

Studying the Bible

Selected

A famous Bible student said he studied his Bible in the same manner as he gathered apples. First, he shook the whole tree, that the ripest might fall. Then he shook each limb and when he had shaken each limb he shook each branch, and after each branch, every twig; and then he looked under every leaf.

Search the Bible as a whole, shaking the whole tree. Read it as you would any other book.

Then shake every limb — study book after book.

Then shake every branch, giving attention to the chapters when they do not break the sense.

Then shake the twig by a careful study of the paragraphs and sentences.

And you will be rewarded if you will look under each leaf by searching the meaning of the words.

Psalm 1

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

“but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.

“He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

“The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away.

“Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

“For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.”

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