

BASIC INTRODUCTION TO STUDYING THE BIBLE

USING RELEVANT STUDY AIDS AND TOOLS

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This writing is not intended to be exhaustive or comprehensive but elementary, serving as a 'basic' introduction to studying God's Word. The Bible is God's Word to humanity. It contains the thoughts, mind and intelligence of God. It presents His plans for how humanity is to function as His sons in creation, exactly representing Him in nature and in the fulfillment of His will. Thus, to live successfully with respect of this, demands that we understand God's nature and purposes as set forth and communicated in His word. Reading, studying, meditating and obeying the principles contained in the Word of God is absolutely essential.

This brief writing provides some principles for reading and studying God's Word, to accurately understand it and access God's voice through it. In some instances, my personal, subjective preference is indicated and is not meant to be prescriptive. In your reading and study of the Bible, remember God's Word is the means by which God ...






- Speaks to you. (Deut. 32:1,2)
- Discloses Himself to you, revealing His nature and character in which you may
- Be transformed. In studying the Bible, you are getting to know God Himself. (John 14:21-23)
- Cleanses you. (Eph. 5:26-27)
- Instructs you in righteous living. (2 Tim. 3:16; Heb.5:13)
- Progressively matures you into sonship. (1 Pet. 2:2; Heb.5:14)
- Will make His purpose and will for your life clear. (Luke 4:21)
- Will direct your life. (Psalm 119:105)

God's Word is ALIVE and interactive.

Heb. 4:12a For the word of God is **living** and **active** ... (NASB)
For the word of God *is* **living** and **powerful** ... (NKJV)

The Bible is not a dead letter. It is a 'living book', through which God will speak to you. The Holy Spirit will enliven it, providing illumination of its meaning and message to you.

N.B.: One must develop an INTENSE and DEEP LOVE for God and HIS WORD. You must love TRUTH - the absolute truth as presented in Scripture (see 2 Thess.2:8-10). I will STRONGLY ADVISE the reader to study the following teaching series' freely available on my website. These deal with the mindset and approach one should have in reference to reading, studying, meditating and obeying God's Word. There are audios as well as accompanying PDF documents. Here are the relevant Titles in the order I think you should study them and their links (each title has a few sessions):

-  **The Primacy of the Word**
-  **Gathering**
-  **The Spiritual Man**
-  **Soul Prosperity**
-  **Meditation**

(See links overleaf)

⇒ **Audio Links** : Go to <http://www.randolphbarnwell.com/audio.html> and scroll down to the relevant title.

⇒ **PDF Docs**: Go to http://www.randolphbarnwell.com/pdf_topical.html and scroll down to the relevant title.

BIBLE HERMENEUTICS :

Biblical hermeneutics is the study of the principles and methods of interpreting the text of the Bible. The purpose of biblical hermeneutics is to help us to know how to **properly interpret, understand and apply the principles of God's Word practically to our lives.**

2 Tim. 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

✓ **HEARING, STUDYING AND AMPLIFYING THE CURRENT TEACHING OF ONE'S SPIRITUAL LEADER**

In your quest to know the Bible and to afford God to speak to you through it in a powerful manner, I firmly believe that every son of God should be strongly covenantally joined to his/her spiritual father, the one who releases impartations of grace through the teaching/preaching of God's Word. This spiritual father, if he/she is not an apostle, should be strongly connected to one. Authentic apostles are able to decode revelation and mysteries of the Scripture (Eph. 3:5). The early church continued steadfastly in apostles' doctrine, i.e. teachings and truths established by apostles or apostolic ministry. Paul, Timothy's spiritual father, encouraged him at length to continue in the things that Paul taught him. As Timothy meditates on Paul's teachings, God provides him understanding of all things.

2 Tim. 2:7 Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Tracking and ardently hearing, studying and meditating upon core teachings of your spiritual father, provides a sound and solid framework in which God's voice to you may be amplified. Ultimately, every ordinary believer must be able to skillfully study God's Word and decode its hidden meaning for himself or herself; spiritual fathering is key to realising this goal. On the road to Emmaus, Jesus, ...

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| (1) Opened the Scriptures to them | (Luke 24:27) |
| (2) Opened their eyes to recognise HIM | (Luke 24:31) |
| (3) Opened their minds to understand the Scriptures | (Luke 24:44-45) |

[* A comprehensive treatment of Jesus's encounter with the two disciples is available in audio and text formats on my website under the 'PRIMACY OF THE WORD series]

Your spiritual leader must open the Scriptures to you, so that you see Christ and become like Him - but ultimately your leader must also open your mind so that you can open the scriptures for yourself too.

I encourage two focal areas for bible reading/study :

- (a) One should read the bible daily. You should do so systematically, e.g.
 - (i) Read a whole book of the bible – by reading through a chapter or few verses a day slowly, thoughtfully, meditatively and prayerfully. Quick speed reads do not make for good Bible study.
 - (ii) If you are wanting to explore a certain theme or issue, then use a concordance or the search facility on most bible software programmes, and read all the verses pertaining to that topic over a few days/weeks/months.
- (b) Apart from the above point, one should also follow closely the current teachings of your spiritual leader and privately study the same topic issue by ...
 - (i) Rehearsing the sermon teaching each week (by the notes you take or viewing any audio or video recordings).
 - (ii) Privately tracking and studying the teaching theme your spiritual leader is currently teaching - in same manner as in point (a) (ii) above.

For further reading and explanation on the importance of the above principles, please consult the following document on my website:

<http://www.randolphbarnwell.com/PDF's/Grace/13.%20Sight%20of%20and%20Tracking%20Your%20Spiritual%20Father%20.pdf>

✓ **THE ILLUMINATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The Holy Spirit is the author of the Word of God, and thus we cannot understand the word of God without consulting and relying upon the Holy Spirit to make the text understandable to us.

2 Tim. 3:16a All Scripture is inspired by God ... (Literally read : “All scripture is God-breathed”)

God’s thoughts and ways are higher than ours, but we are called into the privilege of knowing them.

Isaiah 55:8-9 “For **My thoughts are not your thoughts**, Nor are **your ways My ways**,” declares 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.

1 Cor. 2:9-14

- 9 but just as it is written, “Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And which have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him.”
- 10 **For to us God revealed them through the Spirit;** for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.
- 11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? **Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.**
- 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the **Spirit who is from God**, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,
- 13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.
- 14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.
- 15 But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he will instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.

John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, **He will teach you all things,** and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

John 16:12-15

- 12 “I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
- 13 But when He, the **Spirit of truth**, comes, He will **guide you into all the truth**; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.
- 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.
- 15 All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that **He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.**

✓ SCRIPTURE HAS ONE INTERPRETATION BUT MANY APPLICATIONS

A particular text has one meaning, which may be literal or symbolic at its heart, but may be applied to a range of applications. The application made must, however, bear relevance to the context in which the Scripture is found.

Exegesis and Eisegesis :

Exegesis** is the ***exposition or explanation of a text based on a careful, objective analysis. The word *exegesis* literally means ***“to lead out of.”*** That means that the interpreter is led to his conclusions by following the text. The opposite approach to Scripture is ***eisegesis***, which is the interpretation of a passage based on a ***subjective, non-analytical reading.*** The word *eisegesis* literally means ***“to lead****

***into,”** which means the interpreter injects his own ideas into the text, making it mean whatever he wants. Obviously, only exegesis does justice to the text. Eisegesis is a mishandling of the text and often leads to a misinterpretation. Exegesis is concerned with discovering the true meaning of the text, respecting its grammar, syntax, and setting. Eisegesis is concerned only with making a point, even at the expense of the meaning of words. (Source: gotquestions.org)*

✓ **THE BIBLE IS TO BE UNDERSTOOD FIRST LITERALLY, HISTORICALLY, GRAMMATICALLY AND CONTEXTUALLY .**

Literal: First read it literally and seek to understand the text plainly. Then seek to understand it symbolically, only if the text lends itself to this. Do not go looking for allegorical or symbolic applications if the text does not warrant it.

Historical : Seek to understand the historical, cultural and situational background in which the text is located. Who is the audience? Who is being spoken to? Can what is said be applied to all people or just to those spoken to in the text? What prompted the text? What led up to it? Does the text have a cultural application or context? (e.g. washing of feet)

Contextual: To understand a specific text or phase, read the verses preceding and following it. At times you will have to read the entire chapter in which the verse is located, and at other times, read the entire book in which the verse is located. Example: The phrase “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” literally means exactly that, viz. that you can do anything by the power, strength and grace of Christ in you. You could ‘apply’ this verse to any situation in which you need encouragement to assert Christ’s overpowering strength in you to overcome anything that places limitations on your capacity to obey Him in a particular respect. BUT, the CONTEXT in which the verse is found speaks directly to you being CONTENT in conditions of poverty or prosperity, and in either one, you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. The ‘all things’ here is the art of learning CONTENTMENT, no matter what your material or financial conditions are.

Phil. 4:11b-13

Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. **I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.**

Grammatical: Pay careful note to the grammatical construction of the verse. This will prevent you from drawing inaccurate conclusions.

✓ **THE BIBLE IS ALSO TO BE FIGURATIVELY, ALLEGORICALLY, SYMBOLICALLY AND/OR PROPHETICALLY INTERPRETED AND APPLIED**

Whilst you first seek to understand the 'PLAIN' (LITERAL) text, also seek, where applicable, to understand the allegorical or prophetic application.

Example 1: After celebrating the Passover meal on a particular night, the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt's 430 year enslavement was a literal and historical fact, but there are a host of symbolic applications that are extremely crucial. Egypt may represent the world, a false church or a general inaccurate spiritual location. The sprinkling of the blood of a spotless lamb on the lintels and doorposts at the first Passover has reference to the redemptive and protective power of the blood of Christ in and over our lives. Eating the lamb and the unleavened bread and the specific manner and mindset in which Israel ate, provide very important principles of MIGRATION that we could apply to a phase of TRANSITION that we may be in. Also, the entire exodus was about the release of God's firstborn son represented in Israel as a nation - so firstborn sonship principles could be studied here.

Example 2: In the Feeding of the Five Thousand, the plain facts are that five thousand men (not counting women and children) were fed when Jesus multiplied five loaves of bread and two fish given to him from a little boy found by Andrew. The bread was blessed by Jesus and given into the hands of his twelve disciples/apostles to distribute to the people, who were first made to sit down in groups of fifty (and groups of hundred). There is much spiritual encouragement and enrichment that could be gleaned from a simple analysis of literal facts of this text. But if you simply stop at the literal application, you could be missing out a great deal.

Prov. 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

Examples:

- Bread denotes the Word of God or Doctrine.
- Fish denotes food for a transformed immortalised body – or food for the 'spirit'.
- 5000 and 50 denotes amplified grace (5 being the number of grace).
- 100 denotes maximum possible productivity, completeness, sonship and grace empowerment.
- The 12 apostles denote apostolic ministry or apostolic government.
- 12 baskets of bread left to be 'raised up at the last day' refer to the perpetuation of apostolic grace.

Dr Sagie Govender, an apostle and bond-servant of Christ, offers the following GUIDELINES FOR SYMBOLIC INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE:

Symbolism is the use of one object to represent another, which is essentially different from itself, but has certain common features. The symbolic method of interpretation is the method whereby the interpretation of the scriptures is determined by the interpretation of the symbol. The old saying applies, "when the plain sense does not make common sense, then seek another sense."

John 6:53 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless **you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.** (NKJV)

John 6:66 From that time **many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.** (NKJV)

One of the reasons that many of his disciples went back, is that they did not understand symbolic language. Any ordinary person would have interpreted Jesus' requirement as cannibalism instead of a covenantal relationship.

GUIDELINES FOR SYMBOLIC INTERPRETATION

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| A) FEATURE LINK | There must be features common to both. |
| B) CONTEXT LINK | Because an object may symbolise more than one thing, the context must be examined to determine what is being symbolised (e.g. lion may symbolise satan, Jesus or an overcoming believer.) |
| C) BIBLICAL LINK | Because the Bible interprets its own symbols, the scriptures must be searched to determine the interpretation of the symbol. |
| D) CULTURE LINK | The symbol must be interpreted in its cultural context. |
| E) LANGUAGE LINK | Interpret the symbol in the language in which it was communicated. |
| F) SYMBOLIC LINK | If the verses under consideration make literal sense, then symbolic interpretation is valid if the contextual scriptures suggest this or the Bible uses the object as a common symbol. |

✓ SCRIPTURE MUST INTERPRET SCRIPTURE

One or more other scriptures usually provide illumination or explanation on another scripture. The word or phrase search facility on most bible software programmes will greatly help you in this regard. It is essential that the scripture(s) you employ to provide elucidation on another scripture, bears relevance to the issue under consideration.

✓ WORD STUDIES

The Bible was not written in English, but in Hebrew (OT) and Greek (NT). Some phrases and expressions of the NT are in Aramaic. Having access to a basic Hebrew/Greek dictionary will help greatly to uncover the original meaning of certain words. The applauded works of Hebrew/Greek scholars like James Strong, Spiros Zodhiates, Warren Baker, Thayer, Brown, Driver, Briggs, Vines, Mounce and others are available in hard copy and digital formats.

✓ BIBLE VERSIONS

Comparing a verse in different versions of the Bible is helpful. I strongly suggest using the NKJV and the NASB as a basis for your reading and then using other versions to supplement. The other versions I usually use are the AMP, NIV, ESV and the NLT. A good translation/version is one that remains as faithful as possible to the literal meaning of the original Hebrew/Greek and remains true to the spirit of the original texts. Modern bibles like the Message Bible by Eugene Peterson are not a translation but a paraphrase and should be used as an ancillary works but not as your primary source. The Message is not a translation and should not be used as your core Bible reference. However, it is sometimes powerful and brilliant while at other times it is seriously missing the intent of the original Hebrew/Greek texts.

The **E-Sword** bible software programme has a wonderful facility whereby you can look at one specific verse in a range of Bible translations/paraphrases all on one screen.

ELECTRONIC/DIGITAL BIBLE TOOLS AND AIDS

FREE ONLINE RESOURCES

There are many versions of the Bible, Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries, Commentaries which are freely accessible via the internet. Use of these obviously requires internet connectivity and its associated data costs. Check out these two, which I am familiar with:

www.biblestudytools.com

www.biblegateway.com

BIBLE SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS

These could be used on your personal computer or cellular phone. The two most commonly used Bible Study Applications are:

- Olive Tree
- E-Sword

[See <https://churchtechtoday.com/2019/03/13/5-best-bible-study-programs-on-the-market-today-2/> for a list of other good bible study apps; Logos is good but very expensive; Accordance is also very popular]

[E-Sword can be downloaded on the iOS Apple platform; on Android platforms it cannot, but a version of it called MY SWORD can be: Here is a link: <https://mysword-bible.dlnow.co/>]

Any one of these platforms is equally beneficial. I personally have both on my PC, and Olive Tree only on my cellular phone. On both apps, the most commonly used resources are available on both. Olive Tree is becoming very popular. E-Sword has been around for a long while and offers the benefit of multiple sub-resources to be opened in one screen. Also, E-Sword has the possibility of opening in one screen all versions of the Bible downloaded so as to compare a single verse across all selected versions.

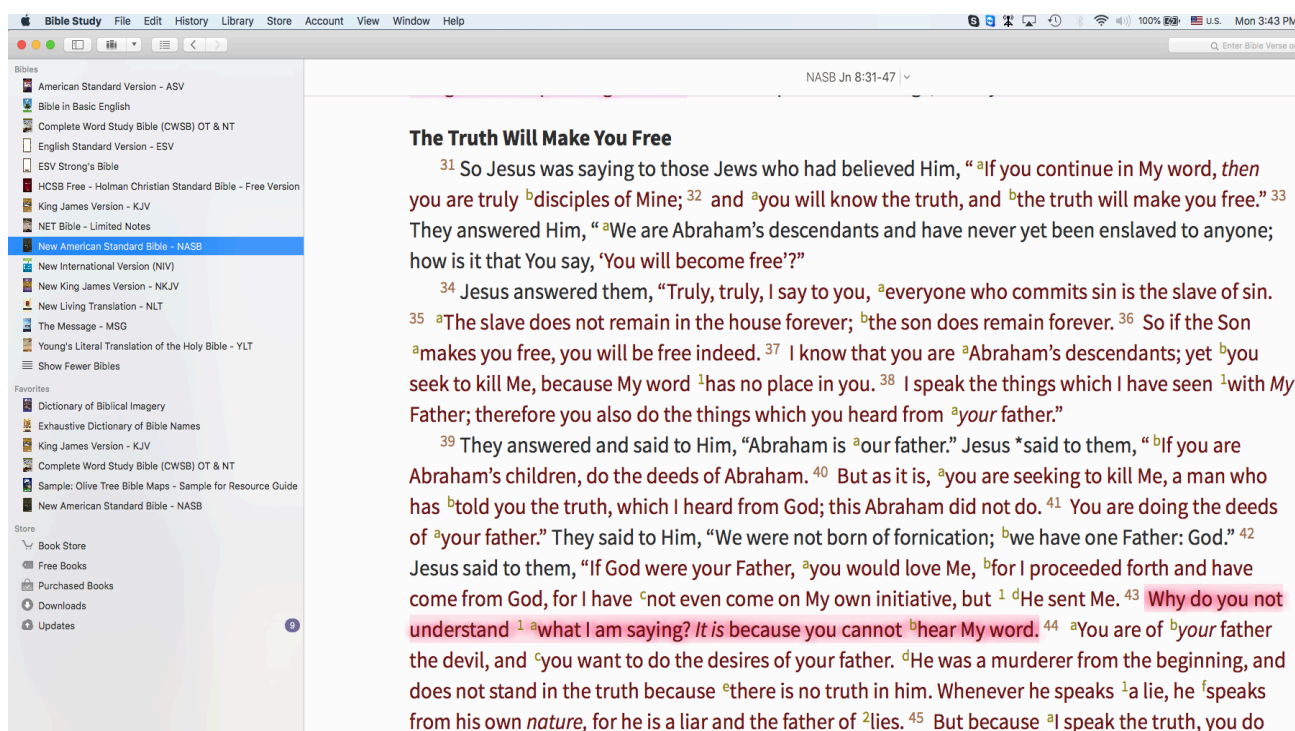
WORKING WITH OLIVE TREE BIBLE STUDY APP

Most of what is available through Olive Tree is also available through E-Sword. The design and layout of the two are different. I personally use both, but prefer Olive Tree.

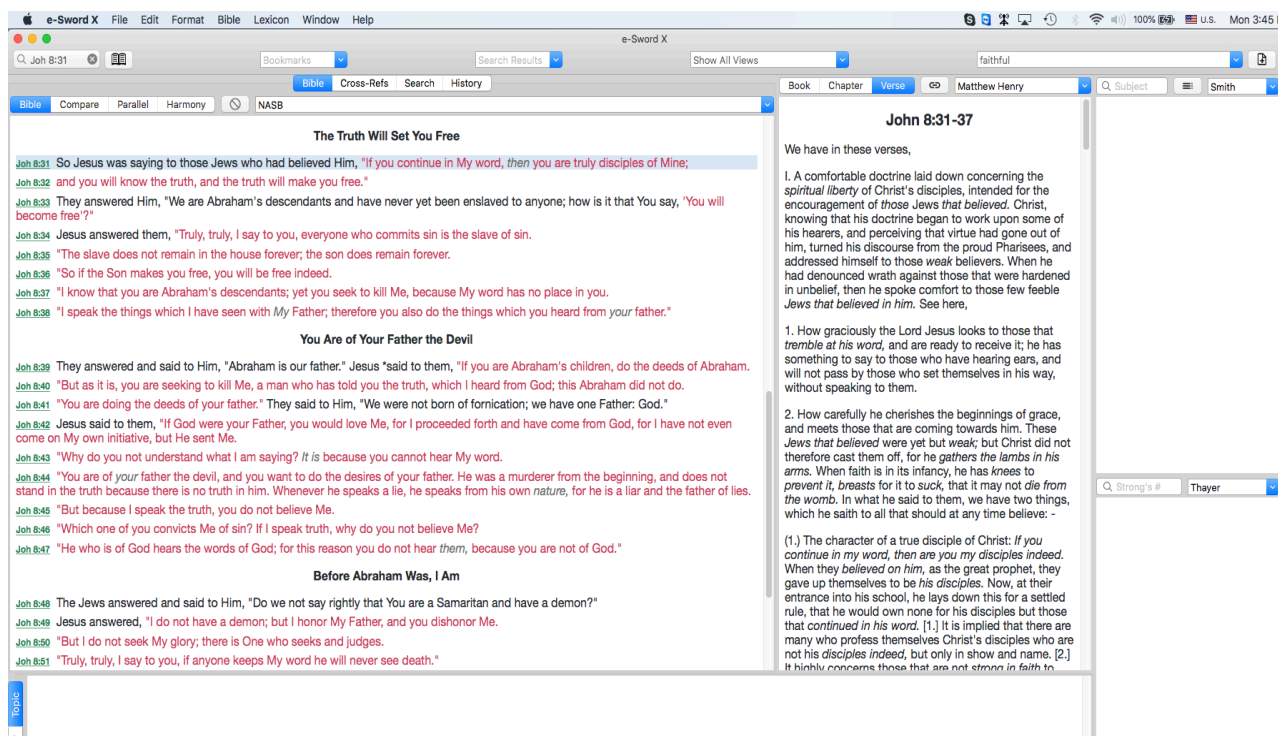
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Olive Tree Design



E-Sword Design



The notes following are done in reference to the Olive Tree App – but most of the principles equally apply to E-Sword.

Once you have the APP on your device, download the resources you need. I suggest you download:

- Bibles
- Greek/Hebrew Dictionaries (Usually these are connected to some Bibles – see note below)
- Dictionaries of Bibles Names and Places
- Commentaries

A. BIBLES

Free Bibles: There are numerous free bibles. The most commonly used are ...

- King James Version (KJV)
- New King James Version (NKJV)
- New International Version (NIV)
- English Standard Version (ESV)
- The Bible in Basic English (BBE)
- The International Standard Version (ISV)
- Young's Literal Translation (YLT)

I strongly suggest you download the above and any other of your preference.

The following Bibles are reasonably priced and I strongly suggest you invest in these – The prices reflected for each exist as at 17:06:2019

The New American Standard Bible (NASB) - R150
The Complete Word study Bible (CWSB) - R1200 ***** (see notes below)
The Amplified Bible (AMP) - R225

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| The New Living Translation (NLT) | - R150 |
| The Message Bible (Msg) | - R150 |

Before you go ahead with downloading any Bible, first read the next section. You may want to purchase the Bible version that is also linked to Strong's Concordance and/or one that comes with a 'study guide.'

B. HEBREW AND GREEK DICTIONARIES - AND CONCORDANCES

1. Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible – BY JAMES STRONG

James Strong is probably the most well-known Hebrew/Greek scholar. For the concordance, Strong numbered every Hebrew or Greek root word which was found, for ease of reference. This numbering system (8674 Hebrew roots and 5523 Greek roots) is now widely used. His numbering referencing system has become a standard among Bible scholars.

You **NEED NOT** buy this concordance as a separate item, because most bibles already have the 'Strong's numbers' keyed or linked and can be accessed by simply highlighting the word you wish to study. I would strongly suggest that you first decide WHICH BIBLE would be your main and regular reading bible. Then check whether Olive tree has this bible keyed to Strong's numbers.

Example - If you prefer to use the NASB, then does not purchase the NASB but rather purchase NASB-WITH STRONGS. It will be slightly more expensive: e.g. NASB = R150; and NASB STRONGS = R450. The same applies to the KJV, NKJV, ESV and some other versions.

2. The Complete Word Study Bible (Sprios Zodhiates - editor)

This Hebrew/Greek resource is my absolute favourite! **Note** – If you do decide to purchase it, there is no need to download the KJV Bible to your device because this resource uses the KJV as a base.

Extract of Olive Tree's promotion of this resource:

This a landmark work of forty six years of scholarship by its editor, Dr. Spiros Zodhiates. This set of resources equips any dedicated Bible reader to go deeper into God's word via study of the Greek and Hebrew Languages. New Testament and Old Testament each have a lexicon counterpart, each of which contain hyperlinks to Strong's Numbers and grammar - allowing you to discover New Testament Greek words and Old Testament Hebrew words as you desire. These innovative, ground-breaking volumes include complete research information per volume. Read the King James Version as it becomes animated with vital Greek and Hebrew Meanings.

*Includes **four volumes**:*

- *The Complete Word Study Old Testament*
- *The Complete Word Study New Testament*
- *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: Old Testament*
- *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament*

Primary Features

- *Explanatory prefaces to each book*
- *Footnotes on essential passages*
- *Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries keyed to Strong's Numbers*
- *Hebrew and Greek Concordances*
- *Grammatical Definitions*
- *Translational Reference Indexes*

N.B. The above two Hebrew/Greek resources I regard as my primary ones. In addition to the above, I have the following as well:

- 3. Thayer's Greek Definitions** (Available free on E-Sword or online)
- 4. Brown-Driver-Brigg's Hebrew Definitions** (Available free on E-Sword or online)
- 5. Vines Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words (R620)**
- 6. Mounce's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words (R495)**

C. GENERAL DICTIONARIES

There are many available. One good and free resource is ... **Easton's Dictionary.**

D. DICTIONARIES OF BIBLE NAMES AND PLACES

It is important to know that names and places have wide ranges of meanings. Thus it is recommended you use as many dictionaries when researching the meanings of names and places. Note that the specific meaning you apply to a name or place in a particular passage or verse will usually depend on the context.

Here I recommend the following in order of my personal preference:

- 1. Exhaustive Dictionary of Bible Names** (Stelman Smith and Judson Cornwall) – R120

This resource is BRILLIANT! It is thorough and exhaustive! You got to have it!

- 2. Strong's Concordance**

Strong's Concordance also provides the original meaning of names and places.

- 3. Jackson's Dictionary of Proper Names** (Available on the internet freely)

<http://biblecentre.org/content.php?mode=7&item=1353>

- 4. Hitchcock's Bible Names Dictionary** (Free)

E. DICTIONARIES OF BIBLICAL IMAGERY AND NUMBERS

These types of dictionaries are extremely useful to tracking themes or symbolic meanings. There are many available. One of the most useful I have found is:

Dictionary of Biblical Imagery (Longman, Ryken) - (R375)

Recommended Books : (Available on www.amazon.com ; AND www.christianbooks.com)

Interpreting the Types and Symbols by Kevin Connor (R180 Paperback ; Kindle R265)

Numbers in Scripture by E.W. Bullinger (R154; Kindle: R18)

F. COMMENTARIES

The following commentaries, amongst many others, are freely available on both apps as well as online:

1. Matthew Henry's Commentary
2. Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary
3. Adam Clark (E-Sword)
4. John Gill (E-Sword)
5. FB Meyer (E-Sword)
6. TSK Cross Reference (E-Sword)
7. Vincent's Word Studies (E-Sword)

There are a host of other commentaries available for sale. Select your commentaries carefully, as the authors write these from specific levels of understanding or spiritual persuasions.

Commentaries should be used only as secondary reading and not the primary source in your research. Remember, a commentary is someone else's 'comments' on the scriptures. These are the views and insights penned down by a person. I personally use them at the end-stage of my process of study, so as to prevent the ideas of someone else shaping or determining my main thoughts.

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BASIC POINTS

- ♥ Read the text.
- ♥ Re-read it a few times.
- ♥ Read the context a few times.
- ♥ Write down immediate thoughts or principles the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Keep a systematic journal of your thoughts.
- ♥ Ask Yourself: What aspects about Christ – His (i) Nature (ii) Will - does the text reveal?
- ♥ Consult other versions of the Bible for amplification.
- ♥ Do a word study of key words or phrases.
- ♥ Take the time for MEDITATION even beyond the time of actual study time. Deeply think over and reflect on what you have read/studied. You will be surprised at how much illumination the Holy Spirit will give you. (Refer to my teaching series on MEDITATION available on my website)
- ♥ Discuss the word with your spiritual father and brothers and sisters in Christ. They may have insights or keys that can unlock deeply hidden treasures in the scriptures you are studying.

LOVE GOD - LOVE HIS WORD

Psalms 1:1-3 How blessed is the man who does not **walk** in the counsel of the wicked, Nor **stand** in the path of sinners, Nor **sit** in the seat of scoffers! But his **delight** is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he **meditates** day and night. He will be like a tree *firmly* planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

Acts 20:32 "And now I commend you to God and to the **word of his grace**, which is able to build *you* up and to **give you the inheritance** among all those who are sanctified.

NOTE:

- Check my website and/or Facebook page for updated revisions of this document - as it becomes necessary to add new information to it, especially in reference to new resources.
- If you are aware of any BIBLE RESOURCE that has benefitted you in some way, which is not covered in this presentation, PLEASE email the details to randolph@gatedc.co.za.

Great Grace and Peace be yours in Christ, the Word,
Randolph Barnwell, June 2019

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZQqiYmNUPmxk7q5ysB0p0A/videos>

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