

Why So Few Study The Bible

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The Bible says, *“Whatsoever things were written aforetime (in the Old Testament) were written for our learning”* (Romans 15:4).

And, *“From a babe thou hast known the sacred writings (the Old Testament) which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”* (2 Timothy 3:15).

And, *“Whoso readeth (here it refers to something written in the book of Daniel — BC). let him understand”* (Matthew 24:15).

And, *“And He called to Him the multitude, and said unto them, Hear and understand”* (Matthew 15:10).

And, *“And he that was sown on the good ground, this is he that heareth the word (Luke 8: 15 says that the good ground represents one who has an “honest and good heart” — BC), and understandeth it; who verily beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty”* (Matthew 13:23).

Philip asked the Ethiopian, *“Understandest thou what thou readest?”* (Acts 8:30 — he was reading in the book of Isaiah; the passage shows that God wants us to understand what is written in His word — BC).

And, *“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”* (2 Peter 3:18). And, *“How that by revelation was made known unto me the mystery, as I wrote before in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ”* (Ephesians 3 :3-4).

And, finally, *“Wherefore be ye not foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is”* (Ephesians 5:17).

What Men Say in Contrast

The Bible contains all of the will of God for men (read John 16:13 — the apostles by the Holy Spirit were guided into all the truth; 2 Peter 1:3 — the apostles were given all things pertaining to life and godliness; 2 Timothy 3:16-17 — the Scriptures are able to make the man of God complete and to furnish him completely unto every good work). But some men say the Bible contains only part of God’s

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