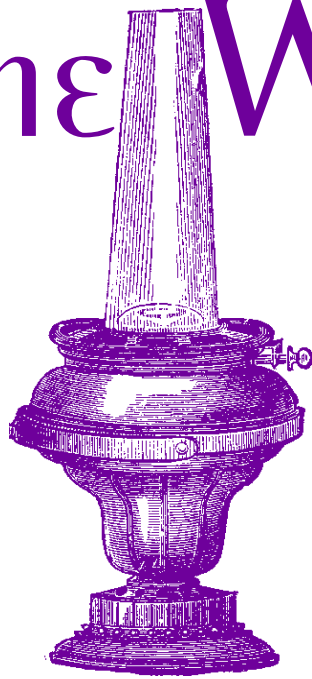


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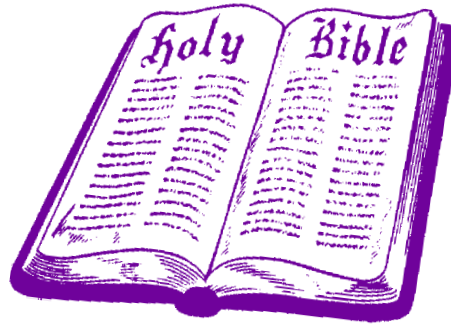
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and be ready always to give an answer
to every man that asketh you a reason
of the hope that is in you
with meekness and fear.”

1 Peter 3:15



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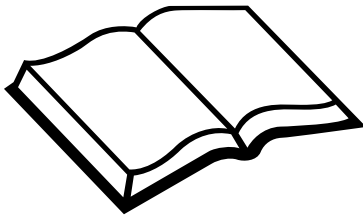
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The Bible

A glory gilds the sacred page
Majestic like the sun;
It gives a light to every age,
It gives, but borrows none.

—*Cowper*





Finding and Understanding the Word

Research Power in the Word

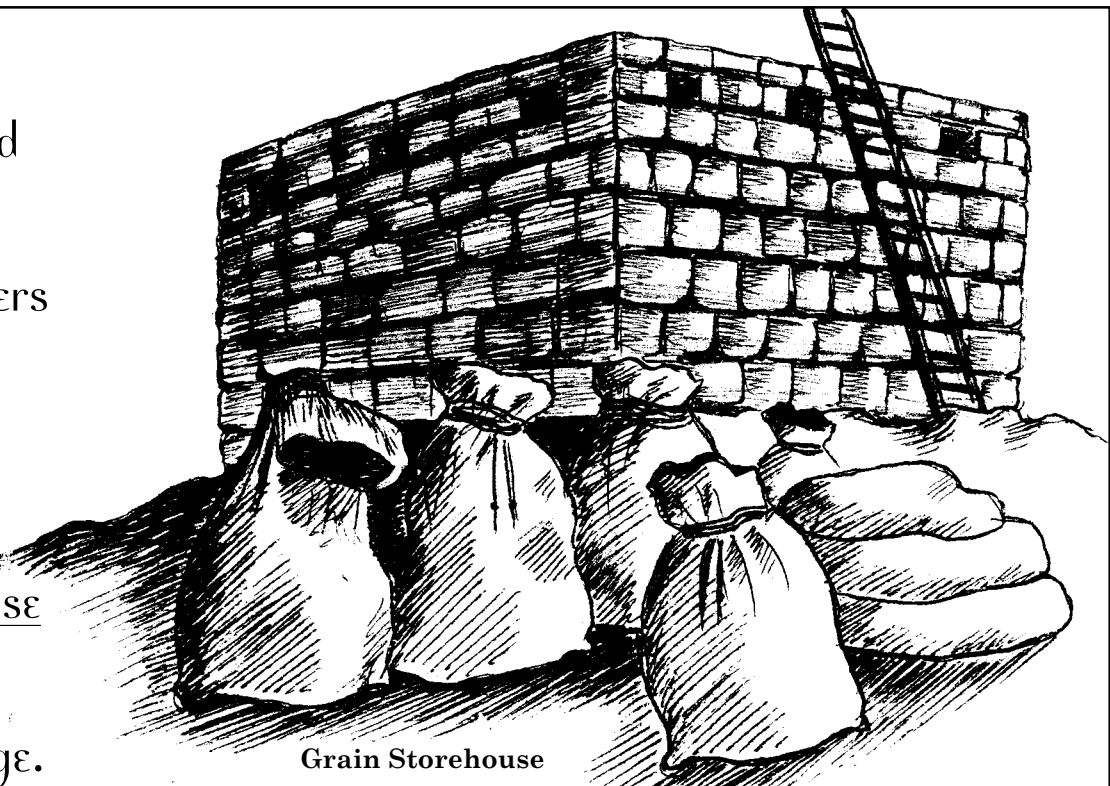
There is power in the words of the Bible. To **humbly** give a Bible text for an answer to a question is far more effective than an answer you can think up in your own mind.

give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.”
(I Peter 3:15).

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to

Humbly study the following article to see the importance of the Word in answering another.

Jesus
directed
His
questioners
to
the
great
storehouse
of
knowledge.



Grain Storehouse

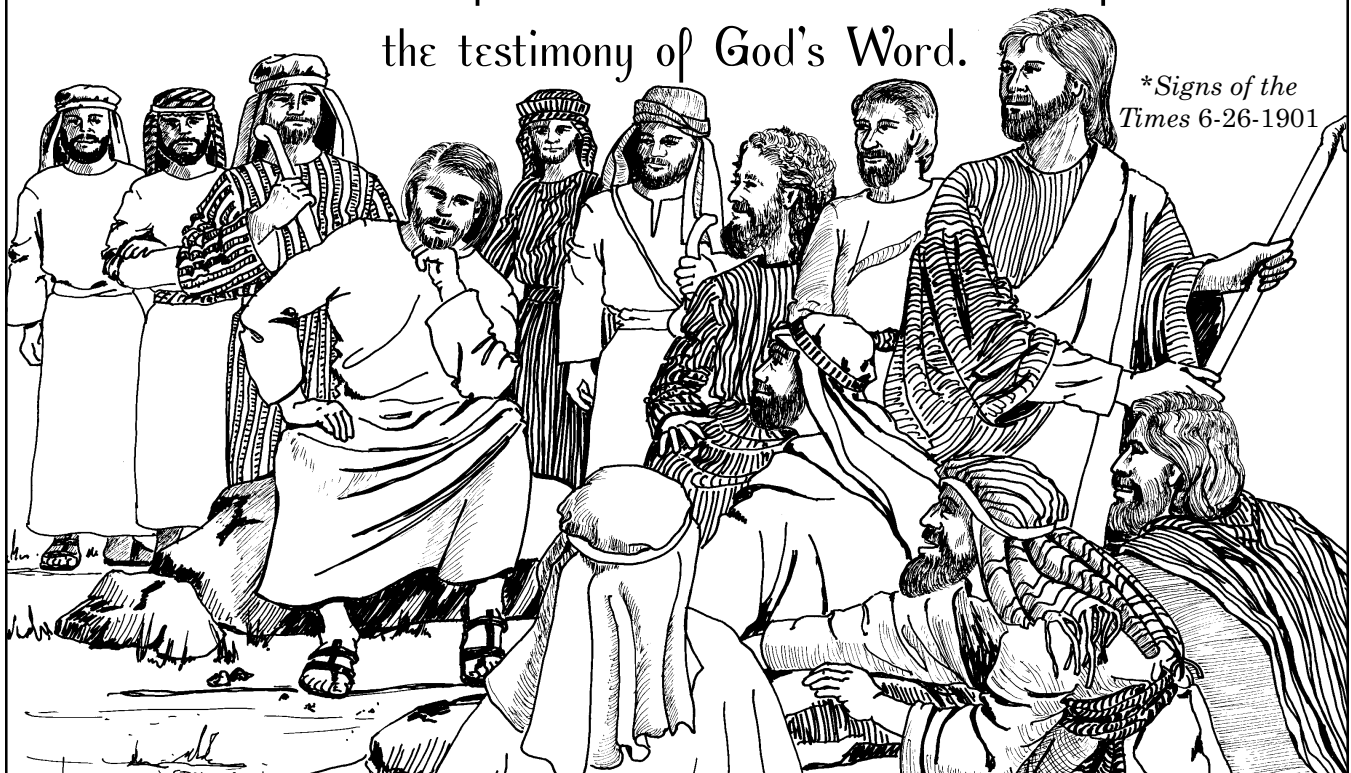
What Saith the Scriptures?

“When a question was brought to Christ, His answer was, *‘Have ye not read?’ ‘What saith the Scriptures?’* Christ could have answered every perplexing question brought to Him, but He did not do this. He directed His questioners to the great storehouse of knowledge. He knew that He could not always be with them in human form, and He desired to teach them to make the Word their dependence. *‘Search the Scriptures,’* He said. He referred them to His own inspired Word, that when tempted by the enemy

they might meet him as He had done, saying *‘It is written.’* Thus the enemy could be repulsed; for he has no power over the one who relies on the testimony of God’s Word.

“Of the Word of God, the psalmist writes: *‘The entrance of thy word giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple’* (Psalm 119:130). It is a light shining in a dark place. As we search its pages, light enters the heart, illuminating the mind. By this light we see what we ought to be.”*

Christ referres people to His own inspired Word.
Satan has no power over the one who relies upon
the testimony of God’s Word.



A Storehouse

Joseph stored grain (the Word is as seed) in a storehouse. We are told:

“And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.”

“And the famine was over all the face of the earth: And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt” (Genesis 41:36, 56).

What does the number seven represent? _____

Jesus is the “Water of Life” and the “Word of Life.”

Psalm 33:7 says, *“He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.”*

God has stored His precious words in the Scriptures just as He stores water in the sea for use when needed.

“Thy Words Giveth Light”



In the Hebrew, “seven” is from the root word which means “to be full or satisfied, have enough of.”

Seven stamps with completeness or perfection that with which it is used.

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Review

Place I - II

1. Read Matthew 21:42 (first part).

How did Jesus answer questions asked Him? _____

2. Joseph stored grain in _____

When the people were hungry they came to Joseph and he opened the _____.

The Bible is like a _____

When we are spiritually hungry, we can **humbly** go to the _____ and open it to be fed.

3. Finish this Bible verse.

“The entrance of thy _____ giveth _____; it giveth understanding unto the simple” (Psalm 119:130).

Place II - III

1. How did Jesus **humbly** answer questions that were brought to Him? _____

2. Use the *Strong’s Concordance* and define the word, “storehouse.”

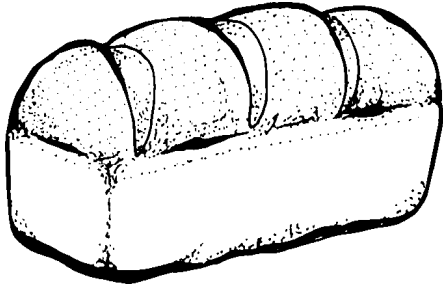
3. Finish this statement, “Thus the enemy could be repulsed; for he had no power _____

_____.”

4. What does Psalm 119:130 say? Explain. _____

Remind

1. As you store food for winter, be reminded how the Word stores precious spiritual food for you to enjoy.



2. When grinding wheat berries into flour for making bread, or when eating bread, or sharing a loaf of bread with another, remember the Bible (Seed), and how it will nourish a person spiritually.

3. When turning a light on or helping to replace light bulbs, think how the Word gives light.

Reinforce

Read the following verses telling what the Bible is to the Christian.

1. Food by which his nature is nourished – I Peter 2:2.

2. Preservative against sin – Psalm 119:11.

3. Quickens the soul – Psalm 119:50.

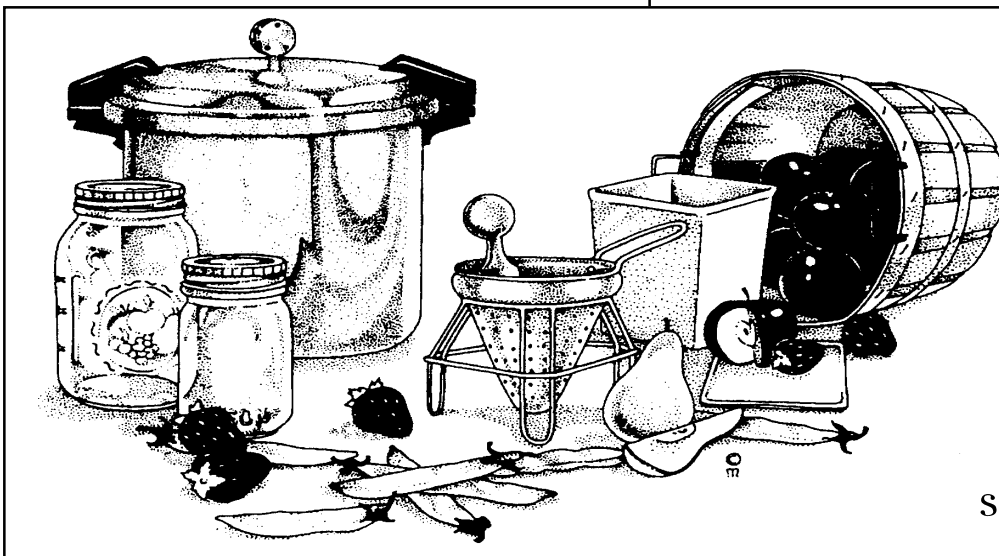
4. Enriches the soul – Psalm 119:72.

5. Imparts superior wisdom – Psalm 119:98.

6. Brings peace to him – Psalm 119:165.

7. Plea for help – Psalm 119:175.

8. His delight – Psalm 119:16.



The Bible
is stored
with
spiritual food.



Research Our Counsel and Guide



“We see in the Word, warnings and promises, with God behind them all. We are invited to search this Word for aid when brought into difficult places. If we do not consult the guidebook at every step, inquiring, ‘Is this the way of the Lord?’ our words and acts will be tainted by selfishness. We shall forget God, and walk in paths that He has not chosen for us.”*

“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me” (John 5:39).

“God’s Word is full of precious promises and helpful counsel. It is infallible; for God can not err. It has help for every circumstance and condition of life, and God looks on with sadness when His children turn from it to human aid.”*

“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust” (II Peter 1:4).

“He who communes with God through the Scriptures will be ennobled and sanctified. As he reads the inspired record of the Saviour’s love, his heart is melted in tenderness and contrition. He is filled with a desire to be like the Master, to live a life of loving service.”*

“I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search” (Psalm 77:6).

Reflect

“Words are things; and a small drop of ink,
falling like dew upon a thought,
produces that which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think.”

—Byron

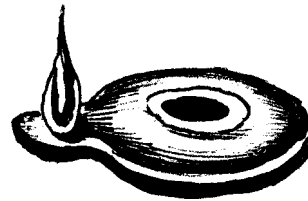
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“Great light shone forth from the patriarchs and prophets. Glorious things were spoken of Zion, the city of God. Thus the Lord designs that the light shall shine forth through His followers today. If the saints of the Old Testament bore such a bright testimony of loyalty, should we not today, upon whom is shining the accumulated light of centuries, arise and shine? The glory of the prophecies sheds light on our pathway. Type has met antitype in the death of God’s Son. Christ has risen from the dead, proclaiming over the tomb, *‘I am the resurrection and the life.’* He has sent His Spirit into our world to bring all things to our remembrance. By a miracle of His power He has preserved His written Word through the ages. Shall we not, then, make this Word our constant study, learning from it God’s purpose for us?”*

Reflect

“Arise, shine;
for thy light is come,
and the glory of the Lord is
risen upon thee.”

Isaiah 60:1



“Thy word is a lamp
unto my feet,
and a light
unto my path.”

Psalms 119:105

“Great Light
Shone Forth
From
the
Patriarchs
and
Prophets.”

Reflect



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Review

Place I - II - III

Match these verses with these words.
A **Place I** student may look the verses up. Use a ruler.

arise	II Peter 1:4
commune	John 5:39
search	Psalm 77:6
path	Isaiah 60:1
promises	Psalm 119:105

Thy Word

Read these verse.

Psalm 119:130

Would you be happy? Read the Word, Psalm 119:162; Jeremiah 15:16; and John 15:11.

Would you be wise? Read the Word, Proverbs 1:1, 7; I Corinthians 2:1, 16; Colossians 1:9.

Would you be fruitful? Read the Word, Galatians 5:22-23; Luke 8:11, 15; romans 10:17.

Would you be holy? Read the Word, Psalm 119:9, 11; Ephesians 5:27-27; John 15:3.

Would you be a successful servant? Read the Word, Joshua 1:7-8; II timothy 2:15; Hebrews 4:12.

Would you have eternal life? Read the Word, Luke 16:22, 31; Acts 11:14; I Peter 1:23, 25.

Reinforce

1. As you **humbly** search God's Word, thank Him for it.
2. Make a list of promises for an area in your life that you need special help with.
3. Pray and then meditate on one verse each day. It is always good to know a few verses about **humbleness**.
4. As you observe the sun rising, or walk on a path, be reminded of God's Word (Psalm 119:105).
5. Try to find some of the promises the **humble** shepherds might have been talking about the night the angel of the Lord visited them.



Research Why More Noble?

“The Bereans were commended as being more noble than those of Thessalonica, in that they received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily. They did not search the Bible from curiosity, but that they might learn in regard to Christ. Daily, they compared Scripture with Scripture; and as they searched, heavenly intelligences were beside them, enlightening their minds and impressing their hearts.”

“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” (Acts 17:11).

“We are to open the Word of God with reverence, and with a sincere desire to know the will of God concerning us. Then the heavenly angels will direct our search. God speaks to us in His Word. We are in the audience chamber of the Most High, in the very presence of God. Christ enters the heart. The Holy Spirit takes of the things of

**The Bereans
studied the Scriptures.**

God, and shows them to us. We see more clearly the greatness of God's love and the fullness of His salvation. We appreciate more fully His gracious design to make us partakers in the heavenly firm. We are drawn into full sympathy with the plans of God. His secret is with us, and He shows us His covenant.”*

“*‘Knock.’* We come to God by special invitation, and He waits to welcome us to His audience chamber. The first disciples who followed Jesus were not satisfied with a hurried conversation with Him by the way; they said, *‘Rabbi,...where dwellest thou?...They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day’* (John 1:38-39). So we may be admitted into closest intimacy and communion with God. *‘He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty’* (Psalm 91:1). Let those who desire the blessing of God knock and wait at the door of mercy with firm assurance, saying, For Thou, O Lord, hast said, *‘Everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.’*”**

“...The greatest victories which are gained to the cause are not by labored argument, ample facilities, abundance of influence, and plenty of means; but they are

those victories which are gained in the audience chamber with God, when earnest, agonizing faith lays hold upon the mighty arm of power.”***

“The life of Christ, that gives life to the world, is in His Word. It was by His word that Jesus healed disease and cast out demons; by His Word He stilled the sea and raised the dead; and the people bore witness that His Word was with power. He spoke the Word of God, as He had spoken through all the prophets and teachers of the Old Testament. The whole Bible is a manifestation of Christ, and the Saviour desires to fix the faith of His followers on the Word. When His visible presence should be withdrawn, the Word must be their source of Power. Like their Master, they were to live by *‘every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.’*”*



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“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

“The same was in the beginning with God.

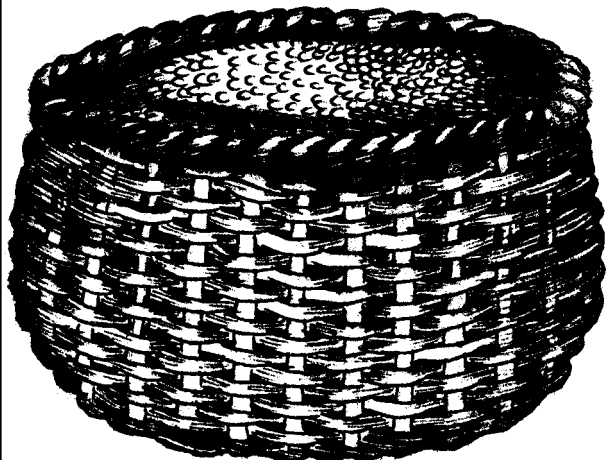
“All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

“In him was life; and the life was the light of men” (John 1:1-4).

*“And he **humbled** thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live” (Deuteronomy 8:3).*

“He...

fed thee with manna....”



Review

Place I - II

1. Who were the Bereans? _____

Are you like a **humble** Berean?

2. Explain Hebrews 1:14.

Do we need the angels' help when we study the Word? _____

3. What is an audience chamber? _____

4. Read John 1:1-4. Did you know that His Word, the Scriptures, can give you spiritual life? _____

Review

Place II - III

1. Look up the word “noble” in the *Strong’s Concordance*. What does it mean? _____

3. Where are we when we **humbly** study the words of God?

Where is that? _____

2. How are we to open the Word? _____

4. Explain this statement, “The life of Christ, that gives life to the world, is in His Word.”

5. Like our Master, how are we to live? _____

Then who will be by our sides to direct our search? _____

(Deuteronomy 8:3)

Scripture Translates Itself

Translate these words from Scripture.

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. Boanerges (Mark 3:17) | 12. Marah (Exodus 15:23) |
| 2. Immanuel (Matthew 1:23) | 13. Eloi, eloi, lama sabachthani (Mark 15:34) |
| 3. Golgotha (Matthew 27:33) | 14. Babel (Genesis 11:9) |
| 4. King of Salem (Hebrews 7:2) | 15. Edom (Genesis 25:30) |
| 5. Rabboni or Rabbi (John 1:38; 20:16) | 16. Zoar (Genesis 19:22) |
| 6. Barnabas (Acts 4:36) | 17. Succoth (Genesis 33:17) |
| 7. Elymas (Acts 13:8) | 18. Taberah (Numbers 11:3) |
| 8. Talitha (Mark 5:41) | 19. Lo-ammi (Hosea 1:9) |
| 9. Ephphatha (Mark 7:34) | 20. Lo-ruhamah (Hosea 1:6) |
| 10. Siloam (John 9:7) | |
| 11. Melchizedek (Hebrews 7:2) | |

Reinforce

Place I - II - III

1. Daily learn to be like the noble Bereans, as you learn more ways to study the Word.
2. Find an “audience chamber,” a place where you can talk to God and be all alone with Him.
3. Thank God for your angel friends. If you have not read the book, *It Must Have Been an Angel*, you might like to do so at this time.
4. In **humbleness**, obey every word of God. Each chore you are asked to do, do quickly with joy in your heart.

The Shepherds Obeyed God's Word



Research

Sustained

“As our physical life is sustained by food, so our spiritual life is sustained by the Word of God. As we must eat for ourselves in order to obtain nourishment, so we must receive the Word for ourselves. We are not to obtain it merely through the medium of another’s mind. We should carefully study the Bible, asking God for the aid of the Holy Spirit, that we may understand His Word. We should take one verse, and concentrate the mind on the task of ascertaining the thought that God has in that verse for us. We should dwell upon the thought until it becomes our own, and we know ‘*what saith the Lord.*’”*

Remember our verse in Deuteronomy 8:3—

“*And he **humbled** thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.*”

Carefully Study the Bible

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“For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little” (Isaiah 28:10).

Each word is important!

“In the Bible we have in clear lines the revelation of God’s character, of His dealings with men, and the great work of redemption. Here is open before us the history of patriarchs and prophets, and other holy men of old. They were men *‘subject to like passions as we are.’* We see how they struggled through discouragements like our own, how they fell under temptation as we have done, and yet took heart again and conquered through the grace of God; and, beholding, we are encouraged in our strivings after righ-

teousness. As we read of the precious experience granted them, of the light and love and blessing it was their privilege to enjoy, and of the work they wrought through the grace given them, the Spirit that inspired them kindles a flame of holy emulation in our hearts, and a desire to be like them in character—like them, to walk with God.”*

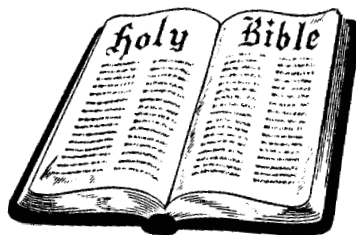
“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before” (Philippians 3:13).

“Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name” (Psalm 86:11).

Read good books.

Good reading prepares the mind for right thinking:
and from right thinking spring the noble character
and well-ordered life.

The Bible is the very best book to read!



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Review

Place I - II

1. What main thing sustains our physical life? _____

Can another eat for us? _____

2. What sustains our spiritual life? _____

Can another study for us? _____

3. How can you walk with God? _____

4. Your teacher can dictate your spelling words. Spell, define, and use them in a sentence.

Place I

Place II

Review

Place II - III

1. Finish this statement, "As our _____ life is
_____ by _____, so our _____ life is
_____ by the _____."

Can another eat for us? _____

2. How are we to study? _____

3. What does Philippians 4:13 say? _____

4. Teacher can dictate the spelling words. Spell, give the literal and spiritual definition, and write a sentence using the word as it relates to the lesson.

Place II

Place III

Reinforce

1. As you fix a meal or go to the store to purchase food, be reminded how the Word sustains our spiritual life.
2. Memorize Scriptures so that as you go about your duties you can think about each word and what they mean. Memorizing verses can be like storing seed in the storehouse for times of famine.
3. As you take a walk, think how you can **humbly** “walk with God.”
4. Read the stories and poem on the next pages, and “Mark Your Bible.”

Memorizing Scripture

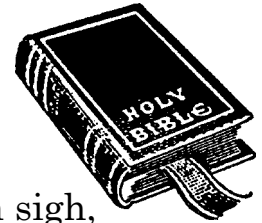


“...Precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line,
here a little, and there a little.”

Reflect Summary

- To answer a person with the Word we need to understand the words we use from the Scriptures.
- Search out the meanings of the words in the Scriptures.
- As we seek understanding of the words angels and the Holy Spirit will assist us.
- Each word in Scripture is important.
- Do page 7 from the booklet, *Bible Study*. This will continue to teach you how to define the words in the Bible.

My Bible and I



We've traveled together, my Bible and I,
Through all kinds of weather, with smile or with sigh,
In sorrow or sunshine, in tempest or calm,
Thy friendship unchanging, my lamp and my psalm.

We've traveled together, my Bible and I,
When life had grown weary, and death e'en was nigh,
But all through the darkness of mist and of wrong,
I found thee a solace, a prayer, and a song.

So now who shall part us, my Bible and I,
Shall ism, or schism, or new lights that try?
Shall shadow for substance or stone for good bread
Supplant its sound wisdom, give folly instead?

Ah, no my dear Bible, revealer of light,
Thou sword of the spirit, put error to flight;
And still through life's journey, until my last sigh,
We'll travel together, my Bible and I.

“Feasting On God’s Word”

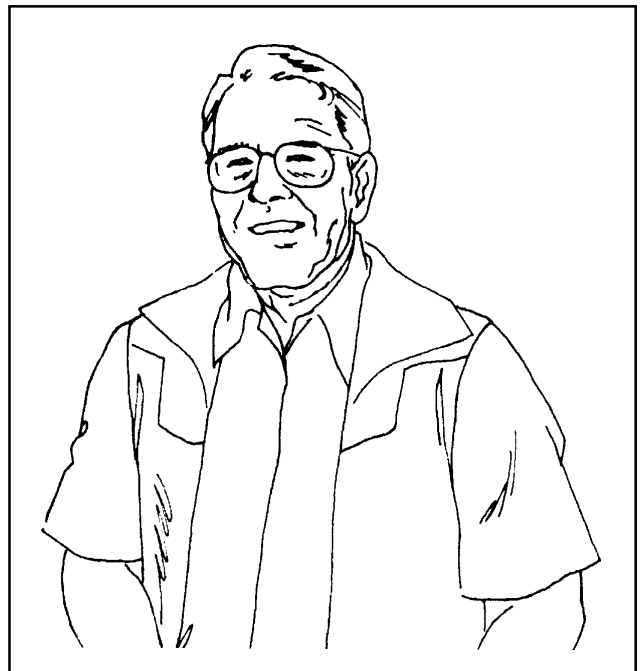
“Where have you been reading this morning, uncle?”

“Well, Sandy,” said the old man, “I have been getting a wonderful feast yesterday and today out of the last two verses of the eighth chapter of Romans.”

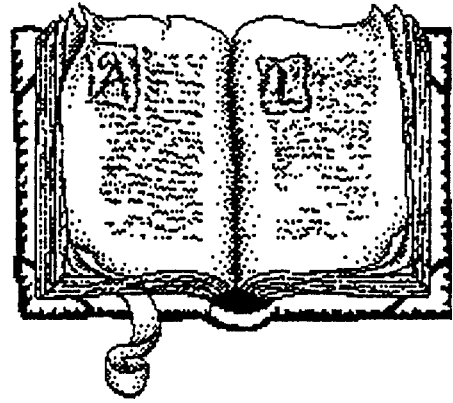
“And have you not read any more than these two verses in two days?” asked Sandy, with a little surprise.

“O surely, surely,” said the uncle. “I have been going over the breadth of the surface elsewhere, but I have been trying to sink a mine down there at the end of Romans. And I’m not down at the big nuggets yet. You see, I do the same thing with these verses that I do with these special homemade cough drops your good aunt made for me. I am having trouble with my lungs and these cough drops ease my coughing spells. There is nothing bad in them, just something to soothe the tickle in my throat. Mary now and then puts one of them in her mouth, but she gives it just a

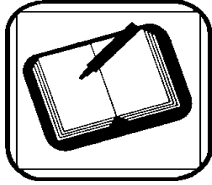
chew or two and it is all gone. But I lay mine in my cheek and let it alone. That way it slowly melts and does me good for half a day. Did you know that many people do the same thing with the Bible? They gallop over a chapter and it’s done; but that seems like a waste to me. I like to take a sweet passage and sup on it—a verse or a word, maybe—and ‘let it lie in my cheek and melt,’ and fill my soul with its sweetness, for a day or a week or a month at a time.” Did you ever try this way of feasting on God’s Word?



“Preciousness of the Bible”

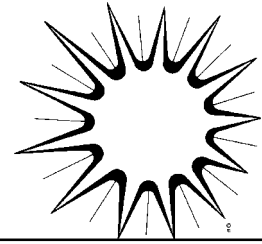


Long ago, there was a **humble** old man in the West Indies who lived quite a long distance from a certain missionary. But the man was exceedingly interested in learning to read the Bible, so he made the long trip to the missionary regularly for a lesson. He was not making much progress in learning to read, so his teacher, almost disheartened, finally hinted his fears that his labors would be lost, and asked the man, “Had you not better give up trying?” “no, massa, me die;” replied the **humble** man, and pointing his finger to John 3:16 (“*God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life*”), he said with touching emphasis, “It is worth all de labor, to be able to read dat one single verse.”



Mark Your Bible

Power of the Word



1. All the power of God is in His Word.

Hebrews 4:12 – *“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*

2. God’s Word, hidden in the heart, will shield from sin.

Psalm 119:11 – *“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”*

3. Jesus used the Word to resist Satan’s temptations.

Matthew 4:8-11 – *“Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the*

devil leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him.”

3. God’s Word is healing.

Psalm 107:20 – *“He sent his word, and healed thee, and delivered them from their destructions.”*

4. There is creative power in God’s Word.

Psalm 33:6 – *“By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.”*

5. God’s Word has life-sustaining power in it.

Deuteronomy 8:3 – *“And he humbled thee and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.”*

**“Much wisdom
often goes with fewest words.”**
—Sophocles

“Seek Us a Book”

“Go seek a Book! Oh go seek a Book! let us not go back empty!” This was the plea of a Bechuana woman in South Africa, who brought her boy to Dr. Moffat asking for a copy of the Bible which he had translated into Bechuana. The two had walked fifteen miles in search of the missionary, but when they found him, he only shook his head and said:

“There is not a Bible left.”

“I once borrowed a copy,” the woman said. “But the owner has

come and taken it away and now I sit with my family sorrowful because we have no Book to talk to us. My boy here can read and he is teaching me to read. We live far from anyone else, and we have not one to teach us but the Book. So my boy reads to us and I pray. Oh,” she added, “go seek a Book! Oh father, Oh elder brother, go seek a book for us! Surely there is one to be found. Let us not go back empty.”

When Dr. Moffat at last got a copy for them, both the lad and his mother greatly rejoiced.

On A Rubbish Heap

A young man in Argentina who possessed a Bible that his father had given him, became engaged to a girl from another faith. Her confessor informed her that before she could marry, the bridegroom’s Bible must be burned. She told her fiance this ultimatum, so the young man very reluctantly took his Bible, and as he had not courage to burn it, left it on a rub-

bish heap. A woman passing the rubbish heap saw a book which looked new, took it home with her, examined it. She said, “from that memorable day all of us have read it, and the reading has resulted in the conversion of several of our family.” She was thankful that she had been led to pass by that rubbish heap and to secure such a treasure.

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.”

Psalm 119:105



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Mark 4:29