



NEW LIFE WORSHIP CENTER

JACKSONVILLE

BIBLE STUDY NOTES

A Quick-Reference Companion



*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path."*

Psalm 119:105

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How to Study the Bible

Begin Every Study

1. **Pray.** Ask the Holy Spirit to open your understanding (Luke 24:45).
2. **Read** the passage slowly — aloud if you can.
3. **Read again** in its full context: what comes before and after?
4. **Write** what you observe before you interpret what it means.
5. **Apply** the truth to your own life today.

The S.O.A.P. Method

A simple daily framework for personal devotion.

S — Scripture. Write out the verse that stood out to you most.

O — Observation. What is happening in this passage? Who is speaking, who is listening, when, where, and why?

A — Application. What does this mean for me today? What must change in how I think, speak, or act?

P — Prayer. Pray the verse back to God in your own words.

Five Inductive Questions

Ask these of every passage you study.

- What does this passage say about **God** — His character, His ways, His promises?
- What does it say about **people** — our nature, our needs, our condition?
- Is there a **promise** for me to claim?
- Is there a **command** for me to obey?
- Is there a **warning** for me to heed?

Daily Reading Plan

Read the Bible in a Year

About three chapters a day will carry you through the entire Bible in twelve months. Read one Old Testament chapter, one New Testament or Psalm, and one chapter of wisdom or prophecy.

Suggested Daily Pattern

- **Morning:** 1 Psalm + 1 Old Testament chapter
- **Midday:** 1 Proverb (match the day of the month — on the 5th, read Proverbs 5)
- **Evening:** 1 New Testament chapter

The 90-Day Sprint (New Testament)

Read the entire New Testament in 90 days — about three chapters per day. Begin in Matthew and finish in Revelation. A powerful way to immerse yourself in the life and message of Christ.

Chronological Plan

Read the Scriptures in the order the events actually happened. Job is placed near Genesis. The Psalms are read alongside the life of David. The prophets are interwoven with the kings they preached to. This plan reveals the unfolding story of redemption with fresh clarity.

If You Miss a Day

Do not double up to catch up. Pick up where you left off and keep going. **Faithfulness beats frenzy.** God is not measured by your schedule, but He honors a steady walk in His Word.

Tips for Sticking With It

- Read at the same time, in the same place, each day.
- Keep your Bible, journal, and pen together.
- Begin with prayer; close with prayer.
- Share what you are learning with someone each week.

The Bible at a Glance

66 Books • 2 Testaments • 1 Story

Old Testament (39 books)

Pentateuch (5): Genesis — Deuteronomy. The Law, the covenant, the foundation.

Historical (12): Joshua — Esther. Israel's story from conquest to exile and return.

Wisdom & Poetry (5): Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon. The cries, songs, and reflections of God's people.

Major Prophets (5): Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel.

Minor Prophets (12): Hosea — Malachi. Shorter, but no less powerful in their call.

New Testament (27 books)

Gospels (4): Matthew, Mark, Luke, John — the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

Acts: The birth and spread of the early Church.

Pauline Epistles (13): Romans — Philemon. Letters from the Apostle Paul.

General Epistles (8): Hebrews — Jude. Letters from other apostles to the Church.

Revelation: The triumph of the Lamb and the renewal of all things.

One Theme: Christ

The Old Testament conceals Him; the New Testament reveals Him. From the promised Seed in Genesis to the returning King in Revelation, every page of Scripture points to Jesus.

Verses to Hide in Your Heart

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." — Psalm 119:11

Salvation

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Romans 10:9

Faith & Trust

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."

Proverbs 3:5

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:1

Strength in Trial

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Philippians 4:13

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

1 Peter 5:7

Walking with God

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Matthew 6:33

Study Toolkit & Prayer

Six Rules of Interpretation

1. **Context is king.** Read the verses, the chapter, and the book around any passage.
2. **Scripture interprets Scripture.** The Bible explains itself — compare verse with verse.
3. **Take the plain meaning** first, unless the text clearly signals symbolism or figurative language.
4. **Mind the genre.** History reads differently from poetry; poetry differently from prophecy; prophecy differently from parable.
5. **Doctrine comes from clear texts**, not obscure ones. Build your beliefs on what the Bible plainly teaches.
6. **Apply before you debate.** The Word was given to transform you before it equips you to teach others.

Five Pillars of the Christian Life

- The **Word** — daily reading and meditation
- **Prayer** — daily conversation with God
- **Worship** — both private and corporate
- **Fellowship** — faithful in the house of God
- **Witness** — sharing what He has done

A Prayer Before Study

“Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. Holy Spirit, teach me what I cannot learn on my own. Make me a doer of Thy Word, and not a hearer only. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Adapted from Psalm 119:18 & James 1:22

S.O.A.P. Study Notes

Your Personal Study Journal

The next twelve pages are yours to fill. Use the S.O.A.P. method to capture what God speaks to you each day in the Word. Carry this pamphlet with you, write what you see, and return to these notes often. The discipline of writing presses Scripture deeper into the heart.

How to Use Each Page

Date & Passage — Record the date and the Scripture you are studying. This builds a record of your walk over time.

S — Scripture — Write out, in your own hand, the verse that stood out to you most. Slow down; the act of writing helps you remember.

O — Observation — What is happening in this passage? Who is speaking? To whom? What stands out? What questions do you have?

A — Application — How does this Scripture speak to your life today? What must change in how you think, speak, or act?

P — Prayer — Write a short prayer in response to what God has shown you. Pray the verse back to Him in your own words.

A Word from the Word

"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."

Joshua 1:8

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