

THE WORD OF

TRUTH

Bible Study Course

Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:32

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Word of Truth Bible study course.

The study of God's Word is a rewarding experience for the soul who is truly looking to know the God of the Bible. It is the aim of this program to help the honest searcher for truth to come to a saving knowledge of the only true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and to know the Saviour who loves them and died to save them.

It is our prayerful hope that you will gain faith by the study of God's Word (Romans 10:17) and that Christ will dwell in your heart by faith; that being rooted and grounded in love, you may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, the length, the depth and the height, and to know the love of Christ that passes knowledge, and that you might be filled with all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:14-19). Until you have experienced it you cannot know what a priceless treasure lies within your reach. It can be yours, for it is God's promise to the one who earnestly seeks Him (Matthew 7:7-11; John 6:37).

SYNOPSIS

The order of the lessons is set to guide the student, firstly, into how to find God, how to get the sin out of their life and to find real peace and release from the burden of sin and guilt. When a person is then in tune with the Holy Spirit they are able to discern more clearly the truths of what the Bible teaches (Romans 8:16; Hebrews 4:2; 1Corinthians 2:14).

The second phase of the program deals with prophecy. While this will strengthen confidence in the Bible, its primary objective is to reveal where we are placed in the order of this world's history, that we might see the gravity of our position and our urgent need to *individually* prepare for the second coming of Jesus. The prophecy reveals the end to be right upon us, and this section of our study also clearly sets out HOW to prepare.

Our Bible study then moves into the area of how to serve God with all the intelligence He has given us. It describes areas to avoid that we not fall into sin and impede our relationship with God, or worse, lose Him altogether. It explains other areas that, if adopted, will make the follower of Christ one with the Father, as Jesus is one with Him (John 17:21-23).

Toward the end of the course we examine the brief, yet beautiful, Bible account of life in the new earth, the home of the redeemed. It will thrill your heart to see, from a distance, the land that is afar off (Isaiah 33:17; John 6:46). One day it will be ours and we shall see our Creator, and live with our Redeemer and our God.

It is recommended that each study be taken in its numerical order, for, as you can see, each successive lesson is built on the foundation laid by the previous lessons.

Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy Law. Psalm 119:18

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NOTATION OF BIBLE REFERENCES

When specifying a reference text it may be that only a portion of the text is required for the point under consideration. A means of indicating the relevant section of the Bible text would be to follow the verse number with a subscript – a, b, or c. This method has been used in some places throughout this course, and operates as follows:

<i>13. Even He shall build the temple of the LORD, and shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon His throne. And He shall be a priest upon His throne. And the counsel of peace shall be between them both.</i>

13a Referring to the third part of this text, it would be written as:

13b Zechariah 6:13c

13c

19. But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

<i>20. Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.</i>
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20a Referring to the first part of verse 20, it would be written as:

20b 1Peter 1:20a

USING A BIBLE CONCORDANCE

A useful tool for the Bible student, a concordance is a reference volume similar to a dictionary. It is an indexing of "all" the words of the Bible and where they are found in Scripture. The words are arranged in alphabetical order to simplify a manual search. So, if you cannot remember a certain text, but you can recall a word or two from the text, look-up those known words in the concordance and find all of the references in Scripture where the words are used.

The *Strong's Concordance* and the *Young's Concordance* are comprehensive and well known volumes, and have the added feature of providing a dictionary-like description of each Hebrew and Greek word listed.

Next to the word surveyed is a number, this number is a reference to the respective Hebrew, or Greek, word from which the surveyed word has been translated. At the back of the book you will find the number identifying the Hebrew or Greek word and the various meanings and applications of that word.

Examining key words in a given passage of Scripture, in this way, brings a clearer appreciation for the critical meaning that lies much deeper than what is seen by the surface reader.

Example

Search for the word "Comforter". From the Strong's Concordance we see that there are four entries in the OT. and four entries in the NT. Simply scan the entries and select the required text, or, if necessary, look up each entry.

To the right of the entry is a number between 1-9999. Italicised, 3879, refers to a Greek word; standard type, 5162, refers to a Hebrew word.

At the back of the book is the Hebrew and Greek dictionary based on the number identifier and not the actual word. Adjacent to the number is the actual word and its varied meanings and applications.

"Comforter", as used in the OT and NT, was translated from the following Hebrew and Greek words respectively:

5162 -- NACHAM He. Sigh, breath strongly. Implying -- to be sorry, to pity, or console. To avenge oneself; comfort, ease, repent.

3879 -- PARAKLETOS Gr. Intercessor, consoler, advocate, comforter.

BIBLE VERSIONS

Which of the Bible versions is the right one? Which Bible will guide me through the danger zones and secure me against Satan's sophistry? (Isaiah 8:20;). Which Bible will truly be a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path, the water, by which we are cleansed and sanctified? (Psalm 119:105; Ephesians 5:25–27; Ezekiel 36:25–27; John 17:17).

The first important point to grasp is that every good thing God has placed on this earth, Satan has either destroyed, distorted or corrupted; for example:- the way to salvation, our worship system, health care, marriage, food, education, music, to name a few. Why would the destroyer of souls leave untouched the only document on this earth that tells the truth of the true God of heaven, the God of salvation and love?

During the 'dark ages' (538-1798 AD) the devil mounted a campaign to burn all the Bibles he could get his hands on, not to mention his treatment of the people who had them. At that time all copies were hand written, so a burnt Bible meant the destruction of a lot of work. Today, with modern printing techniques, physical destruction for total eradication is difficult, he has therefore, now taken a more beguiling approach --- substitute Bibles to please different modes of thought and various religious traditions (Mark 7:6–9). He designed that his Bibles would contain enough truth to be plausible and obscure the error, thus imparting a false sense of salvation. The error content would lead its adherents to have such a distorted understanding of God and the salvation plan that they could be easily persuaded to accept a false doctrine. The second part of Satan's plan of deceit is to cause the *real* Bible, in which is found the *true path to salvation*, to become unfashionable and/or discredited.

The English Bible that is a *reliable* copy of documents held by the Christians at Antioch in the second century is the King James Version (KJV). Other translations have been developed from *adulterated manuscripts* in spite of what, so called, learned men may say (1Corinthians 1:18–31).

At every assault against God's word, He would not allow His Bible to be wiped from the earth, thus He has preserved it in these last days in the beloved KJV. The language of the KJV has a beauty and holy presence that strengthens the soul and opens our ear to the voice of God (1Thess.2:13).

The accounts of history substantiating these statements are extensive, most interesting and enlightening. We need not be deceived, for God has revealed where the truth lies. The following list of books is given as suggested reading. The first three are similar in their material, while the fourth book deals with the occult involvement with the corrupt versions. This fourth book is extremely well documented and informative; it would help comprehension if this book were to be read after reading one of the others.

- **Japer James Ray.** *God Wrote Only One Book.* The Eye Opener Publishers, P.O. Box 7944, Eugene, Oregon, USA, 97401
- **David Otis Fuller.** *Which Bible.* Grand Rapids International Publication, Grand Rapids, Michigan USA, 49501
- **Hilton H. Meyers.** *Battle of the Bibles.* New Millennium Publications, P.O. Box 290, Morisset, NSW 2264, Australia
- **Gale Riplinger.** *New Age Bible Versions.* A.V. Publications, P.O. Box 388, Munroe Falls, Ohio, USA. 44262

May the Lord Jesus be with you as you search His Word. Many times we miss a blessing because we do not ask for His guidance.... Pray before study, practice faith in the God who wrote the Bible and as you obey its counsel, this wonderful Book will be a living connection between you and God (Matt 7:7-11; Romans 10:17).

**Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
2Timothy 2:15**

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