25; Galatians 6:1-2; 2 Timothy 2:15

Write out these verses on the back on this page: (must be in KJV)