



## eLesson 022

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# Bible Study

## THE BIBLE ... AN EXPLANATION

Definition: The Bible is the inspired, true, and authoritative word of God, consisting of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments.

The Bible is the preeminent book. No other book is like the Bible. It is a book from God ... not simply a book about God. The Bible is much more than inspiring. It is inspired ... it is God-breathed. It is actually His word; therefore, it is different from all other books. God's word is pure. It is accurate and without error. His word does not need to be purified, refined, or filtered. In addition, the Bible is a source of great joy and understanding.

Jesus said that God's word is truth. God's word can sanctify you (that is, make you holy). Moreover, the Bible is not only true, it is also everlasting. It is not bound by time. It does not age. It does not become outdated. The Bible is relevant today just as it was when it was written. In addition, Jesus said that God's word can be trusted to the finest detail ... to the smallest letter or stroke of a letter. You can trust the Bible. It is God's true, everlasting word.

The Bible is powerful and practical. It provides great benefits. It enlightens you and gives you understanding. It gives you God's direction for your life ... for each step and for each path. The Bible and its promises revive you when you are afflicted. Treasuring His word in your heart helps you resist sin. The Bible is the only book that can give you all of these benefits.

It is very important that you learn God's word. You should read the Bible ... study it ... meditate on it ... and memorize it. However, it is not enough only to take in God's word. You must also obey it. The blessings and benefits come from hearing and obeying God's word. Jesus said, *"If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* John 8:31-32.

## THE BIBLE ... A WORKSHEET

Directions: Carefully answer each question that follows. Answer each one from the accompanying verse or verses ... but please use your own words if possible.

1. Verse: *"The words of the Lord are pure words; as silver tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times."* Psalm 12:6

Question: Whose words are pure as the purest silver?

2. Verse: *"The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes."* Psalm 19:8

Question: What word describes the Lord's precepts?

Question: What word describes His commandment?

Question: What two effects do they produce?

3. Verse: *"Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth."* John 17:17

Question: What can sanctify you (that is, make you holy)?

Question: How did Jesus define truth?

4. Verse: *"The sum of Thy word is truth, and every one of Thy righteous ordinances is everlasting."* Psalm 119:160

Question: What characteristics of God's word are given in this verse?

5. Verse: *"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever."* Isaiah 40:8. Note: Isaiah 40:8 is a good verse to memorize.

Question: How long will God's word last?

6. Verse: *"For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished."* Matthew 5:18

Question: To what level of detail is God's word trustworthy?

7. Verse: *"The unfolding of Thy words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple",* Psalm 119:130

Question: What does God's word give you?

8. Verse: *"Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path."* Psalm 119:105

Question: What does God's word do for you?

9. Verse: *"Thy word I have treasure in my heart, that I may not sin against Thee."* Psalm 119:11

Question: What does this (your answer to the previous question) mean?

Question: How can you resist sin?

10. Verse: "*This is my comfort in my affliction, That Thy word has revived me.*" Psalm 119:50

Question: What revives you when you are suffering?

11. Verse: "*But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.*" James 1:22

Question: In addition to being a hearer of God's word, what should you be?

12. Verse: "*Blessed are those who hear the word of God, and observe it*", Luke 11:28

Question: Doing what two things will give you God's blessing?

### **BIBLE STUDY SUGGESTIONS**

Jesus said, "*Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.*" Matthew 4:4. Those are good words for us. We should make Bible reading and Bible study an important part of every day. "*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.*" 2 Timothy 2:15. It takes time to learn God's word ... so spend time in your Bible every day. It takes careful effort to learn to handle His word accurately. Therefore, be sure to put what you study in the correct, full context of its paragraph, chapter, and book. As you study, answer these three questions:

What does it say?  
What does it mean?  
How can I make this part of my life?

To answer this third question, use 2 Timothy 3:16-17, "*All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*" Look for *teaching ... for reproof ... for correction ... and for training in righteousness.*

Be sure to study the Old and New Testaments. Start with some easier books like Mark, John, and Colossians. You might want to keep a study notebook ... it can be very helpful.

**CONGRATULATIONS.** You have completed Bible Basics One. If you feel that you need to review these four lessons again, please do so ... it's important that you start out with understanding. And please don't stop at this point ... you've really just begun your walk with God. When you have mastered Bible Basics One, press on in your study of His Word. Continue growing by studying the two courses of Level 2 - Becoming His Disciple ... free from [www.MyDisciplemaker.com](http://www.MyDisciplemaker.com).

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