

Session 1: The Inner Man – February 5th 2008

Method of Study: Topical

Tools: Bible Study Methods – Rick Warren, Note Books, Bible Gateway Online bible program, NKJ, NLT1 & 2, The Living Bible and Concordances

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Step 1: Compile a list of words relating to the topic

Step 2: Collect Bible References

Step 3: Consider each reference individually

Step 4: Compare and Group references

Step 5: Condense study into outline

Step 6: Conclude study

Hints: From Dr. R. A. Torrey on topical bible studies

- a) **Be systematic** – make a list, make it is complete and comprehensive as possible.
- b) **Be thorough** – find and study every verse that relates to the topic, as much as is possible.
- c) **Be exact** – get the exact meaning of each verse.

Claude: Remember that three main types of language are used in the bible.

1) **Literal** – God inspired authors to write exactly as he thought and then communicated it – words are thoughts clothed in human language.

11) **Colloquial or Slang** – classic examples are found in the Psalms as well as when Jesus refers to a woman as a dog.

Mark 7:24 From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon.^[h] And He entered a house and wanted no one to know *it*, but He could not be hidden. **25** For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet. **26** The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. **27** But Jesus said to her, “Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw *it* to the **little dogs**.”

28 And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs."

29 Then He said to her, "For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter."

30 And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

111) **Figurative** – again Jesus gives classic example of this

Matthew 18:8 "If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire.

The bible was written over 1600 years, by 40 different authors living on three different continents.

Therefore the complete cycle of Bible study is: 1) to receive **Information** that we can 2) understand enough for the **Application** in our life where 3) the Holy Spirit brings about an **Transformation** in our hearts.

Not just, Revelation

If we don't live out of our inner man we will live out of our old nature (Eph 3:16, Rom 7:18-25, Gal 5:16-23)

Not just, Inspiration

To be free from the law that gives sin its power, we must live our lives directed by the Holy Spirit. (Gal 5:18, 5:16-23, 3:23-25; 1Cor 15:56; Mark 8:8-14.)

Not just, Application

We must know how to be led by the Holy Spirit on a daily basis if the Revelation and Inspiration is going to produce Transformation (Ezekiel 36:25-27 NLT1 will be our memory verse for this study period)

It must include all three!

For this to become a reality we have to keep our hearts open, our minds alert and neither set in concrete, and scripture our highest authority.

Final introductory comments:

- Any extreme will lead to error. King James only people fail to realise that it was a version of the bible produced in the King James era (1000's of years after the original manuscripts were written) so that the people of the day could understand the Bible. It is

not without error, at the same time it is one of our most reliable source documents to the original scriptures.

The New Living translation and translations like it are great to balance up the word for word translations (like KJV) with the thought for thought translation of the NLT.

I guess some people will freak out over the next statement but... okay call it my opinion for now and that is " the bible was inspired by God and written originally by man. But when it comes to translations, not all were inspired by God and therefore more than one translation is required to be able to get the original thought of God in to the heart of man. Yes its only my opinion." Claude Carrello

Step 1: Heart, emotion, mind, tongue, spirit, self-control, body, health, tongue, memories, feelings, past, baggage, desires, soul.

Step 2 & 3: Ephesians 3:16; Philippians 4:13,19; Colossians 1:11; Romans 7:18-25, Galatians 5:16-23; 3:23-25; 1Corinthians 15:56; Mark 8:8-14 Ezekiel 36:25-27; (all initial references from the NKJ due to its word for word translation qualities and then read in NLT version 1 as a minimum for comprehension due to its thought for thought qualities)

Step 4 & 5

This means from here we will compile a study that will empower us to manage our:

Body – keep it healthy and under control so that it does not become the flesh by which we are dominated

Soul – heart, emotions, thinking, feeling, deciding and desires are all processed within the confines of our soul

Spirit – keeping it free from bitterness, self-righteousness and resentment

Memory verse:

Ezekiel 36:25-27

“Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. Your filth will be washed away, and you will no longer worship idols. And I will give you a new heart with new and right desires, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony heart of sin and give you a new, obedient heart (a heart of flesh). And I will put my Spirit in you so you will obey my laws and do whatever I command.”

Meditate on the following:

Hebrews 10:1-24

“The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship. If they could have provided perfect cleansing, the sacrifices would have stopped, for the worshipers would have been purified once for all time, and their feelings of guilt would have disappeared. But instead, those sacrifices actually reminded them of their sins year after year. For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. That is why, when Christ came into the world, he said to God,

"You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings.

But you have given me a body to offer.

You were not pleased with burnt offerings

or other offerings for sin.

Then I said, 'Look, I have come to do your will, O God

as is written about me in the Scriptures."

First, Christ said, "You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings or burnt offerings or other offerings for sin, nor were you pleased with them" (though they are required by the law of Moses). Then he said, "Look, I have come to do your will." He cancels the first covenant in order to put the second into effect. For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time. Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honour at God's right hand. There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet. For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy. And the Holy Spirit also testifies that this is so. For he says, "This is the new covenant I will make with my people on that day says the LORD: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." Then he says, "I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds. And when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices. And so, dear brothers and sisters we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

Managing your: Heart, Emotions, Head, Desires, Body and Spirit

Guard against developing:

A **Stony heart** – one that is cold, hard, heavy, dead, rough or stubborn

Out of control desires and appetites

Submission is all about allowing Jesus Christ to govern every area of our lives. Its about living out of the Lordship revelation making him the highest authority in our lives

Practical examples: limit switch on a kettle or iron stops both over heating and being coming fire hazards

Session 2: March 18th 2008

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Keeping a heart of Flesh

This requires us to remain in intimate relationship with God through a growing understanding and fellowship with the God-head. Here we will come to know the Compassion of the Father, Character of the Son and Charisma of the Holy Spirit.

For example:

"The father created (thought) it, the son redeemed (brought) it, the Holy Spirit regenerated (wrought) it and I got it" – Carolyn Carrello

" We pray to the father, in the name of Jesus, placing faith in the Holy Spirit to bring it to pass" – Claude Carrello

"Living organisms require the right environment to sustain health and grow in strength. Therefore, we as believers must ensure we keep ourselves in the right environment." - John Moore

"You have to live in the world but not dwell in worldly places" and " We can be Holy Ghost environmentalists carrying an environment of Christ into Christ-less environments" – CC

KEEPING YOUR HEART OF FLESH

1. God gives us a new heart of Flesh but it is up to us to look after it.

- You receive it soft, sensitive and open toward God but you have to keep to keep and maintain it.

2. Our first priority is intimate relationship with the God-head

'It is interesting to note that the bible did not go to press until 1513. From the time of Christ until then the gospel could only be declared and delivered from one generation to the next by the personal relationships of individual children of God. They preserved the scriptures and the ordinances of God through the personal, intimate, walk with God being their highest priority.'

3. Lordship needs to be re-defined in our lives

- it is the total acceptance of the Lordship of Jesus Christ over our personal lives

4. You must regulate the environments you dwell in

- "Live in the world, but don't dwell in worldly places"
- "We were regenerated to be rivers of living water to others"

5. Keep you influence on the external environments by pouring these truths into others

- "Planting the seeds we have received into the lives of others'

6. Pour your heart of flesh into and over the hearts of others

- "Give what you have"

Session 3: April 18th 2008

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The Temple of The Holy Spirit – YOU ARE!

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honour God with your body.

What Jesus has done for us; the first sanctuary – a tent, the Tabernacle of Moses reveals the gospel of Christ to us in what it was made of internally and externally.

Gold (deity), **Silver** (redemption), **Brass** (humanity), **Purple** (Royalty King of Kings, Matthew), **Blue** (Jesus the son of God and Son of Man who came out of the blue heaven, John), **Scarlet** (the suffering saviour, Mark) and **White** (The purity of the perfect, sinless Son of God, Luke)

Curtains of the tabernacle were 7 and a half feet tall – you could not see over the walls into the tabernacle because no one was sinless.

One door into the tabernacle – a rams skin died red is what the door was made of (Abraham a type of the Father, Isaac a type of Jesus travelled three days to a place of sacrifice to offer up his son. Isaac carried the wood on his back, and at the moment Abraham lifted the knife a male ram was there caught in a thicket by its horn)

The exterior of the tabernacle was made of badger skins – an ordinary unattractive animal skin. Like a beaver, nothing attractive about it. Why?

It was a picture of Jesus – an ordinary man that wont stand out in the natural, son of God (on the inside) but he was son of man on the outside (Badger skin)

On the Inside – attractive, precious and eye popping

On the outside – unattractive ordinary tent with strange sounds and stuff going on, on the inside.

“Friend if you only look on Christ and Christianity from the outside you’ll never understand the Kingdom of God. But if you will enter in through the wounds of Christ get covered in the scarlet blood, wear the robe of royalty, take on the Crown of the King become an heir and joint of Jesus and get wrapped in the righteousness of the purity of Christ – you will never turn back”

Physical Access to heavenly Atmospheres – because of Jesus’ obedient life

- a) There **is a man** in heaven today because of Jesus Christ’s life, death and resurrection
- b) When you are outside of Christ **the Kingdom of God** is unattractive, stupid, nothing out of the ordinary even dodgy.
- c) When you are in Christ **a never ending life of discovery** leads you (brass) by redemption (silver) into God/deity (gold)

OT tabernacle – when it was erected all the people of Israel pitched their tents toward the tabernacle. Their lives were focused around Christ. Lot however the bible says pitched his tent toward Sodom and Gomorrah.

- Your life is either centred around Christ or pitched in the wrong direction

The Foundation of the Tabernacle rested on 100 solid silver blocks each weighing 100lbs – the silver came from a blood tax taken from every family, it provided the foundation upon which the tabernacle rested. If you did not pay it you and your family would die through plagues and curses.

The Ark of the Covenant was a gold box that had a mercy seat on the top and on the inside the law (10 commandments) representing mercy as a higher authority to the law. The blood was sprinkled on the mercy seat.

The Body affected by Sexual Immorality

- o The Holy Spirit dwelling in your body
- o Respect for you
- o Cleansing

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

You say, “I am allowed to do anything”–but not everything is good for you. And even though “I am allowed to do anything,” I must not become a slave to anything. You say, “Food was made for the stomach, and the stomach for food.” (This is true, though someday God will do away with both of them.) But you can’t say that our bodies were made for sexual immorality. They were made for the Lord, and the Lord cares about our bodies. And God will raise us from the dead by his power, just as he raised our Lord from the dead. Don’t you realize that your bodies are actually parts of Christ? Should a man take his body, which is part of Christ, and join it to a prostitute? Never! And don’t you realize that if a man joins himself to a prostitute, he becomes one body with her? For the Scriptures say, “The two are united into one.” But the person who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. Don’t you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honour God with your body.

Soul Ties

1. Sexual Immorality does not only occur as a result of physical intercourse
2. Intimate conversation with everyone is not ok
3. Flirting is not safe
4. Heavy petting, touching and intimate encounters that exclude intercourse are all able to create soul ties that are unhealthy

Revelation Vs Illumination

You will act in a manner directly related to how you see yourself – Respect and Value yourself.

Keeping your tanks full

Spirit-Word-Prayer-Time with God-Worship-Fellowship-Counsel

Emotional-Laughter-shopping-Quality Relationships-Cuddle-Dogs-Quiet time-Love/Compassion-Joke e-mails-Play fights-Chocolate

Mental-Venting-Physical exercise-Learning Something through study

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The only valid way to study God's word is through EXEGESIS. ISOGESIS inevitably leads to heresy.

So what do these two words mean?

How can any study of the Bible possibly lead to heresy?

Let's start with a definition of these two methods of Bible study:

Exogesis

"Reading out of the scriptures". Line-by-line, verse-by-verse, chapter-by-chapter.

Isogesis

"Reading into the scriptures". This sounds TERRIBLE, but that is not the intent of the phrase "reading into". This merely means you start with a subject, and look for scriptures that pertain to it. If this was done objectively, with the whole passage being studied and not just the verse from the concordance, this would be valid.

Unfortunately, often times people do not take the time to do this. Well intentioned, fallible men find as much material as they can to support their position, theology or opinion. The proper attitude for a Christian believer is to take all of our basic assumptions and make them subject to the truths of God's word.

Heresies come in where authority becomes more important than what God's Word says and reveals. This authority becomes interested only in perpetuating its own authority, not in what the Word of God really says. Here are some common forms of authority that has become corrupted.

1. Tradition/Church History/Pastors-People believe what is taught by their church, pastor, what the church has historically believed, or what has been accepted due to the traditions of man.
2. Reason - if it is not logical people choose to not believe it.
3. Experience - they believe something because of an experience that they have had.