

Studying the Bible (Part 2)

Interpretation: What Does It Mean?

- I. Define interpretation
- A. _____ what we are reading (Acts 8:30-31)
- B. Why do we work to understand God's word?
1. It _____ God to us
 2. It shows us how to _____ to God
 3. It shows us how to _____ a godly life
 4. It allows us to _____ the Word with others
- C. What tools do we receive when we understand God's Word? (I Tim. 3:16)
1. Teaching (Shows us who is God - _____)
 2. Rebuking (Shows us what displeases God - _____)
 3. Correcting (Puts us on the right path to _____ God)
 4. Training in Righteousness (Shows us how to _____ and _____ for God)

II. Be careful not to _____ the text

III. Tools to help with interpretation

- A. Atlases
- B. Bible dictionaries
- C. Commentaries
- D. Study Bible
- E. Different Bible translations

Psalm 1

- I. Question #1 - What will _____ you? (Psalm 1:1-2)
- A. The _____ (Psalm 1:1)
1. **Walk** with the wicked – We _____ to their advice and ideas without checking them against God's Word
 2. **Stand** with the sinners – We begin to _____ in their advice and ideas and begin the _____ the truth of God's Word
 3. **Sit** in the company of mockers – We begin to _____ by their advice and ideas and _____ God's Word
- B. _____ (Psalm 1:2)
1. **Delight** in the God's Word – You _____ it (I Peter 2:2-3)
 2. **Meditate** on God's Word – It guides your thoughts and _____ every minute of every day (Joshua 1:8)

II. Question #2 – Where is your _____? (Ps. 1:3-4)

- A. On God and His _____ (Ps. 1:3).
(Three qualities of a person who is focused on God)
1. They are Fruitful – They positively _____ those around them
 2. They are Faithful – No matter what happens, they will always _____ God
 3. They are Prosperous - Prosperity means that we are building the _____ of God
- B. On the _____ (Psalm 1:4)
Psalm 1:4 - ⁴Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away
(Two qualities of a person who is focused on world)
1. They are _____ (Chaff)
 2. They are eventually _____ (Wind blows away)

III. Question #3 - How will you _____? (Psalms 1:5-6)

- A. For those who follow the _____
1. They will have no _____ and will not survive judgment
 2. They will face _____ that leads to Hell
- B. For those who follow _____
1. They will receive God's _____
 2. They will receive _____ that leads to Heaven

Questions to Ponder

- I. What is influencing you _____
- II. What is your _____?
- III. How will you _____?
- IV. Do you _____ to understand God's Word?