

Personal Bible Reading

Session 16

1 Timothy 4vs7-8: “Train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.”

Personal bible reading

- How does reading the bible train us for godliness?
 - God knows best what is needed to be godly!
 - The bible makes us wise for salvation, teaches, rebukes, corrects and trains us in righteousness (2 Timothy 3vs15+)
 - The bible answers life's important questions
 - The bible is always relevant because God does not change and mankind does not change
 - The bible protects us from false teaching
 - The bible equips us to serve God
 - The exposes sin as it truly is

Sifting for dust or mining for ingots



How to read the bible

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- Find a quiet place
- Get rid of distractions
- Be organised in which portion of the bible you read

Old Testament	
Pentateuch (Genesis to Deuteronomy)	187 chapters
Historical books (Joshua to Esther)	249 chapters
Wisdom books (Job to Song of Songs)	243 chapters
Major Prophets (Isaiah to Daniel)	183 chapters
Minor Prophets (Hosea to Malachi)	67 chapters

New Testament	
Gospels (Matthew to John)	89 chapters
History (Acts)	28 chapters
Paul's Epistles (Romans to Philemon)	87 chapters
General Epistles (Hebrews to Jude)	34 chapters
Prophecy (Revelation)	22 chapters

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The Bible's Big Story

OLD TESTAMENT →

God Makes Everything



Adam & Eve

God Judges Sin



Genesis

Joseph



Moses



The Law

Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

God Rescues His People

Gideon, Samson...

God

Peo

Judges

Ruth

2,000 BC

EGYPTIAN

1,500 BC

PHILISTINES etc..



Sin Spoils Everything

Noah



God Chooses Abraham

Isaac & Jacob (=Israel)



Jacob's Sons (= the twelve tribes of Israel)



Joshua

God Gives His People a Home



- 1 Creation
- 2 Fall
- 3 Israel
- 4 Jesus
- 5 Church
- 6 Last Day
- 7 Age to Come



1 God is an all-powerful, loving person – *do I know him?*
 2 God made everything
 3 God made people 'in his image', to live for him
 4 God invented families: husband and wife (and children)

1 We were made to obey God
 2 Sin is not obeying God (which is saying we know better than God!)
 3 Sin makes us guilty and frightened, hurting each other
 4 God is good, his word is true, his warnings real – *don't be fooled!*

1 Sin always grows and spreads
 2 Sin leads to death
 3 When people get worse it shows that God is already judging them
 4 Terrible judgment is coming, with only one safe place to escape it. *Am I ready?*

1 God acts first to rescue people
 2 God makes promises... and keeps them!
 3 God chose Abraham's family in order to bless all nations
 4 Abraham responded by trusting God and obeying him – *so must I!*

God rescues a people... (*Am I one?*)
 1 from a desperate slavery
 2 by a deliverer & a blood sacrifice
 3 to know him & obey his good laws
 4 that he might live amongst them
 5 so as to reveal his great power, kindness, judgments and glory.

1 God's people still often sin...
 2 ... but God is still good to them, and keeps all his promises
 3 God will finally defeat all enemies, and give his people true rest in a 'Promised Land'
Will I be there, or am I God's enemy?

1 Until people are ruled by a given king, they will suffer please, and suffer just
 2 God gives his people David, but above all, *Am I trusting Jesus to forgive and obeying him as I*

Revelation 4 verse 11
 "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things..."

James 2 verse 10
 "For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it"

Romans 6 verse 23:
 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Galatians 3 verse 9
 "So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith."

Exodus 6 verses 6-7:
 "I will free you from being slaves, & I will redeem you. I will take you as my own people, & I will be your God"

Jeremiah 29 verse 11:
 "For I know the plans I have for you... plans to prosper you & not to harm you, plans to give you hope & a future."

2 Timothy 2
 "Remember... raised from the dead... descended from heaven... This is my God"

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- Understand where the book fits into the rest of the bible
- Remind yourself what you are about to do
- Pray that God would help you

How to read the bible

- Read the passage and meditate on it
- Ask the following questions
 - Is there a command to obey?
 - Is there a promise to trust?
 - Is there a warning to heed?
 - Is there an example to follow?
 - Is there a challenge to meet?
 - In what way should it lead me to pray/praise?
- What practically should I do today? Write it down.
- Pray the passage back to God.

Memorise God's word