

The Bible is the source of <sup>(22)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ : “Sanctify them by Your truth; Your word is truth” (John 17:17).

The Bible is the source of God’s blessing when obeyed: “But He said, ‘More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it’” (Luke 11:28).

The Bible is the source of <sup>(23)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ : “. . . the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Eph. 6:17).

The Bible is the source of <sup>(24)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ : “As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby” (1 Pet. 2:2).

The Bible is the source of power: “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek” (Rom. 1:16).

The Bible is the source of <sup>(25)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ : “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Ps. 119:105).

### What Should Be My Response to the Bible?

- Believe it (John 6:68,69)
- Honor it (Job 23:12)
- Love it (Psalm 119:97)
- Obey it (1 John 2:5)
- Guard it (1 Timothy 6:20)
- Fight for it (Jude 3)
- Preach it (2 Timothy 4:2)
- Study it (Ezra 7:10)

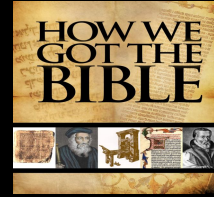


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Sunday, February 28, 2010  
“God Talking to Us:  
Blessings and Benefits of Bible Study”  
Message #8 in the series, “How We Got the Bible”  
Bible Text: Psa.119:18**

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### Bible Study

There is nothing more important for the development of the spiritual life of the Christian than <sup>(1)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, systematic Bible study.

**Our spiritual health, our growth, our strength, our victory over sin, our soundness in doctrine, our joy and peace in Christ, our cleansing from inward and outward sin, our fitness for service, all depend upon the study of the Word of God.**

The one who neglects his Bible is bound to make a failure of the Christian life.

### “What is the right way to study the Bible?”

1. We should *study it* <sup>(2)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 17:11).

I do not think it is well as a rule to say that we shall study so many chapters in a day, for that leads to undue haste and skimming and thoughtlessness, but it is well to set apart a certain length of time each day for Bible study.

2. We should *study the Bible* <sup>(3)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. Much time is wasted away in random study of the Bible.

Read each chapter through several times and then answer the following questions on the chapter:

- (1) What is the principal <sup>(4)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ of the chapter?  
(State the principal contents of the chapter in a single phrase or sentence.)
- (2) What is the <sup>(5)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ most clearly taught and most emphasized in the chapter?
- (3) What is the best <sup>(6)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_?

- (4) What is the best verse?  
 (5) Who are the principal (7) \_\_\_\_\_ mentioned?  
 (6) What does the chapter teach about (8) \_\_\_\_\_?  
 \*\*Go through the entire Bible in this way.

3. We should *study the Bible* (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the whole Bible. Many who read their Bibles make the great mistake of confining all their reading to certain portions of the Bible that they enjoy, and in this way they get no knowledge of the Bible as a whole.

4. *Study the Bible* (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Do not hurry. One of the worst faults in Bible study is rush and recklessness.

The Bible only does good by the truth that it contains. It has no magic power. It is better to read one verse attentively than to read a dozen chapters thoughtlessly.

5. *Study your Bible* (11) \_\_\_\_\_. That is compare Scripture with Scripture. The best commentary on the Bible is the Bible itself.

- Wherever you find a difficult passage in the Bible, there is always some passage elsewhere that explains its meaning.

6. *Study your Bible* (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

The Bible ought then to be studied as no other book is. It should be studied as the Word of God. This involves five things:

1. A prompt and unquestioning acceptance of, and submission to its teachings when understood.
2. Absolute (13) \_\_\_\_\_ upon all its promises in all their length and breadth and depth and height. The one who studies the Bible as the Word of God will say of any promise, no matter how vast and beyond belief it appears, "God who cannot lie has promised this, so I will claim it for myself." Mark the promise you thus claim. Look each day for some new promise from your infinite Father. He has put "His riches in glory" at your disposal (Phil. 4:19). I know of no better way to grow rich spiritually than to search daily for promises, and when you find them appropriate them to yourself.
3. (14) \_\_\_\_\_. Be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only deceiving your own soul (James 1:22). Nothing goes farther to help one understand the Bible than the purpose to obey it. Jesus said, "*If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of the*

*teaching*" (John 7:17).

4. Cultivate prompt, exact, unquestioning, joyous obedience to every (15) \_\_\_\_\_ that it is evident from its context applies to you. Be on the lookout for new orders from your King. God's commands are but sign-boards that mark the road to present success and blessedness and to eternal glory.
5. Studying the Bible as the Word of God involves studying it as His own voice speaking directly to you. When you open the Bible to study realize that you have come into the very presence of God and that now He is going to speak to you.

7. *Study the Bible* (16) \_\_\_\_\_. God, who is the author of the Bible, is willing to act as interpreter of it. He does so when you ask Him to.

**It is the privilege of the humblest believer in Christ to have the Holy Spirit for his guide in his study of the Word. I have known many very humble people, people with almost no education, who got more out of their Bible study than most of the great theological teachers that I have known; simply because they had learned that it was their privilege to have the Holy Spirit for their teacher as they studied the Bible.**

8. *Utilize spare* (17) \_\_\_\_\_ *for Bible study.*

9. *Store away the Scripture in your* (18) \_\_\_\_\_ *and* (19) \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Bible stresses the importance of Bible study, too.**

- *It is* (20) \_\_\_\_\_ *and final: "Forever, O Lord, Your Word is settled in heaven" (Ps. 119:89).*
- *It is totally sufficient for your needs: ". . . that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16-17).*
- *It will accomplish what it* (21) \_\_\_\_\_: "*So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it" (Is. 55:11).*

**How Will I Benefit from Studying the Bible?**

Significant promises in the Scripture: