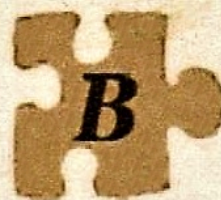


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Study to know what God says

Do not read the Word in the light of former opinions. Do not try to make everything agree with your creed. With a mind free from prejudice, search the Word carefully.

We cannot obtain wisdom without earnest attention and prayerful study. Some portions of the Scriptures are indeed too plain to be misunderstood; but there are others whose meaning does not lie on the surface, to be seen at a glance. Scripture must be compared with Scripture. There must be careful research and prayerful attention. And such study will be richly repaid. As the miner discovers veins of precious metal concealed beneath the surface of the earth, so will he who perseveringly searches the Word of God as for hid treasure, find truths of the greatest value, which are concealed from the view of the careless seeker.

Never should the Bible be studied without prayer. Before opening its pages we should ask for enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, and it will be given.

The Hidden Treasure of the Bible

"We do not perceive the meaning of the word of God without much study; but the reward of the study of the Bible is exceedingly precious to him who fears God, and earnestly searches for truth as for **hidden treasure**. At the present day there are a large number in our churches who are not sufficiently interested in Bible study to seek to understand the mysteries of truth. They do not go below the surface. Those who are living in these last days, who acknowledge the binding claims of the law of God, have no ordinary responsibility. They are not to be satisfied with the surface truths. That which lies plainly revealed, which costs us no effort, will not be esteemed as highly as the treasure that costs us diligent, prayerful research and investigation.

Celestial truth is represented as treasure hid in a field, "*which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field*" (Matthew 13:44) that he may work every part of it to discover the golden ore or precious gems. The earth itself cannot reveal treasures of as great value as can the Bible. No toil can so repay the diligent worker as can the search for truth. Let the mines of revelation be properly worked, and the unsearchable riches of Christ will be revealed."

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*Proverbs 2:3-5 "Yea if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for **hid treasures**; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God".*

"Scripture is the key that unlocks Scripture"

3

"The **Bible** is its own expositor. One passage will prove to be a **key** that will unlock other passages, and in this way light will be shed upon the **hidden meaning** of the word".

4

The Teaching Methods of Jesus

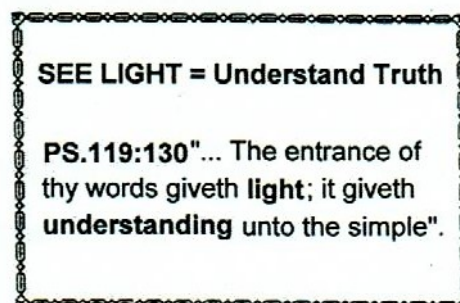
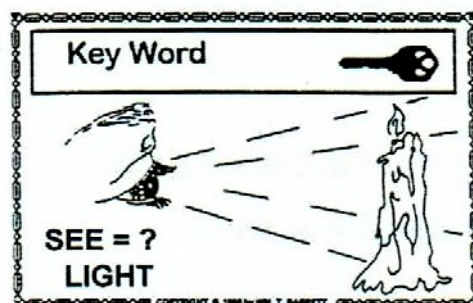
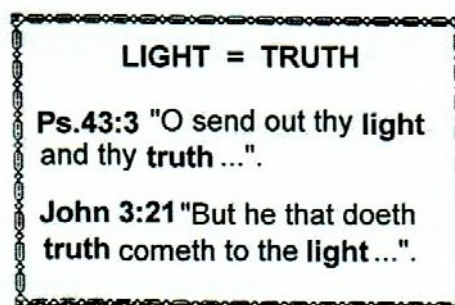
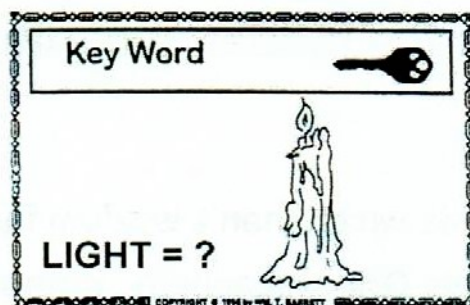
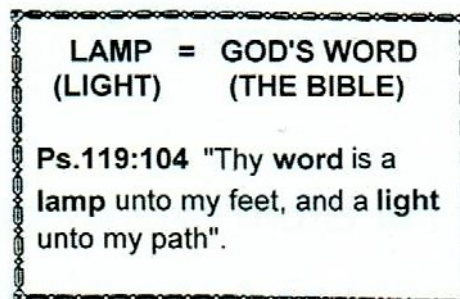
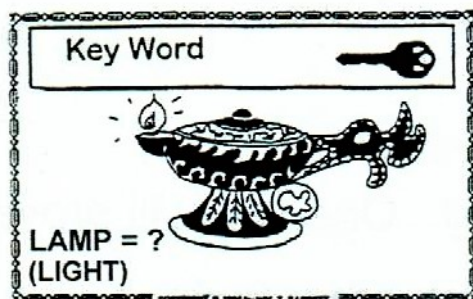
"Teachers should **copy** the example of the Great Teacher, who from familiar scenes of nature drew illustrations that simplified His teaching and impressed them more deeply upon the minds of his hearers. He connected the **visible works** of the Creator, with the **Words of life** which He spoke, that when ever these **objects** should be presented to the eyes of the hearer, their thoughts might revert to the lessons of truth He had linked with them".

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By identifying a **real object** in a Bible text and then looking it up in the Bible Word Pictures, you can discover the **Spiritual meaning** of the **real object**.

BIBLE WORD PICTURES

This is a sample of a separate
Reference booklet containing
240 BIBLE WORD PICTURES



PRINCIPLES FOR BIBLE STUDY

STUDY PRINCIPLE 1

Pray for the Holy Spirit to **guide you** as you study the Bible and search for truth.

James 1:5 If any lack wisdom let him **ask** of God

John 16:13 When He the **Spirit** of truth is come He will **guide you** into all truth.

STUDY PRINCIPLE 2


Let the **Bible** explain itself . One text will prove to be a **key** that will **unlock** other texts, and in this way you will discover the **hidden meaning** of God's Word.

1 Cor. 2:13 "...not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the **Holy Ghost** teacheth ; **comparing** spiritual things with spiritual".

Study the illustration on the **next page** and you will see how this is done.


COMPARE SCRIPTURE WITH SCRIPTURE

DROSS = the Wicked
 Psalms 119:119
 "Thou putttest away all the wicked
 of the earth like dross ...".




DROSS = ? IMPURITIES

SILVER = God's people
 Zech.13:9 "...and will refine them
 like silver is refined, and...I will
 say, it is my people".



SILVER = ?

VESSEL = Person
 Jer.18:4;6 "And the vessel that he made
 made of clay was marred in the hand
 of the potter. Behold as the clay is in
 the potter's hand, so are you in mine
 hand, O house of Israel".



VESSEL = ?

**FINER = THE LORD
 (REFINER)**
 Zech.13:9 "... I will... refine
 them as silver is refined...
 they will say, The Lord is
 my God".

Proverbs 25 :4

"Take away the

dross from the

silver, and there

shall come forth a

vessel for the **finer**".

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 Take away the **dross** from the
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silver, and there shall come
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DISCOVERING HIDDEN TREASURE

Bible Verse: *Psalms 104:15*

*"And **wine** that maketh glad the **heart** of man, and **oil** to make his **face** to **shine**, and **bread** which strengtheneth man's **heart**".*

1. Think about the **PHYSICAL**: On the surface, what is the Main Physical thought?

Think about the **SPIRITUAL**: On the surface what is the Main Spiritual thought?

2. Locate key words in the verse (usually nouns or "real things")	3. Discover their Spiritual Meaning (by using the Bible Word Pictures)
WINE	
HEART	
OIL	
FACE	
SHINE (reflect or emit light)	
BREAD	

4. Rewrite the verse: Substitute the **Spiritual Meaning** of the **Key Word** back into the Bible verse and **Rewrite it** to discover what God wants to do for us Spiritually!

_____ (new wine) makes a man happy in his _____ (heart)
and the _____ (oil) gives his _____ (face)
the ability to _____ (shine), and the _____ (bread)
strengthens a man's _____ (heart) as he studies it.

NOTE: ANSWERS ON PAGE 10

Key Word



WINE = ?
(New)



WINE = True Doctrine
(new)

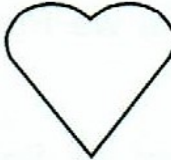
Song of Sol.8:2 "Instruct me: I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine".

Deut.32:14 "...Thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape".

Key Word



HEART = ?



HEART = the mind

Proverbs 23:7

"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:..."

Key Word



OIL = ?
or
OINTMENT = ?



OIL = HOLY SPIRIT

1Sam.16:13 "Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren; and the spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward..."

OINTMENT = HOLY SPIRIT

Ex.30:25 "And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, and ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an holy anointing oil".

Key Word



FACE = ?



FACE = The mind or will

Jere.5:3 "...They have refused to receive correction they have made their faces harder than a rock".

Jere.42:15 "...If ye wholly set your faces to enter into Egypt..."

Key Word



SHINE = ?
(Reflect Light)



SHINE = TEACH TRUTH
(Reflect Light)

Ps.43:3 "O send out thy light and thy truth..."

Phil.2:15 "...That ye may... shine as lights in the world;"

Key Word



BREAD = ?

BREAD = THE BIBLE
(God's Word)

Matt.4:4

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

DISCOVERING HIDDEN TREASURE

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"And **wine** that maketh glad the **heart** of man, and **oil** to make his **face** to **shine**, and **bread** which strengtheneth man's **heart**".

1. Think about the PHYSICAL: What we Physically eat will make us Physically strong or weak.

Think about the SPIRITUAL: What we Spiritually eat will make us Spiritually strong or weak.

2. Locate key words in the verse (usually nouns or "real things")	3. Discover their Spiritual Meaning (by using the Bible Word Pictures)
NEW WINE	<i>True Doctrine</i>
HEART	<i>The Mind</i>
OIL	<i>The Holy Spirit</i>
FACE	<i>The Mind</i>
SHINE (reflect or emit light)	<i>Teach Truth</i>
BREAD	<i>The Bible (God's Word)</i>

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True Doctrine (new wine) makes a man happy in his mind (heart) and the Holy Spirit (oil) gives his mind (face) the ability to teach truth (shine), and the Bible (bread) strengthens a man's mind (heart) as he studies it.

BIBLE STUDY - Lesson 2

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Objects of Nature: **Oil, Cave, Bread**

5. Early Church Pioneer's Method of Bible Study.
6. Closing Prayer

JESUS AS TEACHER

"For His own wise purposes the Lord **veils** spiritual truth in **figures** and **symbols**...

In parables and comparisons He found the *best method* of communicating divine truth.

In simple language, using figures and illustrations drawn from the natural world, He opened **spiritual truth** to His hearers..." 6

"So it was with Christ's teaching the unknown was illustrated by the known; divine truths by earthly things with which the people were familiar". 7

THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE PHYSICAL TO THE SPIRITUAL

Each real or physical object has a spiritual "twin".

- Example:
1. Physical **Lamp**
 2. Spiritual **Lamp**

Physical	Food (BREAD)
Spiritual	Food (GOD'S WORD, THE BIBLE)
Physical	Covering (GARMENT)
Spiritual	Covering (CHARACTER of Christ)
Physical	Shelter (HOUSE)
Spiritual	Shelter (CHURCH)
Physical	Protection (WALL)
Spiritual	Protection (GOD'S LAW)
Physical	Thirst (PURE WATER)
Spiritual	Thirst (HOLY SPIRIT)
Physical	Weapon (SWORD)
Spiritual	Weapon (GOD'S WORD, THE BIBLE)
Physical	Rest (BED)
Spiritual	Rest (SABBATH)

Jesus uses **Nature** to teach us **Spiritual Lessons**

Object of Nature: **OIL**

Bible Verse: *1 Samuel 16:13*

*"Then Samuel took the horn of **oil**, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the **spirit** of the Lord came upon David from that day forward".*

By examining the uses or functions of the REAL OBJECT in Nature we will discover, why God chose "**oil**" to represent His **Holy Spirit**.

What are some of the uses for Oil?

1. To lubricate

Physical **Oil** helps parts to work together without friction.

Spiritual **Holy Spirit** helps church members to work together without friction and fighting with each other.

2. Burned to give Light

Physical **Oil** helps us to see where we are going Physically when there is darkness all around us.

Spiritual **Holy Spirit** helps us to see Truth from the Bible so that we can see where we are going Spiritually and avoid the evil all around us.

3. Put Moisture back in our bodies

Physical **Oil** helps members of our Physical body such as our face, and hands, which have become dry and hard to become soft and flexible.

Spiritual **Holy Spirit** helps members of the Spiritual Body of Christ (Church), who have become dry and hard set in their ways, to become soft and flexible and willing to change.

4. Burned to provide Heat

Physical **Oil** provides the heat to keep our bodies Physically warm.

Spiritual **Holy Spirit** provides the warmth of God's Love, to keep His Body, the Church, Spiritually Warm and on fire for Him.

5. We need an "Oil change"

Eph.2:2 "...the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience". We need the **Holy Spirit** from the Lord instead of the unholy spirit of Satan.

Jesus uses **Nature** to teach us **Spiritual Lessons**

Object of Nature: **CAVE**

Bible Verse: *1 Samuel 22:1*

*"David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the **cave** Adullam: and when his brethren and all his fathers house heard it, they went down thither to him".*

PHYSICAL

What is the use or function of a **CAVE**?

A **cave** would be a **place to live** if you had left your home and were in the wilderness.

What are the characteristics of a **CAVE**?

A **cave** is dark, and needs light. A **cave** is in the earth.

SPIRITUAL

What spiritual lesson does this object of Nature, a **cave** teach us?

Jesus left His home in heaven, a place of great light, and came to live on this dark earth. He is the **light** of this world and helps us see truth in the midst of Spiritual darkness.

Object of Nature: **BREAD**

Bible Verse: *1 Samuel 21:3*

*"Now therefore what is under thine hand? Give me five loaves of **bread** in mine hand, or what there is present".*

PHYSICAL

What is **BREAD** used for?

For Physical **food**: When we eat Physical bread, it gives us Physical strength, to do Physical work.

SPIRITUAL

When we "eat Spiritual bread" (read and understand the Bible), it gives us Spiritual strength, to do Spiritual work for Jesus.

When we eat Physical bread, it gives us the ability to live about 70 years. When we "eat" Spiritual bread (accept Jesus the Bread of Life), He gives us the ability to live forever!

Only Jesus can satisfy the Spiritual hunger of people and only Jesus can give us Eternal Life!

Early Church Pioneer's Method of Bible Study

William Miller – His understanding Made Clear

"Endeavoring to lay aside all preconceived opinions, and dispensing with commentaries, he compared scripture with scripture by the aid of the marginal references and the concordance.

He pursued his study in a regular and methodical manner; Beginning with Genesis, and reading verse by verse, he proceeded no faster than the meaning of the several passages so unfolded as to leave him free from all embarrassment.

When he found anything obscure, it was his custom to compare it with every other text which seemed to have any reference to the matter under consideration.

Every word was permitted to have its proper bearing upon the subject of the text, and if his view of it harmonized with every collateral passage, it ceased to be a difficulty. Thus whenever he met with a passage hard to be understood he found an explanation in some other portion of the Scriptures.

As he studied with earnest prayer for divine enlightenment, that which had before appeared dark to his understanding was made clear. He experienced the truth of the psalmist words: *"The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple". Ps.119:130*

With intense interest he studied the books of Daniel and Revelation, employing the same principles of interpretation as in the other Scriptures, and found, to his great joy, that the prophetic symbols could be understood. He saw that the prophecies, so far as they had been fulfilled, had been fulfilled literally; that all the various figures, metaphors, parables, similitude, etc... were either explained in their immediate connection, or the terms in which they were expressed were defined in other Scriptures, and when thus explained, were to be literally understood. "I was thus satisfied" he says, "that the Bible is a system of revealed truths, so clearly and simply given that the wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein".

William Miller's Method of Bible Study

1. He compared "**Scripture** with **Scripture**" using a Concordance.
- 2 Whenever something was "obscure" or hidden from his understanding, he compared it with every other text which seemed to have any reference to the matter.
- 3 Every hard to understand passage of scripture was explained in some other portion of Scripture.
- 4 The books of Daniel and Revelation were understood using the same principles of interpretation as were used in the other Scriptures.
- 5 The "terms" in which the figures, parables, metaphors, similitude, etc... were expressed were defined in the other Scriptures and when thus explained were to be understood literally.

Lesson 3

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Jesus Uses Nature to Teach Us Spiritual Lessons

The Palm Tree

*Psalms 92:12 "The **righteous** shall flourish like the **palm tree**: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon"*

1. Palm Trees can withstand **Physical Abuse** that other trees cannot.



LIFE ONLY
ON OUTSIDE
(Ordinary Tree)



LIFE ON THE
INSIDE
(Palm Tree)

*2 Cor.4:16 "For which cause we faint not; but though our **outward** man perish, yet the **inward** man is renewed day by day".*

*Eze.36:26 "A **new heart** also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the **stony heart** out of your flesh, and I will give you an **heart of flesh**".*

2. Palm Trees can **Endure Storms** that other trees cannot.



Ordinary Tree

Heart stiff and dead
Inflexible and easily
broken by the Wind



Palm Tree

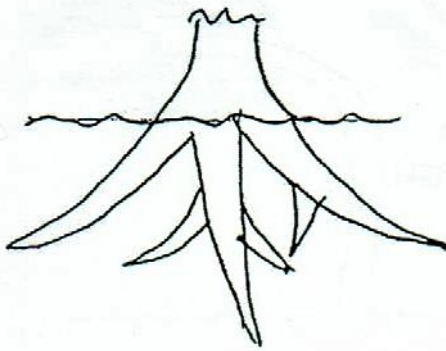
Heart soft and flexible
Will spring back when
wind ceases

*Zec.7:12 "Yea, they made their **hearts** as an adamant **stone**, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the Lord of hosts hath sent..."*

*Isa.2:11 "The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be **bowed down**, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day"*

*Eph.4:14 "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every **wind of doctrine**, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;"*

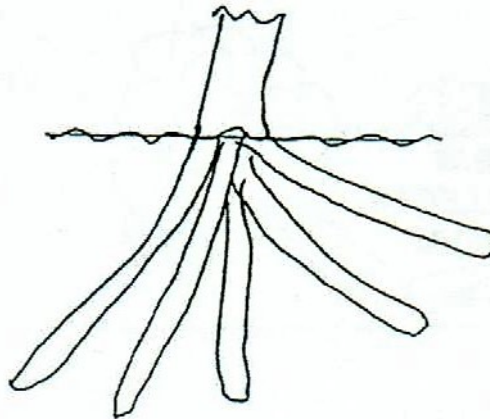
3. **Palm Trees** can survive **drought** and cannot easily be uprooted.



Shallow Roots

Tapering and branching

Easily pulled up



Deep Roots

Each root same size at stem as at base, thick and strong

Very difficult to pull up

*Isa.58:11 "And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in **drought**, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not".*

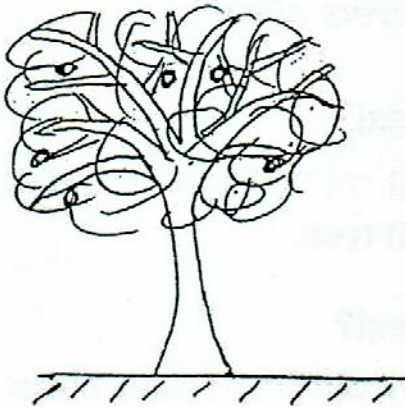
*Eph.3:17 "That **Christ** may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being **rooted** and grounded in love,...".*

*Isa.37:31 "And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take **root** downward, and bear fruit upward:...".*

*Pro.2:22 "But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be **rooted out** of it".*

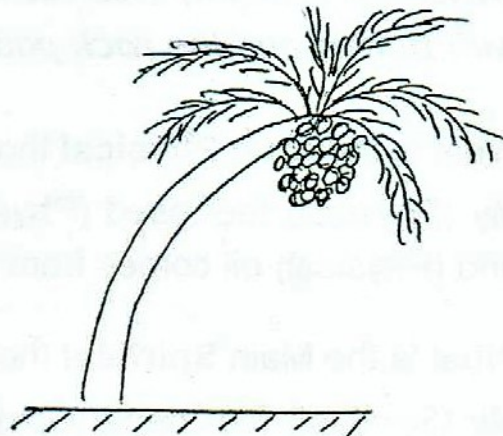
4. The **fruit** of a **palm tree** grows **sweeter** as the tree grows **older**.

ORDINARY TREE



Ordinary Fruit Tree
Fruit becomes smaller
and less sweet with age,
and will often not bear
fruit at all

PALM TREE



As Palm Trees grow older
the tree produces more
fruit and the fruit is sweeter
Palms live to be 200 years old

*John.15:5 "I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth **much fruit**: for without me ye can do nothing".*

Psa.92:13 "Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God".

*Psa.92:14 "They shall still bring forth **fruit** in **old age**; they shall be fat and flourishing;"*

*Luke 3:9 "And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which **bringeth not** forth **good fruit** is hewn down, and cast into the fire".*

Now we see why the Bible says that
Christians ("the righteous") are to be like
the Palm Tree.

Bible Text Discovery Sheet (401)

Bible Verse: *Job 29:5,6*

*"When the Almighty was yet with me; When I **washed** my **steps** with **butter** and the **rock** poured me out rivers of **oil**".*

What is the Main **Physical** thought of this text?

My (Physical) feet need (Physical) washing with (Physical) butter, and (Physical) oil comes from the (Physical) rock.

What is the Main **Spiritual** thought of this text?

My (Spiritual) feet need (Spiritual) washing with (Spiritual) butter, and (Spiritual) oil comes from the (Spiritual) rock.

2. Think about the Spiritual Identify the Real Objects in the verse	3. Discover the Spiritual Meaning (by using the Bible Word Pictures)
WASH	<i>Put away sin (cleanse)</i>
STEPS (FEET)	<i>The life, the actions</i>
BUTTER	<i>Truth revealed by comparing Scriptures</i>
ROCK	<i>Christ</i>
OIL	<i>Holy Spirit</i>

Substitute the Spiritual meaning for the **Real Objects**.

Paraphrase:

When the Almighty was yet with me; When I put away sin washed from my life steps by comparing the Scriptures butter and Christ rock gave me the Holy Spirit oil abundantly.

Key Word



WASH = ?



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WASH = cleanse from sin

Isa.1:16 "Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil."

Key Word



FEET = ?



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FEET = the actions

Ps.119:101

"I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word."

Key Word



BUTTER = ?



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BUTTER = The HIDDEN TREASURE in God's word

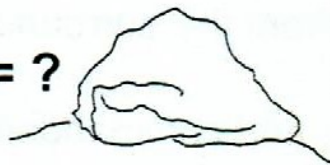
Pro.30:33 "The churning of milk bringeth forth butter... (to "churn milk" go back and forth in God's word).

Job 20:17 "He (the wicked) shall not see the rivers, the floods, the brooks of honey and butter ..."

Key Word



ROCK = ?



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ROCK = CHRIST

1Cor.10:4

"... They drank of that Spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ".

Key Word



OIL = ?
or
OINTMENT = ?



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OIL = HOLY SPIRIT

1Sam.16:13 "Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward..."

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6. Closing Prayer

Teaching in Parables

"Again, Christ had **truths** to present which the people were unprepared to accept or even to understand. For this reason also He taught them in **parables**. By connecting His teaching with the scenes of life, experience, or nature, He secured their attention and impressed their hearts. Afterward, as they looked upon the **objects** that illustrated His lessons, they recalled the words of the divine Teacher. To minds that were open to the Holy Spirit, the significance of the Savior's teaching unfolded more and more. Mysteries grew clear, and that which had been hard to grasp became evident.

Jesus sought an avenue to every heart. By using a variety of illustrations, He not only presented truth in its different phases, but appealed to the different hearers. Their interest was aroused by figures drawn from the surroundings of their daily life.

Parable teaching was popular, and commanded the respect and attention, not only of the Jews, but of the people of other nations. No more effective method of instruction could He have employed.

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"In the Saviour's **parable teaching**
is an indication of what constitutes
the **true "higher education"**.

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The Parable of **Treasure Hid in a Field**

*Matthew 13:44 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto **treasure hid in a field**; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field".*

COMMENT:

This parable describes someone who has found something of the **greatest value**! He is willing to give up everything in order to obtain it. Instead of being sorrowful because he has to give up everything, the man is filled with **joy** at the thought of what he will gain!

In order to discover the **Spiritual** meaning of this parable, we will first have to discover the **Spiritual Meaning** of the real objects used in the parable. The real objects are: **field**, **treasure**, and **man**.

Comparing Scripture: Prov.2:3-5 (**treasure**) "Yea if thou criest after knowledge and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for **hid treasures**; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

Hid Treasure = Knowledge of God

COMMENT:

The only place that we can search for the "hid treasure" of the knowledge of God is in **God's Word**. Thus, the "**field**" represents the Bible or **Word of God**.

Field = Word of God (Bible)

COMMENT:

The "**treasure**" was hidden in the field. It did not lie on the surface of the ground, but was buried beneath the surface. To obtain the "**treasure**" required the "work" of digging. Similarly, to obtain the **knowledge of God** and the understanding of the Gospel, requires the "work" of digging or **searching the Scriptures**.

*Matthew 6:19-21 "Lay not up for yourselves **treasures** upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves **treasures** in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your **treasure** is there will your **heart** be also".*

COMMENT:

To "**give up** your treasure" upon the earth and to "**lay up** your treasure" in heaven, means to "turn your **heart**" from the things of this world and to "give your **heart**" to Jesus and the things of heaven.

Spiritual Meaning:

Matthew 13:44 (paraphrase) Again, the kingdom of heaven is like the knowledge of God (**treasure**) that is hidden in the Word of God (**field**); which when a man discovers, with joy gives his **heart** completely to Jesus (**sells all**) so that he can obtain (**buy**) the knowledge of God (**treasure**) that is **hidden** in the Bible (**field**).

Doctrinal Truth

(Taught by **Jesus** in the Parable of **Treasure** hid in a field)

1. There is a **"treasure"** that is worth giving up everything to obtain.
2. For humans the **"treasure"** is a **knowledge of God** and Salvation and Eternal Life that comes with that knowledge.
3. In order for us to obtain our **"treasure"**, nothing must be withheld. The price of the **"treasure"** is so high (Jesus had to die) that it requires us to give our **hearts** completely to Jesus.
4. In order for us to obtain the **"treasure"**, **"digging"** will be required of us. Digging represents the **"work"** of searching or comparing the Scriptures to obtain a **knowledge of God** and Salvation.
5. When the **"treasure"** is obtained it will bring **joy** into our lives!

The Treasures of God's Word

"The kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field, the which when a man hath found, he hideth it, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field"

"The field containing the treasure represents the Word of God. As the treasure was found in this field, so by earnest searching, treasure is found in the Scriptures.

If men had closely, earnestly, continuously studied God's Word, making the Bible its own commentator, the key with which to unlock the Scriptures, they would have been as much astonished at the golden treasures revealed, as was the man who found the treasure in the field.

But men have departed from God's great lesson book, and their senses have become confused".

Bible Text Discovery Sheet (401)

Bible Verse: *Job 28:11*

"He **bindeth** the **floods** from **overflowing**;
and the thing that is **hid** bringeth he forth to **light**".

What is the Main **Physical** thought of this text?

He (Physically) binds the (Physical) floods from (Physically) overflowing; and the thing that is (Physically) hidden will be revealed by (Physical) light.

What is the Main **Spiritual** thought of this text?

He (Spiritually) binds the (Spiritual) floods from (Spiritually) overflowing; and the thing that is (Spiritually) hidden will be revealed by (Spiritual) light.

2. Think about the Spiritual Identify the Real Objects in the verse	3. Discover the Spiritual Meaning (by using the Bible Word Pictures)
BINDETH #2280	TO STOP
FLOODS	UNGODLY MEN
OVERFLOWING #1065	TO GO BEYOND BOUNDS (WEBSTERS DICT.)
HID #8587	SECRET
LIGHT	TRUTH

Substitute the Spiritual meaning for the Real Objects.

Paraphrase:

God _____ binds _____ floods from
_____ overflowing ;and their _____ thing hid
will be revealed as we see the _____ light).

Key Word



WATER = ?



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WATER = People

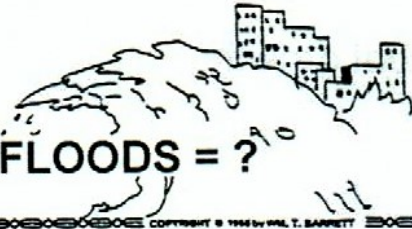
Rev.17:15

"...The **waters**, which thou sawest... are **peoples** ..."

Key Word



FLOODS = ?



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FLOODS = Ungodly men

Ps.18:4

"...The **floods** of **ungodly men** made me afraid".

Key Word



CANDLE = ?



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CANDLE = GOD'S WORD
(The Bible)

Ps.119:105 "Thy word is a
***candle** unto my feet, and a light
unto my path".

*candle = Hebrew word
lamp = English word

Key Word



LIGHT = ?



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LIGHT = TRUTH

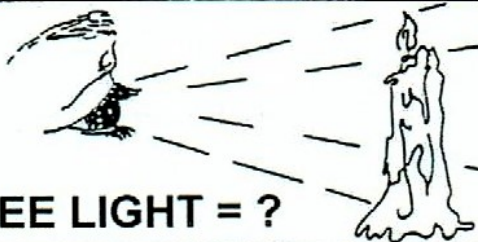
Ps.43:3 "O send out thy **light**
and thy **truth** ...".

John 3:21 "But he that doeth
truth cometh to the **light** ...".

Key Word



SEE LIGHT = ?



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SEE LIGHT = Understand Truth

PS.119:130 "... The entrance of
thy words giveth **light**; it giveth
understanding unto the simple".

Lesson 5

1. Opening Prayer
2. The Bible: A means of Spiritual growth.
3. Bible Text Discovery Sheet (401)
Job 29:2,3 His candle shined upon my head.
4. Important things to remember when studying the Bible.
5. The Bible: A means of Intellectual growth.
6. The Word to be our Study
7. Closing Prayer

The Bible: A Means of Spiritual Growth

“And even greater is the power of the Bible in the development of the **spiritual nature**. Man, created for fellowship with God, can only in such fellowship find his real life and development.

Created to find in God his highest joy, he can find in nothing else that which can quiet the cravings of the heart, or satisfy the hunger and thirst of the soul.

He who with sincere and teachable spirit studies God’s Word, seeking to comprehend its truths, will be brought into touch with its Author, and, except by his own choice, there is no limit to the possibilities of his development.

In childhood, youth, and manhood Jesus studied the Scriptures. As a little child, He was daily, at His mother’s knee, taught from the scrolls of the prophets. In His youth the early morning and evening twilight often found Him alone on the mountainside or among the trees of the forest, spending a quiet hour in prayer and in the study of God’s Word. During His ministry His intimate acquaintance with the Scriptures testified to His diligence in their study.

And since He gained knowledge as we may gain it, His wonderful power, both mental and spiritual, is a testimony to the value of the Bible as a means of education”.

Bible Text Discovery Sheet (401)

Bible Verse: *Job 29:2,3*

"Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days when God
 () ()
 preserved me; When his **candle shined** upon my
 () () ()
head, and when by His **light** I **walked**
 ()
 through **darkness**"

What is the Main **Physical** thought of this text?

His (Physical) candle (Physically) shined upon my (Physical) head
 by His (Physical) light I (Physically) walked through (Physical)
 darkness.

What is the Main **Spiritual** thought of this text?

His (Spiritual) candle (Spiritually) shined upon my (Spiritual) head
 by His (Spiritual) light I (Spiritually) walked through (Spiritual)
 darkness.

2. Think about the Spiritual
 Identify the **Real Objects**
 in the verse

3. Discover the **Spiritual Meaning**
 (by using the Bible Word Pictures)

CANDLE	GOD'S WORD THE BIBLE
SHINED	TAUGHT TRUTH
HEAD	THE MIND
LIGHT	TRUTH
WALKED	TO KEEP, OR TO DO
DARKNESS	EVIL, LACK OF UNDERSTANDING

Substitute the Spiritual meaning for the **Real Objects**.

Paraphrase:

His _____ **candle** _____ **shined**
 my _____ **head**; and by His _____ **light** I was able
 to _____ **walk** from _____ **darkness**.

Key Word



CANDLE = ?



CANDLE = GOD'S WORD
(The Bible)

Ps.119:105 "Thy word is a
*candle unto my feet, and a light
unto my path".

*candle = Hebrew word
lamp = English word

Key Word



SHINE = ?
(Reflect Light)



SHINE = TEACH TRUTH
(Reflect Light)

Ps.43:3 "O send out thy light
and thy truth..."

Phil.2:15 "...That ye may... shine
as lights in the world;"

Key Word



HEAD = ?



HEAD = the mind

Dan.2:28,29 "...Thy dream, and
the visions of thy head upon
thy bed, are these: as for thee,
O king, thy thoughts came into
thy mind upon thy bed, what
should come to pass hereafter..."

Key Word



LIGHT = ?



LIGHT = TRUTH

Ps.43:3 "O send out thy light
and thy truth..."

John 3:21 "But he that doeth
truth cometh to the light..."

Key Word



WALK = ?



WALK = Do (keep)

Ex.16:4 "... I may prove them,
whether they will walk in My law
or no".

Ex.18:20 "Show them the way
wherein they must walk and the
work that they must do".

Key Word



DARKNESS = ?
(Evening, night, black, MIDNIGHT)



DARKNESS =
LACK OF UNDERSTANDING (ERROR)

Ps.82:5 "They know not, neither
do they understand, they walk on
in darkness..."

MIDNIGHT (Greatest Physical Darkness)
(Greatest Spiritual Darkness) or **ERROR**

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

WHEN STUDYING THE BIBLE

1. Always use the **King James Bible**.
2. Use **Strongs Concordance** and learn how to “compare the Scriptures” and how to look up the meaning of any word in its Hebrew or Greek Dictionaries.
3. Always consider the relationship between the **Physical** and the **Spiritual** in any Bible text.
(Physical Bread / Spiritual Bread)
4. If the text you are studying has **Real Objects** in it, it will have a **deeper meaning** than what is on the surface.
5. Locate each **Real Object** and determine its **Spiritual Meaning** by using the **Bible Word Pictures** reference booklet. If the object is not in the Reference Booklet use the Concordance and compare the Scriptures until you find the Spiritual Meaning.
6. **Substitute** the **Spiritual Meaning** of each object back into the verse and **Paraphrase** the verse.
7. Do **not** speculate as to the meaning of any Bible Text. **Always** let the Bible explain itself.

A MEANS OF INTELLECTUAL GROWTH

"When thus searched out and brought together, they will be found to be perfectly fitted to one another. Each Gospel is a supplement to the others, every prophecy an explanation of another, every truth a development of some other truth.

The types of the Jewish economy are made plain by the Gospel. Every principle in the Word of God has its place, every fact its bearing. and the complete structure, in design and execution, bears testimony to its Author. Such a structure no mind but the Infinite could conceive or fashion.

Not alone in searching out truth and bringing it together does the mental value of Bible study consist.

It consists also in the effort required to grasp the themes presented. The mind occupied with common place matters only becomes dwarfed and enfeebled. If never taxed to comprehend grand and far reaching truths, it after a time loses the power of growth. As a safeguard against this degeneracy, and a stimulus to development, nothing can equal the study of God's Word. As a means for intellectual training, the Bible is more effective than any other book, or all other books combined.

The greatness of its themes, the dignified simplicity of its utterances, the beauty of its imagery, quicken and uplift the thoughts as nothing else can. No other study can impart such mental power as does the effort to grasp the stupendous truths of revelation. The mind thus brought in contact with the thoughts of the Infinite can not but expand and strengthen".

THE WORD TO BE OUR STUDY

"The Word is to be our study. Here is a mine of precious ore.


Much of it has been glimpsed at, but there is the digging to be done to secure much more precious treasures.

There have been many who have just rummaged over the surface in a most careless, slovenly manner, when others are searching more carefully and prayerfully and perseveringly, and hidden inestimable treasures are found".


That I may know Him pg 198

Lesson 6

1. Opening Prayer
2. Bible Text Discovery
Rev. 12: 17 Dragon wroth with the woman.
3. How to use a Concordance
4. How to discover the Spiritual meaning of a word.
5. Closing Prayer

Key Word 


DRAGON = ?




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DRAGON = Satan
(the devil)

Rev.12:9
"And the Great Dragon was cast out... called the Devil and Satan..."

Key Word 

WOMAN = ?
(Pure, dressed in white)




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WOMAN = God's Church
(Pure) (True Church)

Isa.54:5,6 "Thy Maker is thy husband, the Lord of Hosts is His name... the Lord hath called thee, as a woman... and a wife..."

Rev.19:7,8 "...the marriage of the Lamb is come and His wife... arrayed in fine linen, clean and white..."

Key Word 


SEED = ?
(Good)



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SEED = God's people
(Good)

Matt.13:38 "The field is the world: the good seed are the children of the kingdom but the tares are the children of the wicked one".

Key Word 

The Testimony of Jesus = ?

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The Testimony = The Spirit of Jesus of Prophecy

Rev19:10 "...I am of thy brethen that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God for the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy".

Bible Text **Discovery Sheet** (401)

Bible Verse: *Revelation 12:17*

(SATAN)

(GOD'S CHURCH))

*"And the **dragon** was wroth with the **woman**, and went*

(GOD'S PEOPLE)

*to make war with the remnant of her **seed**, which keep the*

(SPIRIT OF PROPHECY)

*commandments of God, and have the **testimony of Jesus Christ**".*

What is the Main **Physical** thought of this text?

A “real” dragon is angry with a real woman and goes to war against her children.

Since real dragons do not exist, this text must be talking about a Spiritual Dragon who is angry with a Spiritual Woman and her Spiritual Children.

2. Think about the Spiritual Identify the Real Objects in the verse	3. Discover the Spiritual Meaning (by using the Bible Word Pictures)
DRAGON	SATAN <i>Rev.12:7-9</i>
WOMAN	GOD'S CHURCH <i>Isa.54:5,6</i> <i>2 Cor.11:2</i>
SEED (her)	GOD'S PEOPLE <i>Matt.13:38</i>
THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS	<i>The Spirit of Prophecy</i> <i>Rev.19:10</i>

Substitute the Spiritual meaning for the Real Objects.

Paraphrase:

And () **dragon** was wroth with () **woman**,
and went to make war with the remnant of () her **seed**,
which keep the commandments of God,
and have the () **testimony of Jesus Christ**".

It is of great value to be able to use a Concordance to help you study, so a brief description of "How to use a Concordance" will now be given.

You use a concordance much like a dictionary. The words in a concordance are placed in alphabetical order and the concordance contains every word in the Bible and gives the location or Bible text where each word is found. When you want to explore a topic or subject you simply look up the word that describes your subject, such as "Angels" in your concordance and then proceed to read the Bible texts the concordance has listed for you.

Location of Bible texts using the "word"

Your Subject or "word"

ANGELS

Angels belong to God

God has thousands of angels

There are also evil angels

Something is prepared for the devil and his angels

God has given His angels to have charge over us

there came two a to Sodom at even	Gen 19:1	4397
then the a hastened Lot, saying	Gen 19:15	4397
behold the a of God ascending and	Gen 28:18	4397
his way, and the a of God met him	Gen 32:1	4397
his a he charged with folly	Job 4:18	4397
him a little lower than the a	Ps 8:5	430
thousand, even thousands of a	Ps 68:17	8136
by sending evil a among them	Ps 78:49	4397
shall give his a charge over thee	Ps 91:11	4397
Bless the LORD, ye his a, that	Ps 103:20	4397
Who maketh his a spirits	Ps 104:4	4397
Praise ye him, all his a	Ps 148:2	4397
He shall give his a charge	Mt 4:6	32
a came and ministered unto him	Mt 4:11	32
and the reapers are the a	Mt 13:39	32
Son of man shall send forth his a	Mt 13:41	32
the a shall come forth, and sever	Mt 13:49	32
glory of his Father with his a	Mt 16:27	32
That in heaven their a do always	Mt 18:10	32
but are as the a of God in heaven	Mt 22:30	32
he shall send his a with a great	Mt 24:31	32
not the a of heaven, but my	Mt 24:36	32
glory, and all the holy a with him	Mt 25:31	32
prepared for the devil and his a	Mt 25:41	32
me more than twelve legions of a	Mt 26:53	32
the a ministered unto him	Mk 1:13	32
of his Father with the holy a	Mk 8:38	32
but are as the a which are in	Mk 12:25	32
And then shall he send his a	Mk 13:27	32
not the a which are in heaven	Mk 13:32	32
as the a were gone away from them	Lk 2:15	32
shall give his a charge over thee	Lk 4:10	32
in his Father's, and of the holy a	Lk 9:26	32

Notice how much you can learn by reading the texts.

BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLES

A concordance such as "Strong's" contains a complete Hebrew and Greek dictionary that will be a great help to you in trying to learn the meaning of words used in the Bible that are not used today or are hard to understand.

Note: Always use the King James Bible to study from.

BIBLE TEXT *Ephesians 2:8*

1. Grace (hard to understand word) →
 2. Bible text is *Ephesians 2:8* (where hard word is located) →
- ⑧ "For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God"

MAIN CONCORDANCE

3. Look up hard word "grace" in Concordance →

grace

4. Find the exact text in the Bible where hard word is used →

G be to you and peace from God the.....	Gal 1:3	5485
him that called you into the <i>g</i> of	Gal 1:6	5485
womb, and called me by hi <i>g</i>	Gal 1:15	5485
perceived the <i>g</i> that was given	Gal 2:9	5485
I do not frustrate the <i>g</i> of God	Gal 2:21	5485
ye are fallen from <i>g</i>	Gal 5:4	5485
the <i>g</i> of our Lord Jesus Christ be.....	Gal 6:18	5485
G be to you, and peace, from God.....	Eph 1:2	5485
the praise of the glory of his <i>g</i>	Eph 1:6	5485
according to the riches of his <i>g</i>	Eph 1:7	5485
with Christ, by <i>g</i> ye are saved.....	Eph 2:7	5485
his <i>g</i> in his kindness toward us	Eph 2:7	5485
For by <i>g</i> are ye saved through	Eph 2:8	5485
of the dispensation of the <i>g</i> of.....	Eph 3:2	5485
the <i>g</i> of God given unto me by the.....	Eph 3:7	5485
of all saints, is this <i>g</i> given	Eph 3:8	5485
unto every one of us is given <i>g</i>	Eph 4:7	5485
may minister <i>g</i> unto the hearers	Eph 4:28	5485
G be with all them that love our.....	Eph 6:24	5485
G be unto you, and peace, from God.....	Phil 1:2	5485
ye all are partakers of my <i>g</i>	Phil 1:7	5485
The <i>g</i> of our Lord Jesus Christ be	Phil 4:23	5485

5. Find the "number" of the hard word in the Greek dictionary since the word is used in the New Testament. If word is in the Old Testament, then you use Hebrew Dictionary to look up number.

GREEK DICTIONARY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

5485 *Xápis charis khar'-ece:*

6. The meaning of the hard word "grace" →

from 54963: graciousness (as gratifying) of manner or act (abstr. or concr.; lit, fig. or spiritual; espec. the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; incl. gratitude: acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, grace(-ious), joy, liberality, pleasure, thank (-s, worthy)

KEY WORDS

- Example "Parallelism" of a Bible verse:

- 40 -

4. Use a Concordance, such as "Strong's" to locate a Key Word and then search the Bible texts for: the text or texts that reveal the "Spiritual Meaning" of the Key Word.

Example: Key Word = hammer

What is the "Spiritual Meaning of hammer?"

1. Look up the Key Word "hammer" in the Concordance

Main Concordance page 433

<i>J'g 4:21</i>	took an h in her hand and went	4718
<i>5:26</i>	right hand to the workmen's h	1989
<i>5:26</i>	and with the h she smote	
<i>1Ki.6:7</i>	neither h nor axe nor any tool of	4717
<i>Isa 41:7</i>	he that smootheth with the h	6360
<i>Jer 23:29</i>	and like a h that breaketh	6360
<i>Jer 50:23</i>	and the h of the whole earth	6360

2. Quickly read the "partial sentences" using the Key Word in the Concordance to see if you can locate the Bible texts that are obviously using the Key Word in a "Spiritual Sense".

Example: *Jer.50:23* "...the hammer of the whole earth". (No real hammer is of the whole earth and therefore this must be a "Spiritual Hammer").

3. After locating, what appears to be a text using the Key Word in a Spiritual Sense, then look up that text in the Bible and read the complete text.

Example: *Jer.50:23*

How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken!
How is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!

4. Using "parallelism" discover the Spiritual Meaning of the Key Word:

COMPARING:	hammer	of whole earth... broken
	Babylon	among nations... desolation

CONCLUSION: Key Word "hammer" represents Babylon

5. Add new Key Word to Bible Vocabulary list:

Key Word	Spiritual Meaning	Bible Ref.
hammer	Babylon	<i>Jer.50:23</i>

Sometimes there will be more than one Spiritual Meaning for a Key Word. This will be illustrated on the next page.

Sometimes there will be more than one Spiritual Meaning for a Key Word. Also, sometimes you have to read each text when the "partial sentences" in the Concordance do not reveal any obviously Spiritual Meaning of the Key Word.

Example: *Jer.23:29 "...And like a hammer that breaketh..."*.

Not obviously Spiritual since a real hammer can break something.

1. Reading the complete text:

Jer.23:29 "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord: and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?".

2. Using "parallelism" to discover the Spiritual Meaning of the Key Word:

COMPARING:	my word	like a fire
	my word	like a hammer

CONCLUSION: 1. Key Word **hammer** represents God's Word (the Bible)
2. Key Word **fire** represents God's Word (the Bible)

When trying to understand the Spiritual Meaning of a Bible text by substituting the Spiritual Meaning of a Key Word in place of its literal one, it is important to use the "right" Spiritual Meaning when there is more than one meaning.

Example: *Mat.13:33 "...Another parable spake he unto them: the kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven..."*.

Assuming "leaven" as the Key Word and checking our Bible Vocabulary List we find that there are two Spiritual Meanings for the Key Word "leaven":

Key Word	Spiritual Meaning	Bible Ref.
leaven	sin (malice and wickedness)	<i>1Cor.5:8</i>
leaven	doctrine	<i>Mat.16:6,12</i>

Which Spiritual Meaning should be used? The context of the text being examined will tell you!

Substitute the Spiritual Meaning of Key Word into the text:

Mat.13:33 "...the kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven...".
the kingdom of heaven is like unto "sin"

NO! Heaven is not like sin so this cannot be the "right" Spiritual Meaning.

Substitute the 2nd Spiritual Meaning of Key Word into the text:

Mat.13:33 "...the kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven...".
the kingdom of heaven is like unto "doctrine"

YES! Heaven could be like doctrine so this is the "right" Spiritual Meaning.

When you discover a "Basic" Key Word a synonym will usually reveal the same meaning.

Example: Basic Key Word = garment

Synonyms: clothes, raiment, linen, apparel, robe
(They are all things to wear or to cover us)

For each Basic Key Word there are "shades of meaning" that are revealed by the adjectives describing the Basic Key Word.

Example: Basic Key Word = garment

"clean" garment (adjective: clean)

"filthy" garment (adjective: filthy)

Add new Key Word to Bible Vocabulary List:

Key Word	Spiritual Meaning	Bible Ref.
garment	character	
clean garment	righteous character	<i>Rev.17:7,9</i>
filthy garment	sinful character	<i>Zech.3:3,4</i>

Example: Basic Key Word = light

daybreak – light just beginning to overcome darkness

noonday – completely light, no darkness

Add new Key Word to Bible Vocabulary List:

Key Word	Spiritual Meaning	Bible Ref.
light	understanding	<i>Psm.119:130</i>
daybreak	just beginning to understand	
noonday	complete understanding	

Example: Basic Key Word = darkness

dusk – darkness overcoming light

midnight – complete darkness, no light

Add new Key Word to Bible Vocabulary List:

Key Word	Spiritual Meaning	Bible Ref.
darkness	lack of understanding, error	<i>Psm 82:5</i>
dusk	almost complete lack of understanding	
midnight	complete lack of understanding, total error	

Lesson 7

1. Opening Prayer
2. The Acted Parable of *1 Samuel 14:4,5*
Jonathan and the two rocks
3. How to study the Bible to receive the greatest benefit.
4. Closing Prayer

THE ACTED PARABLE OF :
JONATHAN AND THE TWO ROCKS

1 Samuel 14

4 "And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines' garrison, there was a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side : and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

5 The forefront of the one was situate northward over against Michmash, and the other southward over against Gibeah".

Questions

1. What do the names of the two rocks mean ?
2. What do the names of the two cities mean ?
3. Who does Jonathan represent ?
4. Where is Jonathan ?
5. What is the spiritual meaning of this Acted Parable ?

In order to determine the Spiritual meaning of this Acted Parable, we will :

1. Locate the Real Objects and Key words,
2. Determine their Spiritual and Literal meanings,
3. Substitute those meanings back into the Acted Parable and Paraphrase it.

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Using the Strongs
Concordance and its
Hebrew Dictionary :

Sharp # 8127 cliff

Name # 8034 character

Bozez

949 shining

948 to bleach, to be white,
fine linen

Seneh

5573 thorn

5572 to prick, a bramble

Michmash # 4363 Hidden
(NORTH) (under a bushel)
Matt 5:15

Gibeah # 1390 Little Hill
(SOUTH) (city set on a hill)
Matt 5:14

- ① The *names of the two rocks :
*names # 8034 – CHARACTER

Rock

(# 949) BOZEZ – SHINING, WHITE, FINE LINEN

rock

(# 5573) SENEH – TO PRICK, A BRAMBLE, THORN

The **Bible** mentions **two rocks** :

Deuteronomy 32:

*31 "For their **rock** is not as our **Rock**, even our enemies themselves being judges".*

*37 "And he shall say, where are their **gods**, their **rock** in whom they trusted".*

1 Corinthians 10:

*4 "And did all drink the same spiritual drink ; for they drank of that spiritual **Rock** that followed them ; and that **Rock** was **Christ**".*

Thus, the two rocks represent "two gods".

One **Rock** represents the **LORD** (CHRIST).

One **rock** represents **SATAN**.

Therefore :

The "**Rock**" **BOZEZ** represents the True God (CHRIST)
(shining, white, fine linen)

The "**rock**" **SENEH** represents the False God (SATAN)
(thorn, to prick, bramble)

- ② The two cities, as **far apart** as the compass directions of **North** and **South**, represent the "actions" of the two persons,

[NORTH] **MICHMASH** # 4363 HIDDEN
(hidden under a bushel)

[SOUTH] **GIBEAH** # 1390 LITTLE HILL
(city set on a hill)

GODS "ACTIONS" are always in plain view while
Satans "actions" are secretive.

- ③ The two directions, **NORTH** and **SOUTH** represent the "positions" of the two persons.

NORTH – The "rightful" position of God as our ruler, which has been usurped by **Satan** (*Isaiah 14 : 13*).

The enemies of Gods people always came from the **North**. (*Jeremiah 1 : 14, Jeremiah 4 : 6, Jeremiah 6 : 1*)

North

mount Zion, on the sides of the n	<i>Ps</i>	48 :	2
in the sides of the n	<i>Is</i>	14 :	13
shall come from the n	<i>Is</i>	14 :	31
I have raised up one from the n	<i>Is</i>	41 :	25
I will say to the n , Give up	<i>Is</i>	43 :	6
and, lo, these from the n , and from	<i>Is</i>	49 :	12
the face thereof is toward the n	<i>Jer</i>	1 :	13
Out of the n an evil shall break	<i>Jer</i>	1 :	14
families of the kingdoms of the n	<i>Jer</i>	1 :	15
proclaim these words toward the n	<i>Jer</i>	3 :	12
n to the land that I have given	<i>Jer</i>	3 :	18
for I will bring evil from the n	<i>Jer</i>	4 :	6
for evil appeareth out of the n	<i>Jer</i>	6 :	1
people cometh from the n	<i>Jer</i>	6 :	22
commotion out of the n country	<i>Jer</i>	10 :	22
behold them that come from the n	<i>Jer</i>	13 :	20

- ④ The "**Valley**" (passage between two cliffs) represents a **decision**.

Joel 3 : 14 "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision : for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision".

SUMMARY

(SPIRITUAL MEANING of the "ACTED PARABLE")

In the story or "acted parable", Jonathan is on a **journey** to **fight** with his enemy.

As he travels, he must pass through a **valley** where the two rocks are.

Jonathan represents a **person** on the "journey of life".

Each person must enter the "valley of decision" and they must **choose** between the "two rocks".

They will either choose : the "rock BOZEZ" which represents the **pure life** (shining, white, fine linen) of **CHRIST**, the true Rock, or they will choose the "rock SENEH" which represents the **wicked life** (prick, thorn, bramble) of **SATAN**.

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

"When a real love for the Bible is awakened, and the student begins to realize how vast is the field and how precious the treasure, he will seize upon every opportunity for acquainting himself with God's Word.

We should not take the testimony of any man as to what the Scriptures teach, but should study the Word of God for ourselves. If we allow others to do our thinking for us, we shall have crippled energies and contracted abilities. The noble powers of the mind may be so dwarfed by lack of exercise in themes worthy of their concentration as to lose their ability to grasp the deep meaning of the Word of God. The mind will enlarge if it is employed in tracing out the relation of the subjects of the Bible, comparing Scripture with Scripture, and Spiritual things with Spiritual.

There is but little benefit derived from a hasty reading of the Scriptures. One may read the whole Bible through, and yet fail to see its beauty or comprehend its deep and hidden meaning. One passage studied until its significance is clear to the mind, and its relation to the plan of salvation is evident, is of more value than the perusal of many chapters with no definite purpose in view, and no positive instruction gained".

Lesson 8

1. Opening Prayer
2. Jesus teaches us through Nature
Object of Nature: Cedar Tree
3. Bible Text Discovery *Job 24:13*
Those that rebel against the Light
4. The Acted Parable of *1 Samuel 18:1-4*
5. The Bible designed for the common people.
6. Closing Prayer

Jesus teaches truth through **Nature**:

The Cedar Tree

"Teachers should **copy** the example of the **Great Teacher**, who from the familiar scenes of nature drew illustrations that simplified His teaching and impressed them more deeply upon the minds of His hearers. He connected the **visible works** of the Creator, with the **Words of life** which He spoke that whenever these **objects** should be presented to the eyes of the hearer, their thoughts might revert to the lessons of truth He had linked with them". 9

The Cedar Tree and Jesus

*Psa.92:12 "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall **grow like a cedar** in Lebanon".*

Question: Why should Christians (the righteous) grow to be like the **Cedar Tree** ?

The **Cedar Tree** is not beautiful on the outside: its shaggy, paper like bark, hanging in peeled off strips on the outside of its trunk is not attractive.

Similarly, **Jesus** was not beautiful on the outside: *"For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him". Isa.53:2*

But, the **Cedar Tree** is beautiful on the inside!!! It has a **beautiful smell** and a beautiful **blood red color** inside.


Similarly, **Jesus** is beautiful on the inside!!! His **righteousness**, represented by the **beautiful smell**, and His **Blood** shed for us, represented by the **blood red color**. *"And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour". Eph.5:2*

The **Cedar Tree** is not like other trees whose leaves die each year. It remains always **Green**.


Similarly, **Jesus** is not like other men who must die without hope. He has **conquered death** and **lives forever** to give us Hope.

As the **smell** of a **Cedar Tree** protects our **clothing** from being eaten by moths, so the **Righteousness** of **Jesus** protects our spiritual garment, **our character**, from Satan's attacks.

Now we know why Christians are to grow to be like the Cedar Tree. By growing to be like the Cedar Tree we are growing to be like **Jesus**.

Key Word 

LIGHT = ?





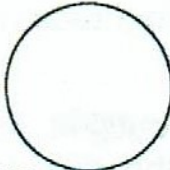
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LIGHT = TRUTH

Ps.43:3 "O send out thy light and thy truth ...".

John 3:21 "But he that doeth truth cometh to the light ...".

Key Word 

LIGHT (OF THE WORLD)


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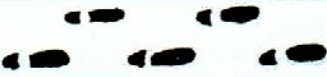
LIGHT = JESUS
(of the world) **AND CHRISTIANS**

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world:"

John 9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

Matt.5:14 Ye are the light of the world.

Key Word 




THE WAY = ?
(The Path - The Truth)

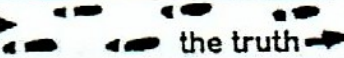
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THE WAY = JESUS


John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way ...".

Ps 25 :4-5 "Shew me thy way
O Lord teach me thy paths
Lead me in thy truth

Key Word 

THE WAY →  the truth →

ASTRAY = ?



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go ASTRAY =
leave the true "way" or truth

Isa.53:6 "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way".

2 Peter 2:15 "Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray".

Bible Text Discovery Sheet (401)

Bible Verse *Job 24:13*

(RESIST)

(TRUTH)

"They are of those that **rebel** against the **light**

(JESUS)

(DOING RIGHT)

they know not the **ways** thereof, nor abide in the **paths** thereof".

What is the Main **Physical** thought of this text?

There are those that refuse (Physical) light and as a result, they cannot see the (Physical) way nor stay in the right (Physical) way.

What will be the Main **Spiritual** thought of this text?

There are those that refuse (Spiritual) light and as a result, they cannot see the (Spiritual) way nor stay in the right (Spiritual) way.

2. Think about the Spiritual:
Identify the **Real Objects**
in the verse

3. Discover the **Spiritual Meaning**
(by using the Bible Word Pictures)

REBEL # 4775	TO REBEL WEBSTER - RESIST AUTHORITY
LIGHT	SPIRITUAL TRUTH
THE WAY	JESUS
PATH	WHAT GOD SAYS TO DO (DO RIGHT)

Substitute the Spiritual meaning for the **Real Objects**.

Paraphrase:

There are those that ^(rebel) RESIST against the ^(light) TRUTH
(The Way)

As a result they do not know JESUS nor do
(paths)

WHAT HE SAYS TO DO .

HOW TO DISCOVER THE SPIRITUAL MEANING OF:

An "**Acted Parable**" or Bible Story"

The Apostle Paul tells us the reason :

1 Cor 10 : 1, 5, 11 *"Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea ;... But with many of them God was not well pleased : for they were overthrown in the wilderness.... Now **all these things** happened unto them for **ensamples**: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come".*

Thus, the "stories" of things that happened long ago to the people of God are models or ensamples or **Acted Parables** of things to be repeated again during the last days of earths history !

Strong's Concordance gives the meaning for **ensample** from the Greek as :

5179 tupos (from # 5180 tupto) a model for warning, a type, a figure # 5180 tupto repeated blows.

The Spirit of Prophecy has this to say :

"In the days of Jeremiah, the Lord taught the people by means of a series of **Acted Parables**". Prophets and Kings (page 423).

"He taught spiritual lessons in every miracle performed... the cursing of the fig tree was an **Acted Parable**".

Desire of Ages pages 266, 267, 336, 341, 582.

Thus in both Old and New Testaments there are "**Acted Parables**" for us to learn from.

"I have been shown that in both the Old and New Testaments are **mines of truth that have scarcely been touched**. The truths revealed in the Old Testament are the truths of the Gospel of Christ. Heavenly veins of truth are **lying beneath the surface of Old Testament history**. Precious pearls of truth are to be gathered up, which will require not only laborious effort, but spiritual enlightenment". Review & Herald Feb.4,1890.

UNDERSTANDING AN ACTED PARABLE

1. Read the Bible story to get an overview of what is happening.
2. Go through the "story" verse by verse and in your own words first write down what happened Physically or Literally. Write the word "Physical" before each Real Object. Read what you have just written but substitute the word "Spiritual" every place you wrote the word "Physical". If you had written "Physical sword", you would now think "Spiritual sword" or the Bible etc..
3. Locate the Key Words in the story and substitute their Spiritual Meaning into the story and re-read the story in that manner in order to see the deeper meaning of the story that is not on the surface.
4. Notice any "familiar phrases" that you recall from the New Testament, because this will positively identify the Main Theme of the Acted Parable and lead you to the Spiritual Meaning.
5. Notice any "names" of people, cities, or objects and look up those names in a Concordance such as Strongs to see the meaning of the name in the Hebrew or Greek Dictionary as the meaning will lead you to the main thought.
6. Identify who the "actors" in the story are and "who they represent", and whether they are on the side of "good" or "evil". Let the context of the story tell you whether you have chosen correctly. All of the "pieces" must fit together and harmonize completely with the rest of the Bible.
7. Then, using the knowledge you have gained from studying the Spiritual Meaning of Key Words, names, actors you have identified, and phrases, re-write the "Acted Parable" in your own words with the Spiritual Meaning!

**Old Testament "Acted Parable" of:
Jonathan and David (1Sam.18:1-4)**

1Sam.18:1 "And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house. 3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle".

1. Read the story and think about the Physical:

Jonathan, the son of Saul the King, loved David as his own soul. Jonathan loved David so much that he made a covenant with him and gave him his Physical robe. Jonathan also gave David his Physical garment, his Physical sword, his Physical bow, and his Physical girdle!

2. Identify the "Actors" and who they represent, and if they are on the side of good or evil.

Actor	Represents	Good or Evil
Jonathan	Jesus	Good
David	Us	Evil

Reasoning from context and Bible

Jonathan was a King's son	(1Sam.17:55, 19:1)
Jesus was a King's Son	(Heb1:1-8)
Jonathan means "God given"	#3083 Concordance.
Jesus was given to us by God	(John 3:16)
Jonathan loved David as himself	(1Sam.18:1)
Jesus loved us as Himself	(John 15:13)
Jonathan made a covenant with David	(1Sam 18:3)
Jesus made a Covenant with us	(Heb.8:8-13)
(His 10 Commandment Covenant)	(Ex.34:28)
Jonathan gave David his Phys. robe	(1Sam 18:4)
Jesus gave us His "Spiritual Robe"	
(His Robe of righteousness)	(Isa.61:10)
Jonathan gave David his Phys. garment	(1Sam 18:4)
Jesus gives us His "Spiritual garment"	
(His Righteous Character)	(Zech.3:3,4)
Jonathan gave David his Phys. sword	(1Sam 18:4)
Jesus gave us His "Spiritual Sword"	
(The Holy Spirit)	(Eph.6:17)
Jonathan gave David his Phys. bow	(1Sam 18:4)
Jesus gave us His "Spiritual Bow"	
(The Bible)	(Hab.3:9)
Jonathan gave David his Phys. girdle	(1Sam 18:4)
Jesus gave us His "Spiritual Girdle"	(Eph.6:14, Isa.11:5, Rev.1:13)
The Girdle of Truth and Righteousness and Faith and Love.	

3. Re-write the "Acted Parable" and think about the Spiritual:

Jesus, the Son of God the King loved Us as His own soul. Jesus loved Us so much that he made a Covenant with Us and gave Us His Robe of righteousness. Jesus also gave Us, His Character, His Spirit, His Word, and His Faith and Love and Truth!

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

The Mind Which Obtains Knowledge

"A knowledge of the Word of God depends not so much upon strength of intellect as upon pureness of purpose, the simplicity of an earnest, dependent faith.

To those who in humility of heart seek for divine guidance, angels of God draw near.

The Holy Spirit is given to open to them the rich treasures of truth.

But the most valuable teaching of the Bible is not gained by occasional or disconnected study. Its great system of truth is not so presented as to be discerned by the careless or hasty reader.

Many of its treasures lie far beneath the surface, and can only be obtained by diligent research and continuous effort.

The truths that go to make up the great whole must be searched out and gathered up "here a little and there a little".

Lesson 9

1. Opening Prayer
2. Consider the Context to determine the subject.

Matt.6:28-33 The Lily

1Cor.2:7-13 Eye hath not seen

3. The Acted Parable of 1 Samuel 17:1-51
David and Goliath

4. Treasures of God's Word

5. Closing Prayer

"The Bible with its precious gems of truth was not written for the scholar alone. On the contrary, it was designed for the common people; and the interpretation given by the common people, when aided by the Holy Spirit, accords best with the truth as it is in Jesus. The great truths necessary for salvation are made clear as the noonday, and none will mistake and lose their way except those who follow their own judgment instead of the plainly revealed will of God". 15

"They had the word of God in their hands: but the traditions which had been handed down from generation to generation, and the human interpretation of the Scriptures, hid from them the truth as it is in Jesus. The spiritual import of the sacred writings was lost. The treasure house of all knowledge was open to them, but they knew it not. God does not conceal His truth from men. By their own course of action they make it obscure to themselves". 16

Consider the context to determine the subject

Matthew 6

28 "And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Where withal shall we be clothed?

32 For after all these things do the Gentiles seek: for your heavenly Father knoweth, that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you".

What is the **Main Subject**?

The main subject is **clothing** that God wants to give us! We can't work for it. It is a gift from God. The Spiritual Clothing that He wants to give us is His **Robe Of righteousness**!

*Isaiah 61:10 "...My soul shall be joyful in my God for He hath **clothed** me with the garment of salvation, He hath covered me with the **robe of righteousness**..."*

1 Corinthians 2

7 "But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11 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.

12 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.

13 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".

The Main Subject is :

The **hidden wisdom** of God or the **deep things** of God which are in the Bible, but can only be understood as the Holy Spirit teaches us as we compare Scripture with Scripture or "spiritual **things** with spiritual".

DAVID and GOLIATH

An “Acted Parable”

“Acted Parable” of DAVID and GOLIATH

(1 Samuel 17:1-51)

4 *"And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span:*

8 *And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, why are ye come out to set your battle in array? Am I not a Philistine, an ye servants of Saul? Choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me:*

9 *If he be able to fight with me, and kill me, then we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us:*

16 *And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.*

15 *But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem:*

20 *And David rose early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to fight, and shouted for the battle.*

26 *And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?*

32 *And David said to Saul, let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine:*

33 *And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth:*

37 *David said moreover, the LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine...*

48 *And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came, and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.*

49 *And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sank into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth".*

1. Read the story and Think about the **Physical**

There was a man named Goliath from Gath, who was much stronger Physically than any of God's people. He challenged them to send one man to Physically fight with him. All the people were to be the servants of the one who won the _____ contest. For forty days Goliath tempted and taunted and challenged. A young man named David, from Bethlehem, a shepherd, accepted his challenge. With the help of God, David used _____ stones to _____ strike the forehead of Goliath and _____ defeat him.

2. Read the story and think about the **Spiritual**

There was a man named _____ from _____, who was much stronger Spiritually than any of God's people. He challenged them to send one man to Spiritually fight with him. All the people were to be the servants of the one who won the _____ contest. For forty days _____ tempted and taunted and challenged. A young man named _____ from Bethlehem, a shepherd, accepted his challenge. With the help of God, _____ used _____ stones to _____ strike the forehead of _____ and _____ defeat him

3. Identify the "Actors"

- Who they are
- Who they represent
- On the side of good or evil

Actors	Represents	Good / Evil
Goliath	Satan	Evil
David	Jesus	Good

Goliath

Reasoning from context and Bible

Goliath means "Exile" #1555 Concordance

Satan was "exiled" from heaven *Rev.12:7-12*

Goliath was from Gath which means "winepress"

Spiritually "winepress" means Justice and Judgment

Rev.14:19,29 – Isa.63:3,4

Satan was from Heaven – Land of Justice and Judgment

Goliath tempted for 40 days (*1 Sam.17:16*)

Satan tempted Jesus for 40 days (*Mat.4:1,2*)

Goliath wanted to fight "one man" to enslave all.

Satan wanted to fight Jesus to enslave all men.

David

David means "Loving Friend" #1730-32 Concordance.

Jesus is our most Loving Friend (He died for us!)

David was a Shepherd (*1Sam.17:15*)

Jesus is called "The Shepherd of Israel" (*Gen.49:24*)

David was born in Bethlehem (*1Sam 17:12*)

Jesus was born in Bethlehem (*Mat.2:1*)

David defeated Goliath with a Physical stone as is struck him in the forehead. (*1Sam 17:49*).

Jesus defeated Satan with Spiritual Stones (10 Commandments) as He overcame Satan's mind with Scripture (*Mat.4:3,4*).

4. Paraphrase the "Acted Parable" and Think about the Spiritual

There was a "man" named **Satan** from the land of Justice and Judgment, who was much stronger Spiritually than any of God's people. He challenged one man named **Jesus** to fight with him Spiritually. All the human race were to be his servants if he won the Spiritual contest. For forty days **Satan** tempted and taunted and challenged **Jesus**. But **Jesus** from Bethlehem, "The Shepherd of Israel", met his challenge! With the help of God, His Father, Jesus used the **Ten Commandments** written on tables of stone, to Spiritually defeat the mind of Satan!

Thus, the "**Great controversy**" between Christ and Satan as an "Acted Parable".

THE TREASURES OF GOD'S WORD

"In his lessons Christ sought to reach the understanding through the actual occurrences and events that take place in this world. Instruction of the **highest value** is given in the **parables** by which Christ illustrated the spiritual character of his kingdom. The Great Teacher used the things of nature, to reflect the wisdom of the Creator. Human life in all its bearings is similar to nature.

Nature and human life obey the commands of God. They answer to his majestic, wonder-working power.

And he who created the world and made the lofty mountains, who opened the fountains of the great deep, who formed the mighty rocks and the lofty trees, has given man power to appreciate these wonders of earth and heaven, power to understand the lessons, drawn from them by Christ. But human intelligence could never have originated these lessons, and neither can man understand them only as God by his Holy Spirit sanctifies the observation.

When the mind is freed from perverting influences, it can receive and understand these lessons.

The field containing the treasure represents the word of God. As the treasure was found in this field, so by earnest searching, treasure is found in the Scriptures.

If men had closely, earnestly, continuously studied God's word, making the Bible its own commentator, the **key** with which to unlock Scripture, they would have been as much astonished at the golden treasures revealed as was the man who found the treasure in the field. But men have departed from God's great lesson book, and their senses have become confused."

Lesson 10

1. Opening Prayer
2. The Parable of *Matt.7:24-27*
The Two Men that built Houses.
3. All the sayings of Christ have a deeper significance than appears on the surface.
4. Closing Prayer

The Parable of : **The Two Men that built Houses**

Matthew 7:24-27

24 "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

245 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it".

Paraphrase

The one who hears what Jesus says and does it, is a wise man! He is like a man that built his house upon a rock.

The one who hears what Jesus says and does not do it, is a foolish man!

He is like a man that built his house on sand. When the rain, wind, and floods beat upon the two houses, only the one built upon the rock remained.

The house built upon sand was destroyed.

Comments:

Nothing is said in the parable about the type of house being built. One house could have been a mansion on the sand by the seashore and the other house a log cabin on a rock in the mountains. Nothing is said about the materials that the houses were built out of. One house may have been built with marble stones and gold and silver, while the other house may have been built from wood and iron. There are several things that the parable does tell us. It tells us what the men building the houses were like!

One man was a wise man. The other man was foolish.

The parable also tells us that there was a difference between the **foundations** of the two houses. The wise man had chosen to build his house upon a **rock** for his foundation. The foolish man had chosen to build his house upon **sand** for his foundation. No one forced either man to build in a certain way. Each man chose the foundation for his house.

The whole parable seems to center around the fact that choosing the **right foundation** is what made one man **wise** and one man **foolish**.

Jesus compares this choice to being like two men who listened to what He said.

One man listened and did what Jesus said to do. The other man listened and did not do what Jesus said to do.

Thus, the primary teaching of this parable is very clear.

You will Do what Jesus says if you are wise!!

The second teaching of this parable is also clear. You must choose the right foundation to build on or all the rest of your efforts will be in vain!!!

Let's compare our two choices for "foundations"

1. **ROCK** or 2. **SAND**

Summarizing

The differences between these two foundation materials:

PHYSICAL ROCK

PHYSICAL SAND


Immovable.	Easily moved.
Changeless with respect to time	Changes constantly.
Anything attached to it is secure and can't be moved.	Anything attached to it is insecure and can be easily moved.
It will support anything that stands upon it and will not let it sink.	It will not support anything that stands upon it but will allow it to sink.
The Physical elements of rain, wind, floods will not affect it.	The Physical elements of rain, wind, floods will affect it.


SPIRITUAL ROCK

SPIRITUAL SAND

Spiritually Immovable.	Spiritually moved easily.
Spiritually Changeless	Spiritually changes constantly.
Anything attached is Spiritually secure.	Anything attached is Spiritually unsecured.
Spiritually support for anything that stands upon it.	No Spiritually support for anything that stands upon it.
Spiritual elements will not affect it.	Spiritual elements will affect it.


Now we need to discover what the Bible says that "**rock**" and "**sand**" represent **Spiritually**, so that we will understand why these two "**foundation**" materials are so important!

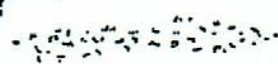
Key Word 

ROCK = ? 

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ROCK = CHRIST
1Cor.10:4
"... They drank of that
Spiritual **Rock** that
followed them: and that
Rock was Christ".

Key Word 

SAND = ? 

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SAND = People
Joshua 11:4
"And they went out, they and
all their hosts with them, much
people, even as the **sand**
upon the seashore...".

Rock = Christ (God)

Sand = people (man)

Thus, the two possible "**foundations**" upon which we can build are either:

1. **Rock** **God's Words**
- or
2. **Sand** **man's words**

Let's look again at the "differences" between "**rock**" and "**sand**"

Spiritual "**ROCK**" CHRIST

Spiritual "**SAND**" MAN

God is Immovable .	Man is easily moved .
God is Changeless	Man changes constantly.
Anyone "attached" to God is Spiritually secure .	Anyone "attached" to man is Spiritually unsecured .
God will " support " anyone who stands or depends upon Him and He will not let them " sink " Spiritually.	Man cannot " support " anyone who "stands" or depends upon him and anyone who does depend upon man will " sink " Spiritually.
God is not affected by the Spiritual " Elements " of Satan and is never deceived .	Man is affected by the Spiritual " Elements " and is easily deceived .

These "differences" clearly show us the advantage of "**building on Rock**" (God) for a "foundation" instead of "**building on sand**" (man).

Now we know why Christ gave this parable right after the parable of the Two Ways (broad and narrow), and after telling us to **beware of false teachers** and to "**test their fruits**".

Now, He has once again warned us **not to trust** in the words of men, but rather to trust in the Words of God!

Jer.17:5,7 "...Cursed be the man that trusteth in man...Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord..."

So, the "**foundation**" of our beliefs **MUST** be based on the Words of God instead of the words of men or we are foolish and cursed.

"Christ is the truth. His words are truth, and they have a greater value and a deeper significance, than appears on the surface. All the sayings of Christ have a value beyond their unpretending appearance.

Minds that are quickened by the Holy Spirit will discern the value of these sayings. They will discern the precious gems of truth though they may be buried treasure.

How needful for all who are workers in the cause of God to ponder these things, that they may guard against self-sufficiency.

If men are self-sufficient, the Lord leaves them to their own human wisdom. We are not to trust in self".

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"There are rich treasures for us in the mine of God's Word, and we must dig deep for the precious jewels of truth.

The rubbish of human opinion must be swept aside, that the clear jewels of truth may be brought to light; for we want the truth on every point, that we may be sanctified through the truth".

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Lesson 11

1. Opening Prayer
2. A Bible study of the "word" POTTER.
3. Bible Text Discovery

Psalms 45:13 King's daughter is all glorious within

4. Study The Difficult Passages
5. Closing Prayer

A BIBLE STUDY OF THE "WORD" POTTER

Bible Study of the "word" **Potter**

Strong's Concordance lists the following texts in this order:

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|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. <i>Isaiah 41:25</i> | 4. <i>Jere.18:6</i> | 7. <i>Rom.9:21</i> |
| 2. <i>Isaiah 64:8</i> | 5. <i>Lam.4:2</i> | 8. <i>Rev.2:27</i> |
| 3. <i>Jere.18:4</i> | 6. <i>Zech.11:13</i> | |

Bible Quote

Own Words

1. Literal meaning
2. Spiritual meaning

Isa.41:25

"I have raised up one from the North, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as upon mortar, and as the potter treadeth the clay".

- 1 The potter *treads the clay.
- 2 * tread or place the foot upon. Spiritually means to have power over.
1Cor.15:24,25

Isa.64:8

"But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter: and we are all the work of thy hand".

- 1 The Lord is the Potter and we are the clay.
- 2 The Lord is our Father and He made us.

Jer.18:4

"And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it".

- 1 The potter made a vessel of clay but it became flawed so the potter made it into another * vessel.
* vessel = person *Jer.18:3-6*
- 2 The Lord made a man but the man made a mistake so the Lord made him into another man.

Jer.18:6

"O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand. O house of Israel".

- 1 As the potter takes clay in his hand to form it, so the Lord can take His people and change them.
- 2 The Lord can change people.

Bible Quote

Own Words

1. Literal meaning
2. Spiritual meaning

Lam.4:2

"The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how they are esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter".

- 1 The people of God, the work of the hands of the potter, are as valuable as gold to Him, but to others they are worthless as clay pitchers.
- 2 When the Lord changes us we are of great value to Him but worthless to others.

Zech.11:13

"And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was praised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord".

- 1 The potter himself was only valued at thirty pieces of silver by his own people.
- 2 The Lord Himself was not of great value to His people. they sold Him for 30 pieces of silver in His own Temple!

Rom.9:21

"Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honor, and another unto dishonor?"

- 1 From the same lump of clay the potter has made vessels which will bring him honor and others that will dishonor Him.
- 2 The Lord has made us all. Some people will allow Him to change them and they will bring Him honor, but others will not allow Him to change them and they will bring Him dishonor.

Rev.2:27

"And He shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father".

- 1 The potter will break into pieces some of the vessels he has made.
- 2 The lord will destroy the people who bring Him dishonor.

Now go back and read the Spiritual Meaning of each verse and you will see the STORY that the Bible has been telling you.

Then, turn the page and see the STORY that I have written.

The Story that the Bible tells us about the "Word" POTTER

Literal Story

The potter treads the clay.

The Lord is the potter and we are the clay.

the potter made a vessel of clay but it became flawed so the potter made it into another vessel.

As the potter takes clay in his hand to form it, so the Lord can take His people and change them.

The people of God, the work of the hands of the potter, are as valuable as gold to Him, but to others they are as worthless as clay pitchers. The potter himself was only valued at 30 pieces of silver. From the same lump of clay the potter makes vessels of which some will bring him honor and some will bring dishonor.

The potter will break in pieces some of the vessels he has made.

Spiritual Story

The Lord is the potter and we are the clay. The Lord has power over the people just like a potter has power over the clay. The Lord made a man from the clay of the earth but the man made a mistake. Just as a potter can take the clay and make a mistake. Just as a potter can take the clay and make a new vessel out of it, the Lord can take a man that has made a mistake and change him into a new man. A person that God has changed is very valuable to Him, but to others he is as worthless as a clay pitcher. The Lord Himself was not of value to his own people. They sold Him for only 30 pieces of silver, the price of a slave.

Just as a potter takes the same lump of clay and makes some vessels that will bring him honor and others that will bring him dishonor, so the Lord has made all men from the clay of the earth and some men will bring Him honor and others will bring Him dishonor.

The Lord will rule over all men and He will destroy those who bring Him dishonor.

By **parables** Christ revealed the mysteries of redemption. His hearers were familiar with the things of **nature**, and these he used to represent the spiritual truths he wished to communicate. All had an opportunity to hear his appeals as they were made in sympathy for men. In the synagogue, by the wayside, and in the boat thrust out a little from the land, he spoke to the people, feeding their famished souls with the bread of life.

Christ presented his truths in **parables**, in the form of a story. The Pharisees would not listen to direct truth; but parable teaching was popular, and commanded the respect and attention not only of the Jews, but also of the people of other nations.

Christ knew there were many who would keep these lessons in mind until their **hidden meaning** should be discerned, but that others would never reach to their deep meaning. The disciples would come to the Great Teacher to inquire, and he instructed them. Christ gladly taught all who had interest enough to say, explain to us the meaning of your words.

These lessons of Christ were to be repeated by his disciples. When Peter, Andrew, James and John were called by Christ to forsake their nets and follow him, the promise was given them, "I will make you fishers of men". those uneducated peasants of Galilee were to fulfill the divine commission.

Through them Christ's lessons were to be carried to all peoples, nations and tongues.

Bible Verse *Psalms 45:13*

(GOD'S CHURCH)

(CHARACTER)

"The Kings' **daughter** is all glorious within; her **clothing**

(WORKED FAITH + LOVE + LAW)

is of **wrought gold**"

What is the Main **Physical** thought of this text?

The King's (Physical) **daughter** is glorious within; her (Physical) **clothing** is of wrought (Physical) **gold**.

What will be the Main **Spiritual** thought of this text?

The King's (Spiritual) **daughter** is glorious within; her (Spiritual) **clothing** is of wrought (Spiritual) **gold**.

2. Think about the Spiritual: Identify the Real Objects in the verse	3. Discover the Spiritual Meaning (by using the Bible Word Pictures)
DAUGHTER (The King's)	GOD'S CHURCH
CLOTHING	CHARACTER
WROUGHT (2 Chron.24:12,13)	TO WORK METAL
GOLD	FAITH + LOVE + LAW
(WROUGHT) GOLD	(WORKED) FAITH + LOVE + LAW

Substitute the Spiritual meaning for the **Real Objects**.

Paraphrase:

_____ (King's daughter) is all glorious within:

her _____ (clothing) is seen in

_____ (wrought) of _____ (gold).

Key Word



WOMAN = ?

(Pure, dressed in white)



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WOMAN = God's Church
(Pure) (True Church)

Isa.54:5,6 "Thy Maker is thy husband, the Lord of Hosts is His name... the Lord hath called **thee**, as a **woman**... and a wife..."

Rev.19:7,8 "...the marriage of the Lamb is come and His wife... arrayed in fine linen, clean and white..."

Key Word



GARMENT = ?



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GARMENT = Character or Life

Gen.35:2 "...Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and **change your garments**".

Zech.3:4 "...Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused **thine iniquity** to pass from thee, and I will **clothe thee with change of raiment**".

Key Word



CLOTHED = ?
(with garment)



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CLOTHED = clothed with either:
Christ's Life "His Righteousness"
or our own "works"

Job 29:14 "I put on righteousness and it clothed me; my judgment was as a robe".

Isa.59:6 "Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity".

Key Word



GOLD = ?



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GOLD = Law, Love, Faith

Rom.13:10 "...Love is the fulfilling of the law".

Psa.19:7 "The law of the Lord... more to be desired than gold..."

1Pet.1:7 "...your faith... more precious than gold..."

Study the Difficult Passages

"Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life".

To search means to look diligently for something. Search for the **hidden treasures** in God's Word. You can not afford to be without them.

Study the difficult passages, **comparing verse with verse**, and you will find that Scripture is the **key** which **unlocks** Scripture.

Those who prayerfully study the Bible go from each search wiser than they were before. That which is worth having is not obtained without earnest, persevering **effort**.

In business life those only who are willing to put forth determined effort see successful results.

Without earnest toil we **cannot expect** to obtain a knowledge of **spiritual things**. Those who find the jewels of truth must dig for them as the miner digs for the precious ore hidden in the earth."

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STUDY ONE VERSE

"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".

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One passage studied until its significance is clear to the mind, and its relationship to the plan of salvation is evident, is of **more value** than the perusal of many chapters with no definite purpose in view, and no positive instruction gained.

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Lesson 12

1. Opening Prayer
2. Bible Text Discovery *Psalms 126:5,6*
They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.
3. Bible Text Discovery *Isa.7:22*
Butter and Honey shall everyone eat that is left in the land
4. The Bible to be understood by all.
5. The Bible ever unfolding.
6. Closing Prayer.

Bible Verse *Psalms 126:5* and *Psalms 126:6*

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*Psalms 126:5 "They that **sow** in tears shall **reap** in joy".*


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Psalms 126:6 "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious
***seed**, shall doubtless come again*
*with rejoicing, bringing his **sheaves** with him".*


What is the Main **Physical** thought of this text?Those that plant (Physical) **seed** will reap and enjoy the fruits of their (Physical) Labor.What will be the Main **Spiritual** thought of this text?Those that plant (.....) **seed** will reap and enjoy the fruits of their (.....) Labor.

2. Think about the Spiritual: Identify the Real Objects in the verse	3. Discover the Spiritual Meaning (by using the Bible Word Pictures)
SHEAVES (same as mature wheat)	CONVERTED PEOPLE
SOW SEED	TEACH THE BIBLE
REAP	WIN SOULS
SEED	GOD'S WORD (THE BIBLE)
SEED (PRECIOUS)	JESUS (THE "WORD" MADE FLESH)

Substitute the Spiritual meaning for the **Real Objects**.**Paraphrase:**

(SOW)
 Those that TEACH the BIBLE though sad when people reject it, will
 (REAP) (SEED)
WIN SOULS for Jesus in joy, He that goes forth with his BIBLE teaching
 (SEED) (SHEAVES)
 about JESUS will come again rejoicing as he brings CONVERTED
PEOPLE with him.

Key Word 




SOW SEED = ?


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SOW SEED = Teach
(the Word of God)

Luke 8:11 "Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God".

Mark 4:14 "The sower soweth the word".

Key Word 




REAP = ?

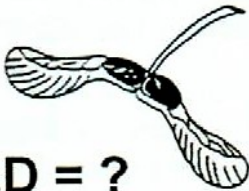
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REAP = Convert People
(win souls)

John 4:36 "And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal;"

Pro.11:30 "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise".

Key Word 





SEED = ?

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SEED = God's word
(the Bible)

Luke 8:11 "Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God".

Key Word 



SEED = ?
(The Word)

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SEED = The Word (JESUS)


Luke 8:11 "Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God".

John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word... and the Word was God".

John 1:14 "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us..".

(see Luke 1:26-32) Word = Jesus

Key Word 



WHEAT = ?
(finest)

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WHEAT = God's Word
(finest) + God's people

Num.18:12 "All the best of the... wheat the first fruits..."

2Kings 4:42 "...bread of the first fruits.."

James 1:18 "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures".

Rev.14:4 "...redeemed from among men being the first fruits..."

Bible Verse *Isaiah 7:22*

"And it shall come to pass, for the abundance of **milk** that they shall give, he shall **eat butter**. For **butter** and **honey** shall everyone eat that is left in the land".

What is the Main **Physical** thought of this text?

1. It takes a lot of (Physical) **milk** to produce (Physical) **butter**.
2. It also takes a lot of (Physical) work to produce (Physical) butter, because you must churn or "go back and forth" in the (Physical) milk.
3. Before you can expect to (Physically) **eat** (Physical) butter, you must put forth a lot of (Physical) effort "going back and forth" in the milk.

What will be the Main **Spiritual** thought of this text?

1. It takes a lot of (Spiritual) **milk** (Bible) to produce (Spiritual) **butter**.
2. It also takes a lot of (Spiritual) work to produce (Spiritual) butter, because you must churn or "go back and forth" in the (Spiritual) **milk** (Bible).
3. Before you can expect to (Spiritually) **eat** (Spiritual) **butter**, you must put forth a lot of (Spiritual) effort "going back and forth" in the (Spiritual) **milk** (Bible or Scriptures).

2. Think about the Spiritual: Identify the Real Objects in the verse	3. Discover the Spiritual Meaning (by using the Bible Word Pictures)
MILK	<i>God's Word (principles)</i>
CHURN MILK	<i>Compare Bible Texts</i>
BUTTER	<i>Hidden Things (in the Bible)</i>
HONEY	<i>God's Law</i>
EAT	<i>To understand (read)</i>

Substitute the Spiritual meaning for the **Real Objects**.

Paraphrase:

It will come to pass, because of the abundance of _____ **milk** given, that he will _____ **eat** _____ **butter**: for _____ **butter** and _____ **honey** will be _____ **eaten** by everyone that is left in the land.

Key Word



MILK = ?

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**MILK = God's Word
(Basic Principles)**

1Peter 2:2 "...The milk of the word...".
Heb.5:12 "... Ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God, and are become such as have need of milk ...".

Key Word



CHURN MILK = ?

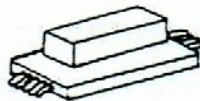
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**CHURN MILK =
Compare Scripture with Scripture**

To Churn = Go back and forth in milk
but "Milk" = God's Word

Therefore: to "churn milk" means to go back and forth in God's Word or to "compare scripture with scripture" (1.Cor.2:13)

Key Word



BUTTER = ?

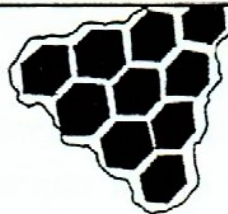
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**BUTTER = The HIDDEN TREASURE
in God's word**

Pro.30:33 "The churning of milk bringeth forth butter... (to "churn milk" go back and forth in God's word).

Job 20:17 "He (the wicked) shall not see the rivers, the floods, the brooks of honey and butter ..."

Key Word



HONEY = ?
(honeycomb)

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**HONEY = God's Words
(honeycomb) (10 commandments LAW)**

Ps.119:103 "How sweet are Thy words Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth".

Ps.19:7,8,10 "The law of the Lord is perfect... the commandment of the Lord is pure... sweeter than honey and the honeycomb".

Key Word



EAT = ?
(break bread)

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**EAT = Read (to gain knowledge)
to "feed" = to "teach"**

Jer.15:16 "Thy words were found and I did eat them: and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart".

Acts 2:46 "... and breaking bread from house to house, did eat ...".

THE BIBLE TO BE UNDERSTOOD BY ALL

"The Bible with its precious gems of truth, was not written for the scholar alone. On the contrary, it was **designed** for the **common people**. The poor man needs it as much as the rich man, the unlearned as much as the learned... **If the unlearned are not capable of understanding the Bible**, then the mission of Christ to our world **was useless**;

The command to search the Scriptures, Christ addressed **not only** to the scribes and Pharisees but to the great multitude of the **common people** who crowded about Him...

The Bible is addressed to everyone, to every class of society, to every class of society, to every clime and age.

Everyone should **read the Bible** for himself.

Do not depend on the **minister** to read it for you". **23**

EVER UNFOLDING

"God intends that to the earnest seeker the **truths** of His Word shall be ever unfolding. While "the secret things belong unto the Lord our God", "those things that are revealed belong unto us and our children". The idea that certain portions of the Bible can **not** be understood has led to neglect of some of its most important truths. The fact needs to be emphasized, and often repeated, that the mysteries of the Bible are not such because God has sought to conceal truth, but because our own weakness or ignorance makes us incapable of comprehending or appropriating truth. The limitation is not in its purpose, but in our capacity. Of those very portions of scripture so often passed by as **impossible** to be understood, **God desires us to understand** as much as our minds are capable of receiving."

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God" that we may be "thoroughly furnished unto all good works".

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Lesson 13

1. Opening Prayer
2. Using our Bible Study Tools.

How to analyze a Bible verse to understand it.

3. Bibliography
4. Conclusion
5. List of books with prices.
6. Closing Prayer

Using our Bible Study "Tools"

Things you can do to help you understand the Bible

1. **Pray** for the Holy Spirit to guide you as you study.
2. **Read** the verses in the Bible and determine:
 - a) What you understand.
 - b) What you do not understand.
3. Use **Strong's Concordance** to look up all the words you do not understand.
4. **Write a Paraphrase** of the Bible verses in your own words. (This will reveal whether or not you understand the verse **Literally**).
5. Determine the "**Context**" by reading the verses around your study verses.
6. Determine the "**Key Words**" in the verses you are studying.
("Key Words" are usually **Real Objects** but they can be any word that the Bible writer uses repeatedly or in such a way that it is obviously important),
7. Think about the **Functions** of the **Real Objects**.
8. Think about the **Physical** meaning of the Bible verse.
9. Determine the **Spiritual** meaning of the **Real Objects** by using the Bible Word Pictures Reference Booklet or a Concordance.
10. Think about the **Spiritual** meaning of the Bible verse.
11. Substitute the **Spiritual** meaning of the **Real Objects** into the Bible verse and **Paraphrase** it to give the **Spiritual** meaning of the Bible verse.
12. **Compare** "Scripture with Scripture" by looking up the "**Key Word**" or Key Phrases in the verse using a **Concordance**.
13. Look at "**Parallel Passages**" of Scripture or other places in the Bible that the **same** parable or story is given by a different Bible writer and **compare** the similarities and the differences.
14. **Summarize** what you have learned and draw your **Conclusions**.
15. **List** the **Doctrinal** truths you have learned.

USING OUR BIBLE STUDY TOOLS

A Bible verse will be analyzed using our "tools".

Eccl.11:1 "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days"

1. **Pray** for the Holy Spirit to guide you as you study.
2. **Read** the verse and determine:
 - a) What you understand.
The verse tells me to throw bread on the water.
 - b) What you don't understand.
How will I find the bread many days later?
3. Use Strong's Concordance to look up words you do not understand.

cast	#7971	send away, sow, put forth
bread	#3899	food (bread)
from	#3898	to feed on (to battle, make war, overcome, prevail)
4. Write a literal Paraphrase in your own words.
Take bread and throw it on water and you will find it many days later.
5. Determine the Context by reading the verses around your study verse.

:2 "Give a portion to seven..."

:3 "Clouds full of rain.. empty themselves upon the earth.."

:6 "Sow thy seed.. withhold not thy hand..."

The context is "**giving**"

giving a portion...

clouds giving rain to the earth

sowing or giving seed to the earth

The Physical context:

is Physically giving or feeding the earth

The Spiritual context:

is Spiritually giving or feeding the earth

6. Determine the Key Words (Real Objects) in the verse.

Key Words: bread, waters, it (bread)

(.....)

(.....)

(.....)

"Cast thy **bread** upon the **waters**: for thou shalt find **it** after many days".

7. Think about the Functions of the **Real Objects**.

Bread → provides Physical nourishment.

Waters → provides a Physical environment for fish.

8. Think about the **Physical** meaning of the verse.

Throw (Physical) bread on (Physical) water and then find the (Physical) bread many days later.

9. Think about the **Spiritual** meaning of the verse.

Throw (Spiritual) bread on (Spiritual) water and then find the (Spiritual) bread many days later.

10. Determine the **Spiritual** meaning of the **Real Objects** by using the Bible Word Pictures Reference Booklet or a Concordance.

Bread = God's Word (the Bible) *Mat.4:4*

Bread = Jesus (the bread of life) *John 6:35*

Waters = people *Rev.17:15*

11. Think about the **Spiritual** meaning of the verse.

(BIBLE)

(PEOPLE)

Take (Spiritual) **bread** to the (Spiritual) **waters** and many days
(JESUS)

later you will find the (Spiritual) **bread**.

12. Substitute the **Spiritual** meaning of the **Real Objects** back into the Bible verse.

(BIBLE)

(PEOPLE)

(JESUS)

*"Cast thy **bread** upon the **waters**: for thou shalt find **it** after many days".*

13. Paraphrase the verse in your own words.

- a) Take the **Bible** to the **people** and many days later you will see **Jesus**.
- b) Take **Jesus** to the **people** and many days later you will see **Him**.
- c) Take the **Word** to the **people** and many days later you will see the **Word** made flesh (Jesus).

14. Summarize what you have learned and draw your Conclusions.

Jesus wants me to **teach** others the Bible.

I need to "**give**" what I have learned **Spiritually** to **others** that know less than I do.

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