

ENJOYING THE WORD OF GOD

INTRODUCTION

The Bible Is A Neglected Book



THE BIBLE IS NEGLECTED BECAUSE THE MIDDLE IS MORE DIFFICULT THAN THE EDGES.

The Ethiopian Eunuch

- 30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?”
- 31 And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.
- Each week we will sit together to study the sections of Scripture that we read that week

We will discover the whole counsel of God’s purpose and will throughout the Bible

“In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will...” EPH. 1:11

We will discover what has been written for our learning

“For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.”— Romans 15:4

The Word of God is often compared to food in the Scriptures

Deuteronomy 8:3

3 So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every *word* that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.

The Bible Is A Living Organism

- “The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me. The Bible is not antique or modern. It is eternal.” (Martin Luther)
- “For the word of God *is* living and powerful....” Hebrews 4:12



Opening The Door To God's Word

- **Exegesis: Reading out of Scriptures and letting Scripture speak for itself within its context**
- **Exegesis unlocks the door to God's word**



Opening The Door To The Fallible Ideas And Theories Of Man

- **Eisegesis= Interpreting Scripture according one's own ideas, i.e. reading into the Bible with our own opinion**
- **Eisegesis unlocks the door to man's ideas**



The subject of the Bible is Jesus and His redemptive work

- "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me." ---John 5:39
- "Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures." ---Luke 24:44-45

The Main Themes In The Bible

- Protection: God protects man
- Redemption: God redeems man
- Restoration: God restores man
- Completion: God brings all things to completion
- Glorification: God is to be glorified

Reading Through The Bible

- Read the Bible with an open mind
- The goal is to read through the entire Bible
- If you get behind don't skip ahead
- Pick a time and dedicate to it
- Choose a version that is most comfortable for you
- We will come together each Sunday for a lesson based on the sections of the Bible read during the week

Methods Of Reading The Bible

- Listen to the Bible on CD
- Listen to the Bible on your smart phone
- Listen to the Bible on the



The Challenge

Read through the entire Bible in 90 Days!

George Muller

“I believe that the one chief reason that I have been kept in happy useful service is that I have been a lover of Holy Scripture. It has been my habit to read the bible through four times a year; in a prayerful spirit, to apply it to my heart, and practice what I find there. I have been for sixty-nine years a happy man; happy, happy, happy.”

