

Mount Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

Personal Bible Study

Lesson 1

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Personal Bible study is essential in the life of a believer. If a believer wants to know about God and his ways, they must know the Bible. In order to know the bible, you must read and study.

The Bible was written over a period of fifteen hundred years, the Holy Spirit directed forty holy men of God, living on three continents (Asia, Europe, and Africa), to write His words into sixty-six books.

The bible was written in 3 different languages, Greek, Hebrew, and Aramaic.

This is not a book with random articles and letters compiled into one. Prophecy was given in the old testament about things that would not take place until hundreds of years later. Nobody can take credit for the continuity of scriptures, but the Almighty God.

One must also prepare their heart and mind for Bible Study.

You should pray before studying. You should meditate after studying.

In studying the Bible there are a few principles that we must remember.

1. The Bible does not contain the word of God. But it IS the word of God.

- a. 2 Ti 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

- i. Inspiration means God breathed. Which means God gave them words to say.

2. The Bible is inerrant.

- a. Inerrant means, incapable of being wrong; free from error.

3. The Bible is infallible.

- a. Infallible means, incapable of error; cannot contain error.

Reasons to Study the Bible

1. To settle the issue of our own salvation (2 Timothy 3:15)
2. To grow spiritually (2 Peter 3:18)
3. To receive personal blessing and encouragement (Romans 15:4)
4. To receive personal guidance (Ps. 119:105)
5. To defend ourselves against the devil (Ephesians 6:11)
6. To effectively teach the word of God to the next generation. (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)
7. To be able to counsel others (Colossians 3:16)
8. To be ready to speak with unbelievers about Christ. (1 Peter 3:15)
9. To verify that the teaching of others is the truth of God. (Acts 17:11)
10. To present ourselves approved of God. (2 Timothy 2:15)

Questions

1. Does the bible only contain the word of God?
2. How should you prepare yourself for studying the Word of God.
3. What continents where the Bible written on?
4. What languages was the Bible written in?
5. How many books are in the Bible?
6. What does inerrant mean?
7. What does infallible mean?
8. According to 2 Timothy 3:16, what is the Bible profitable for?
9. List three reasons to study the Bible.
10. Why do you want to learn to study the Bible?