

How to Study the Bible

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Canst thou by searching find out god? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? Deeper than hell; what canst thou know?¹ There is no searching of His understanding.² For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.³

There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.⁴ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God⁵, because the foolishness of God is wiser than men. But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in His presence.⁶

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path... The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.⁷ Thy word is truth.⁸ All scripture is given by inspiration of God⁹, knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.¹⁰

My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge.¹¹ Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God¹² -- the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.¹³ In which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.¹⁴

Whom shall He teach knowledge? And whom shall He make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: for with stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to this people. To whom He said This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. But the word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.¹⁵ I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.¹⁶ And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.¹⁷

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me.¹⁸ O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself... These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me. Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.¹⁹ These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.²⁰

Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.²¹ If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.²² For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.²³ If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh His glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.²⁴

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 show you things to come.²⁵ But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.²⁶ For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man. But the Spirit of God... But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God... Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.²⁷

For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end... And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the Lord: and I will turn away your captivity.²⁸ And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness... They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.²⁹ And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou harken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God³⁰, for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations.³¹

Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law!³²

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| 1. <i>Job 11:7,8</i> | 12. <i>Matthew 22:29</i> | 23. <i>Proverbs 2:6</i> |
| 2. <i>Isaiah 40:28b</i> | 13. <i>Romans 1:16b</i> | 24. <i>John 7:17,18</i> |
| 3. <i>Isaiah 55:8,9</i> | 14. <i>2 Peter 3:16b</i> | 25. <i>John 16:13</i> |
| 4. <i>Proverbs 16:25</i> | 15. <i>Isaiah 28:9-13</i> | 26. <i>John 14:26</i> |
| 5. <i>1 Corinthians 3:19a</i> | 16. <i>Isaiah 66:4</i> | 27. <i>1 Corinthians 2:11,10,12-14</i> |
| 6. <i>1 Corinthians 1:25a, 27-29</i> | 17. <i>2 Thessalonians 2:11</i> | 28. <i>Jeremiah 29:11,13,14a</i> |
| 7. <i>Psalms 119:105,130</i> | 18. <i>John 5:39</i> | 29. <i>Isaiah 29:18,24</i> |
| 8. <i>John 17:17b</i> | 19. <i>Luke 24:25-27,44,45</i> | 30. <i>Deuteronomy 28:13</i> |
| 9. <i>2 Timothy 3:16a</i> | 20. <i>Acts 17:11</i> | 31. <i>Deuteronomy 4:6b</i> |
| 10. <i>2 Peter 1:20,21</i> | 21. <i>Jeremiah 6:16</i> | 32. <i>Psalms 119:18</i> |
| 11. <i>Hosea 4:6a</i> | 22. <i>James 1:5</i> | |