

San Tan International School of Ministry

Changing lives with the gospel of Jesus Christ

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to San Tan International School Ministry. We are a faith walking, Spirit filled, Bible believing ministry that God has raised up to preach the Gospel into the entire world. He has commissioned us to bring sight to the blind, healing to the sick, and deliverance to the captive. Just as in days of old God has birth a vision of great revival in the hearts of believers.

God has saved you and set you free and has brought you out of darkness and into his marvelous light. Jesus has given you a great commission, ***“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations” (Matthew 28:19)*** we are to go and prepare his Bride. Just the fact that you are reading this means that our paths have crossed. God has ordained that you should read this Bible study.

This Bible study is to help you learn about God and learn his ways. God spoke to me many years ago and said to write a Bible study so my people can get rooted and grounded in my Word! He said to keep it basic so that the people can understand it. What is contained in this Bible Study is just a portion of the teaching materials I will be

sending you. I will also be sending you booklets and books that I have written through the years.

This study does not contain all the knowledge of the Word of God; it only scratches the surface. There are many riches of wisdom and knowledge in God's Word, and I believe that if you will study this bible study fervently, it will birth a hunger in your heart for God's Word that you have never experienced.

So dig into the Word, and grow into a strong warrior for God. We are told to study to show ourselves approved unto God. The Word of God is your very life. Jesus said that his Words are Spirit, and the Spirit brings life. So as you read and study, pray that the Spirit of God will give you revelation. I want to thank all who contributed to the completion of this bible study, and all that have stood faithfully with this ministry, and supported it with their prayers. I especially want to thank my beautiful wife Sharlotte, who spent many hours putting this study together for you, and I pray it will help expand your knowledge in the things of God.

May God Bless and Keep You

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SECTION # 1

BASICS OF CHRISTIANITY

LESSON # 1

INTRODUCTION TO BIBLE STUDY

Welcome to the San Tan International School of Ministry Discipleship Bible Study. As you progress through this study you will acquire a thorough knowledge of the Word of God. But by no means does this study contain all the wisdom and knowledge contained in the Bible. God's Word is so rich in knowledge that we could only begin to scratch the surface.

Romans 11:33-34 (O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been his counsellor?)

HOMEWORK READ 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-29

How can we who are flesh and blood be able to understand a God who created all things? We will never be able to fully understand the mind

of God, but God has revealed a small part of himself to us in his Word. And if we will seek to know God we will learn about him. Jesus tells us in,

Matthew 7:7-8 (Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be open unto you:

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be open.)

So if we seek after knowledge and wisdom we shall receive both from our heavenly father.

James 1:5 (If any man lack wisdom, let him ask God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.)

If you set your heart to know God's Word and be diligent in your studies, God will open his Word to you so you can receive revelation. We are told in

1 Corinthians 2:10 (But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit.)

Solomon was considered the wisest man who ever lived (besides Jesus Christ), when given the choice between riches and knowledge he chose knowledge and wisdom.

2 Chronicles 1:7-12 (In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee.

And Solomon said unto God, Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people, that is so great?

And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom

and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king:

Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee.)

(Wisdom and knowledge were granted unto him because he desired it to judge Gods people.)

If you will hunger and thirst after knowledge and wisdom so you can minister to others, God will enrich you with wisdom that only comes from him! And that is the purpose of this study to prepare you to minister to others. So set your heart and seek after understanding and you will receive.

Proverb 2:2-6 (So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understand;

Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;

If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;

Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.)

It is clear that God wants us to have knowledge of this word. We are to study and equip ourselves so we will be prepared to be used of God. We are told in,

2 Timothy 2:15 (Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.)

God does not want us to be ignorant of his ways. We are to study to learn the mind of Christ. Only then can we rightly divide the word of truth. Only then can we minister life to those around us.

Just before Jesus finished his earthly ministry (his ministry continues in his people) and went back to the Father, he gave the great commission.

Matthew 28:19-20 (Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.)

Also in

Mark 16:15 (Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.)

This is what we have been called to do to prepare ourselves to fulfill this great commission by studying and then in return teaching others. We are to teach others the knowledge of who Jesus Christ is.

(God has very clearly shown us in the word that many are in deception and destroyed because of their lack of knowledge.)

Hosea 4:6 (My people are destroyed for a lack of Knowledge:)

HOMEWORK READ 2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-6

Even though God has called us all to be ministers – teachers, God has specifically positioned some in the body of Christ for the purpose to teach the word to others. He tells us in,

Ephesians 4:11 (And he gave some, apostles, and some, prophets, and some, pastors and teachers;)

Also in

1 Corinthians 12: 28 (And God has set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers,)

God picks men and women to teach others and to give them revelation of his word, it says in,

Jeremiah 3:15 (And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.)

We are to reveal the heart of God to the people. God wants man to learn of him, to learn his ways, his heart and vision, his purpose for man. So God has taken and given his word to man. He instructed man to write it down and preserve it. We find examples of this in the book of,

Daniel 12:4 (But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end:

Also in

Revelation 22:10 (And he said unto me, seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.)

And even though the devil has tried to destroy God's Word, God has always kept his word preserved; it is our lifeline to him. Now the word may seem foolishness to some, it even says in,

1 Corinthians 1:18 (For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;)

But in reality it is the other way around, man is the one who is foolish. God is not. Even the wisest among us are foolish in the eyes of God. There is no way we could ever understand God with our finite carnal minds. So God brings his word down to us in a way we can understand. This is explained in

Isaiah 55; 8-13 (For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the lord for a name, for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.)

It is God's will for us to know him, because to know him better, means we can serve him better, so he reveals himself to us in a way we can understand, even as rain that comes down and waters the earth, and

causes new growth to come up, God's Word will flourish in your lives and hearts and produce good results. Not thorn and briar but the fir tree and myrtle tree, it will not produce that which is bad but that which is good. We shall have joy and peace, happiness, singing and rejoicing, not sorrow and confusion, but love. It is just not vain words of ink wrote on paper, the Word of God is the very life of God, flowing into us, giving us new life, his word is the life of his people, Jesus said in,

John 6:63 (It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.)

The Word of God is Spirit, so the carnal mind cannot receive it. The fleshly mind cannot truly grasp the meaning of God's Word. This is what Jesus meant when he said,

Mark 8:18 (Having eyes, see ye not? And having ears, hear ye not?)

The word is only truly revealed to us by the Spirit of "The Living God".

1 Corinthians 2:12-14 (Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. ¹³Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. ¹⁴But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.)

(You receive revelation of God's Word, by the Holy Ghost.)

The Spirit of God which has come to live in you will give you revelation of his word. Without the Spirit of God living in you the word may not even make sense to you. It may even seem to contradict itself. But as you follow Christ and study the word it will come alive in you.

God takes his word and as you study it, it becomes a part of you. It is even as leaven, that just a little will enlarge and affect you in every area of your life. We are told in,

James 1: 21b (receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.)

This word is able to save your soul if you will receive it allow it to become a part of you.

(It will keep you in the time of trouble and temptation and trials,)

It will be brought to your remembrance when you need it. God takes his word and by his Spirit he writes it in our hearts, So you can draw strength from it in the times of need. David said in,

Psalms 119:11 (Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.)

1Corinthians 3:3 (Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.)

So as you study ask God to reveal his word to you, and to write his word in your heart by his Spirit, and he will.

All down through the ages the enemy Satan has tried to stop the word of God, without success. God has protected and preserved his word. The reason why God has preserved his word, is because God loves man. He

has bestowed his affection upon man. And we should recognize the great importance of his word. Shortly after the birth of the church, there had been many converted and added to the church, they were in need of teaching so they could grow. But the apostles had been arrested and thrown into prison,

Acts 5:19-20 (But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life,)

The preaching of the gospel is so important to God that he will open doors for you. He will make a way for you to preach his word; because his gospel is for the salvation of man.

(Everything that has been written in the Bible is for the salvation of man.)

There are no empty or vain words that God has spoken. Every word that God has spoken and or will speak produces life or death! Life for those who will receive his word and death to those who reject it. It tells us in,

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.)

What God has revealed to his servants, to put into this book, called the Holy Bible has been for the benefit of man, to save his soul from hell. His word is the most precious thing in the world, because his word is him.

His word represents him, and he is a God of honor. God will always honor his word. If there is one lie in the Bible, then the whole Bible is worthless.

Hebrews 6:18 (it was impossible for God to lie.)

God said what he meant, and what God said he will do, his word will never fail. Jesus said in,

Matthew 5: 18 (For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.)

Everything that God has said will come to pass, just like he said it will. When everything is said and done God's Word will still be standing.

Matthew 24:35 (Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.)

God's Word has stood the test of time, and it will stand in the end, forever. It is described, as a rock, and that we should build our lives upon.

(God's Word is our solid foundation.)

His word is power. Jesus spoke as a man of power and authority. One day they sent officers to arrest Jesus. When they returned they answer and said,

John 7:46 (Never man spake like this man.)

HOMEWORK READ MATTHEW 7:24-27

When there was nothing God spoke, and all things were created. He took nothing and created something. The power of God's word has the ability to change lives, to break the bondage of sin off of lives. The word is described as,

Jeremiah 23:29 (Is not my word like as a fire? Saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?)

It will burn the chaff out of your life; it will break habits and strongholds that Satan may have in your life and the lives of others. It has the ability to wash and to clean you from all sin.

God has entrusted to us his word; there is nothing greater in the world then to be called to be ministers of the words of life. This is the reason you must be prepared and equipped. This is the purpose of this study to prepare you, then to send you out to make followers of Christ also. First a person must be taught, then they can teach others. You must learn to,

2 Timothy 2: 15c (rightly dividing the word of truth.)

There is power in this word, and if used wrong it can do much damage in the lives of others. You must realize that you have power in your words, because the words you speak are the very words of God.

Jeremiah 1:9 (Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touch my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.)

You have the ability to change lives with your words. As a vessel of God he will flow through you to minister to others, to bring hope to the hopeless, faith to the faithless, peace to the troubled, and joy to them in sorrow. You have the very life of God living in you; you have the ability to produce life or death with the words you speak.

Proverbs 18: 21(Death and life are in the power of the tongue:)

You can heal the deepest wounds with the words you say. You can build up or tear down with your words. This is what God told Jeremiah also.

Jeremiah 1: 10 (See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.)

You can destroy as well as heal with the words you speak. If you misuse the word you may do damage that may never be healed.

Hebrews 4:12 (For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword.)

We are told also in,

2Timothy 2:24-25 (And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;)

Remember you are a life giver, the life of God flows from you to others. Let every thing you do be seasoned with grace.

God has given us the awesome responsibility to spread the word. To teach others the truth found in his word. In a world that is blinded to the truth, the only way their eyes can be open is if someone can reach them with the gospel. This is explained in,

Romans 10:14-15 (How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher.

And how shall they preach, except they be sent.)

God is still sending labours into the fields to bring in the harvest.

Matthew 9:37-38 (The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.)

This is a big responsibility. To take the word to the ends of the earth. To fulfill this commission you must dedicate yourself to God totally, and also dedicate yourself to study. Be faithful in the things of God, for he who has called you is faithful.

HOMWORK READ MATTHEW 25:14-30

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 9 (Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.)

Apply your heart to studying God's word, be faithful, and the word will begin to open up to you with revelation directly from the mind of God.

God's Word has always been. John, the beloved, tells us in,

John 1:1-3 (In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.)

Now we know the scripture is talking about Jesus here. He is even referred to as the Word. Nothing was created without the word being spoken by Jesus, by God.

(When God created all things he did it by the power of his word.)

And all things are held together, kept in check, the powers of Satan are kept at bay by the power of God's Word. Nothing ever happens in this

world until it is spoke into existance by the power of his word. And this power has been placed in your mouth.

Mark 11:23 (For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountian, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.)

The words that God has spoken are able to bring life if we will obey them, but if we don't they will bring death. This is well illustrated in the story of Adam and Eve; they where told not to eat from the Tree of the klowledge of good and evil, but they did!

HOMEWORK READ GENESIS 2:1-25

HOME WORK READ GENESIS 3:1-24

Everthing that God has spoken is for the benifit of man to give him life. His commandment he gave Adam was for his own good, and by breaking it, he brought death on himself and on all mankind.

Romans 5:12 (Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:)

God placed Adam in the garden and gave him sepcific instructions on how to live, just like he has told all of us in his word how to live. He has told us what we can and cannot do in his word to have life. He has taught us how to have life, how to live and be blessed. After he had delivered his

people out of Egypt bondage he gave the laws to Moses to deliver unto the people. He told them in,

Deuteronomy 6:17-18 (Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee.

And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers,)

Moses taught the people what had to be done to be able to go in and obtain the promises of God. God has always expressed the importance of doing thing his way. He told Joshua in,

Joshua 1:7-8 (Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.)

(Only by doing things his way can we be successful.)

All down through the books of the bible, God has used men and women to tell the people his will, to speak his word, to give instruction in righteousness, to warn and correct, but also to encourage and heal. God is still using people for his purpose. God is still speaking into the heart of his servants his will for the people.

Hebrews 1:1-2 (God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets; Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son,)

We have been called to be the disciples of Jesus Christ and to make disciples of Jesus, of others.

When Jesus began his earthly ministry, he gathered a group of men and told them,

Matthew 4:19 (Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.)

Jesus took and taught, them then sent them out to teach others. We are his representatives in the world today.

2 Corinthians 5:20 (Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.)

We stand in the place of Jesus with the authority of God backing us, to make a difference in the world by touching the lives of others with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jesus was a preacher and a teacher. Any time he came across doubt and unbelief he would teach the people. People of this world are blinded to the truth, because they have no knowledge of the truth. It is our job to open their eyes to the truth, by the truth.

(And that is the whole purpose of this study. To teach you and prepare you to be able ministers of the gospel.

To go out and preach and teach,

Acts 26:18 (To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that

they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. (Jesus Christ).

Homework, read the following scriptures

1 Corinthians 1:18-29

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Matthew 7:18-27

Matthew 25:14-30

Matthew 24:45-46

Genesis 2:14-25

Genesis 3:1-24

Read and memorize these scriptures

James 1:5

2 Timothy 2:15

Hosea 4:6

1 Corinthians 1:18

John 6:63

Psalm 119:11

Jeremiah 23:29

Proverbs 18:21

Hebrews 4:12

The answers to the self-test is contained in the lesson or the homework scriptures. Write answers below question and where the answers are found in the scriptures.

Self-Test

1, Wisdom and knowledge was granted to Solomon because he desired it to

Judge my people, 2 Chronicles 1:8

2, Many are deceived because of there

3, You receive revelation of God's word by

4, The word of God is able to

5, The Bible was written so the man of God maybe

6, Gods word is like a

7, In the beginning was the

8, The only way to be successful is

9, We are ambassadors of

10, We are told to do what to them who are in darkness

11, The preaching of the cross is to them that perish

12, God has chosen the foolish things of this world to

13, The God of this world hath blinded the minds of them

14, The Bible says that those who build their house upon the rock

15, Everyone is given talents according to there

16, Those who are faithful over a few things will be made to

17, But if the gospel is hid, it is hid to them that are

18, Everyone that hears the word, and does not obey it is

19, The Lord called the one who hid his talent a

20, Eve was deceived by

Also, with these lessons of the Bible Study you will be receiving my book, “Running to Win” for additional study.

