

40
Days
THROUGH THE
BIBLE

An Explorer's
Guide to the
Book of Books

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friends,
colleagues,
and mentors
who have helped me become
more of a man of the Word

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PREFACE

In the waning days of 2021, my nine-year-old son came to me and said, “Daddy, I want to read the Bible in 40 days.” I was a bit skeptical. A couple of years earlier, he had tried to read the Bible in 25 days and had only finished a day or two. But he persisted with his request. So I set him up with the 40-day reading plan that I had created a couple of years earlier and which forms the basis of this book.

He started on January 1, 2022, and he finished, exactly 40 days later, on February 9. How did he do it?

First, he wanted to. He had already finished reading through the Bible twice, and he wanted to try a different way of reading the Bible.

Second, he disciplined himself to do it. Obviously, as a nine-year-old, he did not have the pressures and responsibilities of an adult. However, he still had school to keep up with and chores to accomplish. What he gave up was his free time, when he could have been reading, playing a game, or relaxing with his siblings.

Third, he kept at it. If he got behind on one day, he would catch up the next. He kept at it throughout the course of the day as well. He would start in the morning before his daily routine of school and chores kicked in. He would then set aside his reading until later in the day when he would tackle it again.

Fourth, he used a Bible app that he could read and listen to at the same time. This helped him keep moving. In addition, he would listen to the Bible app on 1.25 speed, which cut his reading time down a little. On an average day, he would spend about two hours to finish the assigned reading.

On Day 40, when he finished, his sense of accomplishment was great. He knew I had read the Bible in 40 days (and that I was working on this 40-day reading plan). He knew my wife and others in our family and ministry had read the entire Bible in 40 days. And now he had done it for himself!

Significantly, he is not reading the Bible in 40 days now. In other words, the average person will probably not read the Bible every 40 days for the next 40 years! Life has its seasons; our Bible reading does too.

However, what my son’s example tells me is that anyone who truly wants to can read the Bible in 40 days.

PREFACE

Why not give it a shot? Up your Bible reading game! Look at your calendar and choose a block of time when you think your schedule would most accommodate the effort. Give up your free time during those weeks so that you can spend extra time in God's Word. If you get behind on one day, catch up on the next. Stay at it! Find a Bible or Bible app that you think will best help you make it happen. Then do it!

Now, a few words about this book.

I have broken the Bible down into 40 days of readings. (I have also included a plan for reading the Bible in 40 weeks for those whose schedule is impossibly busy, like moms with young children.) Because I prioritized, where possible, reading whole books of the Bible and divided larger books at natural breaking points, the readings are by no means equal. Day 16 (2 Chronicles) is the longest. Day 23 (Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, and Lamentations) is the shortest.

The readings deviate twice from the standard order of books in the English Bible. Once (as you may have noticed above) is Day 23; I did this to avoid overloading other days' readings. In the other case, I placed John's Gospel (Day 34) before Luke (Day 35) and Acts (Day 36) since the latter two books are a two-volume series.

I have provided an "explorer's guide" for each day's reading that is approximately 1,000 words in length. These guides highlight key themes and emphases in that day's reading, giving you something to hunt for on your journey through the Bible. Review & Application questions at the end enable you to "look back over your shoulder" at where you have traveled.

Still unsure whether you can read the Bible in 40 days or whether you even want to try? Three introductory chapters anticipate questions you might have like "Why should I read the Bible in 40 days?," "How do I learn to read more quickly?," or "What is the purpose for reading the Bible anyway?"

Take up the challenge! Allow *the Book of books* to provide you a rich feast of fellowship with God over the next 40 days.

WHY READ THE BIBLE IN 40 DAYS

Over the 2019–2020 Christmas break, some of the faculty and student body at Bob Jones Memorial Bible College (Quezon City, Philippines) took up the challenge of reading the entire Bible in 25 days. Both my wife and I finished, as well as three of our children.

For those interested, here is the 25-day reading schedule we followed:

- Day 1: Genesis 1–45
- Day 2: Genesis 46–50, Exodus
- Day 3: Leviticus
- Day 4: Numbers
- Day 5: Deuteronomy
- Day 6: Joshua, Judges, Ruth
- Day 7: 1 Samuel – 2 Samuel 10
- Day 8: 2 Samuel 11 – 1 Kings 22
- Day 9: 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles
- Day 10: 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah
- Day 11: Esther, Job
- Day 12: Psalms 1–89
- Day 13: Psalms 90–150
- Day 14: Proverbs, The Song, Ecclesiastes
- Day 15: Isaiah
- Day 16: Jeremiah
- Day 17: Lamentations, Ezekiel
- Day 18: Daniel – Malachi
- Day 19: Matthew
- Day 20: Mark
- Day 21: Luke
- Day 22: Acts
- Day 23: John
- Day 24: Romans – Colossians
- Day 25: 1 Thessalonians – Revelation

Reading the Bible in 25 days changed me. Not that this was the first time I had read large quantities of Scripture. I had read the New Testament before in less than a month and long books of the Bible—like Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Ezekiel—in one sitting, but I had never read through the whole Bible at such a pace. I loved it! I came away with a burden

to read more Scripture personally and to help others do the same. The book you are holding in your hand is an extension of that burden.

So, why should *you* read the entire Bible in 40 days?

It is more doable than you may think

It is eminently doable. If Bible apps are any indication, one can read the Bible from cover to cover *out loud* in about 70 hours. (A colleague of mine, Joel Arnold, read the whole Bible in seven days and reports on his experience at *rootedthinking.com*. His article is titled “Meditations from Binge-Reading the Bible.”) Reading the Bible in 40 days amounts to about 36 pages per day (in a standard-sized Bible). If you think about it, that’s not an impossible task. An adult with an average level of education can read 36 pages in about two hours. Many can even read faster than that. If spending about two hours daily reading Scripture seems burdensome, think of how blithely many Christians will watch a two-hour video or relax with two hours of web surfing after a day at work. The psalmist prayed that the Lord would turn his eyes from looking at things that are worthless (Psalm 119:37). Perhaps if God answered a prayer like that for us, it would give us more time to read His words.

Even the longest books can be read in one sitting

Even the longest books of the Bible are readable in one sitting. Jeremiah, for example, has more words (about 33,000 in Hebrew) than any other book in the Bible; Genesis is second, and Psalms, third. I can read Jeremiah in about two and a half hours, Isaiah and Ezekiel in about two hours each. Of course, you will not capture or understand every detail, but that is not your goal in reading one of these lengthier books in one sitting.

If reading Jeremiah or Ezekiel in one sitting is possible, how much more so the Gospel of Matthew, or any one of the four Gospels. In fact, after reading Jeremiah in one day, reading the Gospel of Matthew in a day seemed easy by comparison. And yet, how often have we been put off by the length of the Gospel of Matthew, convincing ourselves that we could never read *all 28 chapters* at one time or in one day?

Reading an entire book at one time is incredibly valuable

Invaluable, fantastic, necessary, indispensable, important, powerful, satisfying, life-changing—I can’t use enough adjectives to describe reading an entire book of the Bible at one time! The author’s message grips you in a way that reading a few chapters at a time does not. It was when I read the whole book of Job in a short period of time that, for the first time, its message captivated me.

In addition, reading an entire book of the Bible—or even just several chapters—before weighing in on a single verse would solve many of our interpretational problems. One religious sect in the Philippines, where my wife and I have ministered for years, uses Isaiah 46:11, with its reference to a “ravenous bird from the east,” to persuade its

followers that the Bible prophesied the rise of its founder. A careful reading of Isaiah 40–48 makes clear that the man in view is Cyrus the Great, the Persian world leader of the sixth century BC who allowed the Jews to return to their homeland.

Important Scriptural connections suddenly appear obvious

As thankful as we are for a Bible with chapters and verses (imagine trying to find a text in Jeremiah without these), chapter divisions sometimes keep us from noticing the larger unfolding story or sequence of connected thoughts. A daily Bible reader typically reads a certain number of chapters a day. He might, for example, read Genesis 37–40. Or he might be reading in multiple parts of the Bible every day and thus read Genesis 37, Psalm 5, Proverbs 6, and Matthew 7. There is nothing inherently wrong with such an approach. I spent much of 2019 reading 10 chapters a day, each chapter coming from a different book of the Bible, and it was a great blessing to be reading all over the Bible every day.

Allow me to play devil’s advocate a little.

Think of a person who reads Genesis 37–40 for his daily Bible reading, shuts his Bible, and goes on his way. What he may not realize is that he was on the cusp of where Joseph’s story arcs from his downward spiral to his incredible exaltation. The author (or Author) of Genesis did not mean for the reader to pause lengthily after reading 40:23. The suspense of the story ought to carry the reader into the next chapter.

How much more so is this true if that same reader then continues the next day by reading Genesis 41–44! Four chapters of daily Bible reading is great—and more than many Christians accomplish—but the grand revelation of Joseph to his brothers takes place in Genesis 45:1. Everything in Genesis 44 (and the chapters preceding) has built up to this stunning moment when Joseph’s brothers find themselves unexpectedly and terrifyingly in the presence of the brother they sold into slavery.

Furthermore, what you may also miss by not reading the whole section is the growing “Judah theme” in the Joseph story. God is working in and through Joseph in Genesis 37–50, but He is also working on Judah, making him into the leader from whom the Davidic Messiah will ultimately emerge. The Judah theme is most easily seen if you read the entire story.

These examples come from Genesis, but Revelation, the last book of the Bible, affords similar examples of missed connections that can occur when we read isolated chapters. A good example is Revelation 5. A fascinating drama in and of itself as the Lamb takes the scroll with the seven seals, Revelation 5 is tightly connected with the vision of God’s heavenly throne room in Revelation 4. Revelation 6 is similarly connected. Too often, we refer to Revelation 6 as the “seal judgments,” as if they are a stand-alone phenomenon. In actuality, the Lamb who received the scroll with the seven seals in chapter 5 (from the hand of the One seated on the throne in chapter 4) is the One opening the seven seals one at a time in chapter 6.

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Revelation 13 begins with the emergence of the Beast and ends with the mark of the beast on the hand or forehead of his followers. However, in Revelation 14, the followers of the Lamb have a mark (the Father's name) on their forehead too. Both sets of followers are identifiable to their respective leaders. The juxtaposition of these two chapters (or two sets of followers) is literarily intentional and one that we should not miss! By the way, Revelation may have 22 chapters, but it contains fewer than 10,000 words. That's about the length of a 20-page book. Think you could read that in one sitting?

Demands on our time mean that most of us can only read a limited number of chapters a day. We, most likely, cannot read the entire book of Genesis every time we come to it. But let's be more sensitive to the material in the book than to the chapter divisions of the book and attempt to pause in our reading at natural pauses in a book's storyline. And, at least occasionally, read the book in its entirety.

Your whole day is filled with reading Scripture

When you have a goal of reading the entire Bible in a short period of time, you do not always finish in the morning. Instead, you will find yourself reading Scripture at odd moments of the day, such as while standing in line at a store or waiting for others to get ready for a family errand. Admittedly, there are numerous ways to fill those little bits of time. But what I have discovered is that I do not usually fill those "little bits of time" with reading Scripture. Why? Because I had taken in in my planned allotment of Scripture that morning, spent time in prayer, and then moved on into my day. But when your Bible reading goal requires reading dozens of chapters a day, your day becomes filled with reading Scripture just so you can accomplish your goal! *I read more Scripture if I have a goal of reading more Scripture.*

One of the best ways to be more productive in life is to have the pressure of a goal. No one likes pressure, of course, but reasonable pressure is good for us. Pressure motivates us to do what we know we should do but are too lazy to do unless constrained by a goal, a boss, or a deadline. Those who shoot at nothing are sure to hit it!

Your ability to concentrate and read quickly improves

Reading large amounts of Scripture is also a good way to learn to read more quickly or to remind yourself that there is a place for reading more quickly. When you sit down on a given morning with only two hours to read the entire book of Ezekiel, you push yourself to read quickly, perhaps even more quickly than you thought possible. You make yourself concentrate, a skill increasingly rare in our distracting modern world. Obviously, not all reading of Scripture should be fast. The Puritans distinguished between plow-work and deeper spadework. We need both types of Bible study.

In truth, plow-work leads to spadework. As I would read quickly—taking in on a single day, for example, Luke's writings (the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts)—I came

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across things that I wanted to come back to for future study. On occasions like that, I would often put a question mark or a brief comment in the margin of my Bible to jog my memory in the future.

It can make vacations spiritually invigorating (instead of the opposite)

Reading through the entire Bible in a few weeks' time works best during vacation, or some other down-time in your daily routine, when you know you will have more time to read because your schedule is more under your control. But there is an even more important reason for choosing down time to spend more time reading the Bible.

Too often, unintentionally, we end up vacationing *away from the Lord*. We can even feel that vacation provides an excuse to indulge our more carnal side a little. Thus, we binge on social media, gaming, or movie-watching, and we end up spending less time with the Lord than normal. Consequently, at the end of our vacation, we come up dripping from the pool of the world's delights, having temporarily satisfied some of our baser lusts but knowing we have become more distant from the Lord and more deadened to His voice than we meant to be.

Having a goal of reading large portions of Scripture during vacation mitigates that tendency. It does not mean you can have no fun on vacation. As I mentioned earlier, the 25-day Bible reading challenge was during our college's Christmas vacation. My wife and I both found ourselves spiritually refreshed after vacation. We had enjoyed a change of pace from our regular work week. We had vacationed in a beautiful place in the mountains of the Philippines. We had enjoyed time with family. We had even played some pretty competitive board games together. But we had not vacationed away from our Lord. We had instead enjoyed many precious moments feasting on His Word. What a welcome change from walking in the counsel of the ungodly, standing in the way of sinners, and sitting at the seat of the scornful—the typical fare served on social media and most of 21st century entertainment.

I am not arguing that we should read through the Bible every vacation, nor that we should read through the Bible every 40 days for the rest of our lives. I am daring us to find seasons in our lives when we read more Scripture. As I observed earlier, *if we have a goal of reading more Scripture, we will read more Scripture*. At the very least, let's reexamine our presuppositions about how much Scripture we can read in a year and see what God might enable us to do if we put a little more effort into it!

HOW TO READ MORE QUICKLY

Christianity is a religion of readers. Because God has recorded His revelation in writing, reading is very important for a Christian, or ought to be. On the other hand, reading the entire Bible in 40 days is somewhat daunting. On average, you will be reading about 19,000 words daily, the equivalent of 38 pages in a normal-sized book.

Someone may rightfully ask, “So how do you read so much in a given day?” That’s a valid question, and let me offer a few suggestions:

Jot thoughts down quickly

You do not have time to stop and dig deeply into passages as you read, not if you plan to finish every day’s reading within a couple hours. I keep a pad of paper handy as I read (I like yellow legal pads). If, as I read, something catches my interest that I would like to revisit, I jot it down hastily (legible only to my eyes) on my legal pad. When I am done with the day’s reading, I can then revisit what I wrote down and do a little more digging.

In addition, that list of hastily jotted down items often becomes the basis for talking with God over the passage. (The fellowship with God that takes place as you talk with Him about what you read is one of the main reasons for reading the Bible.)

Keep your eyes moving

Train yourself to keep your eyes moving. The author of Ecclesiastes reminds his readers not to be overly wicked and not to be overly righteous. Let me exegetically torture his advice by applying it to reading the Bible in 40 days: find the balance between scrutinizing your conscience as to whether you understood every word and zooming your eyes absently down the page. You do want to read it all (as in, every word on the page) but you also need to keep your eyes and mind moving.

I forced myself to do this the last time I read Day 29 (Ezekiel 25–48). The Temple details in Ezekiel 40–48 get me every time! I slow down and try to picture the dimensions of the various gates, entrances, porticos, courts, and rooms. I generally emerge brain-dead from this mental architectural imaging. This time, I decided to read the details but not decode them all. The result was an *enjoyable* time of reading Ezekiel 40–48, and I walked away refreshed as the overarching themes of those chapters filled my thoughts.

Develop your reading skill by reading

Reading is a skill, and a skill is something you can almost always improve or develop. A few years ago, I was teaching one of my twin boys to tie his shoes. I had forgotten how difficult tying shoes was until I watched him mangle the laces. But give him a few days or a few weeks, and he will do it as automatically as the rest of us. Like tying shoes, reading is a learned skill.

Are you a slow reader? You may always be a slow reader, but you can become a *faster* slow reader if you commit yourself to reading! You do not become a faster reader by not reading. Some reading experts emphasize reading with a pen, pencil, or bookmark in order to keep your eyes moving line by line. Others suggest looking *between* not *at* words, so that your eyes are taking in two words at a time; then, expand your ability by reading multiple words on a line at one glance. Virtually all recommend that you not read out loud, which may add to comprehension but slows you down considerably. Find the advice that helps you. The bottom line is that you will need to read and read and read and read.

You must! Why? Let me repeat the words with which I started this chapter: because God has recorded His revelation in writing, Christianity is a religion of readers.

Concentrate

Multitasking is in vogue today but concentrating is not! Books like *Deep Work* (by Cal Newport) mourn our lost ability to accomplish tasks that require arduous mental effort. When was the last time you strained your brain? Concentration is partly mental, but it is also environmental and volitional. Certain environments help you concentrate while others do not. You will not concentrate on your reading if you have Instagram open at the same time, if your family is watching a movie in the same room, or if friends are playing a loud game in the background. To concentrate, you need quiet. You need to consider carefully both *when* and *where* you read the Bible.

I prefer to read as early in my day as possible. The farther I get into my day, the more the day itself begins to crowd my thoughts. I find myself mentally running through my to-do list, errands I need to run, or problems I need to solve. One of the worst things for me personally is to read my Bible after I check email. Email is a focus thief.

If I read my Bible first thing in the morning, fewer people are up, which means a calmer, quieter environment. My wife and I have six children, five of whom are boys. Once everybody is up, things start hopping (and objects start flying), and my concentration is shattered. On the other hand, some people may read better at night after they have put children to bed or settled the affairs of the day. Find what works for you.

Concentration is also volitional; that is, it requires a conscious choice to block out distractions. Make decisions that will enable you to have a time and place in which you can concentrate. For example, if you know your best time to read is first thing in the

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morning before everybody else gets up, do not watch the news until midnight. You will not get up at 5 o'clock the next morning mentally ready to engage with the text of Scripture. You have just created a distraction for yourself because you will be too mentally tired to read effectively.

Purging onto paper can also free us to focus. Sometimes while I am reading (or praying), things I need to do keep crossing my mind—things I am afraid I will forget to do later. This is where my yellow legal pad comes in handy. I quickly write down those things before I forget them and then return to my reading.

Enjoy

Ultimately, part of what enables concentration is enjoyment. Work at and pray over making your Bible reading enjoyable. Look forward to it, and you will concentrate. No one forces you to concentrate while you are engaged in your favorite hobby! Why is it that we can spend hours on a hobby but yawn our way through 15 minutes of Bible reading? I assure you it is not because the Bible is boring, not if through it you end up fellowshiping with your Creator and Savior. Happy is the man (or woman) who delights in the Law of the Lord (Psalm 1:1–2)! Delighting in God's Word is the result of making it enjoyable, of coming to realize how essential it is, of tasting its joys, and of beholding its Author. Pray that your enjoyment of Scripture today will make you more inclined to indulge in reading it in the future.

Find what works for you

Listening to audio versions of the Bible (while you read) may help you read faster, particularly if you speed up the audio version, which many apps will allow. My nine-year-old son read through the Bible in 40 days by speeding up the app he was using. Sometimes alternative stances, like either kneeling or standing (or even pacing), help me read more quickly.

A Bible's print format may also impact your reading speed. I read a two-column formatted Bible more quickly than a one-column format. Font size can be a factor, or even the number of extra notes the Bible includes (which may be genuinely helpful but distract from your reading). Using a cheaper "pew" Bible rather than one that is premium goat leather with a Smyth-sewn binding might also speed you up. I am willing to mark up hurriedly a cheap Bible whereas in my nicer Bibles I *must* have a Pigma Micron pen and a straightedge.

Whatever you do, read! Up your game this year and read more than you did last year or the year before. If you don't manage to finish the Bible in 40 days, that's okay too. It took me 41 days the first time I tried.

WHEN READING BECOMES FELLOWSHIP

You decided to take the challenge—to pick up the glove, in medieval lingo—to read the Bible in 40 days. But why? So you can say you did it? Because you like a challenge? Because you can't resist a dare?

One of the best reasons, for a believer, is to have fellowship with his or her God.

Fellowship occurs when you and God have a time of sharing together. An amazing thought in and of itself, is it not? That *you* could have a time of sharing with the Creator of the universe. This is purely an act of His grace! Inexplicably, it is something He desires and even offers. Listen to what Jesus told the lukewarm Laodicean church: “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me” (Rev. 3:20, NKJV).

That's an offer of fellowship—like what you and a close friend might experience over coffee and pie at a restaurant.

But how does fellowship happen with a God who exists beyond the realm of sensory perception?

Talk over God's words with Him

The answer is that it happens through His words. As you read, He speaks to you. You then talk over with Him (through prayer) what He just spoke to you about in His Word.

Many Christians have heard of George Mueller, the man who fed hundreds of orphans by faith. What fewer realize is that he was an incredible Bible reader. (This may explain why he was such a man of faith!) By the time he was 71 years of age, he had read the entire Bible 100 times, and by the time he died at 92, he had read it through almost 200 times. Needless to say, he read the Bible every day. In fact, he once made this comment: “I look upon it as a lost day when I have not had a good time over the Word of God.”

Do you feel that way?

There is something more that we can learn from George Mueller. Early in his Christian life, Mueller would spend time in prayer before reading his Bible. What he eventually discovered though was that his praying was more effective when it *followed* a time of Bible reading. His Bible reading provided the spiritual nourishment to lift his soul up to

God in prayer. Mueller's reading of the Bible led him into a time of prayer, which resulted in fellowship with God. That's how *your* Bible reading is supposed to work!

Ask God for spiritual understanding

One more thing: pray for spiritual illumination *before* you read. (This is not in contradiction to George Mueller's example. Pray for help to understand God's Word before you read, but then have an extended time of fellowship with God after you read.)

In fact, don't just pray. Beg!

We beg when there is something we desperately want or need. And meeting with God through your Bible reading every day is something you *desperately* need. In fact, you need it as much as or even more than you need three meals a day (Matt. 4:4). So, get serious about wanting fellowship with Him *every day* and beg Him for it.

"Bread of Heaven, feed me 'til I want no more!"¹

By the way, your desire for fellowship with God is not one-sided. Where do you think *your* desire came from? He designed you for fellowship with Him! He will surely answer your prayer for Him to so minister His Words to you that it results in fellowship with Him.

We need to pray for illumination because the kind of understanding of our Bible we are seeking for is spiritual in nature. Some unsaved men and women have a vast understanding of parts of the Scripture. They have mastered the original languages. They have spotted verbal and thematic patterns. They have done unprecedented research into the history or background of the biblical text. This does not mean, however, that they have a spiritual understanding of the words. Think of the Pharisees and the scribes in Jesus' day. Few Christians today equal their mastery of the Old Testament, yet they failed to recognize their Messiah when He came.

A spiritual understanding of Scripture enables you to see Christ in what you are reading—to see man's need of Him, to see how even good men fail to imitate Him fully, to see His work of atonement anticipated in the Old Testament and then executed in the New, to see how God prepared the world for His coming, and to see the kind of life His death enables you to live.

The list could go on.

In 1 Corinthians 2, Paul speaks of the supernatural understanding imparted by the Spirit of God and calls it the wisdom of God or the *things* of God. What he means by the things of God are the *thoughts* of God (1 Cor. 2:11, NASB). An understanding of the thoughts of God only comes from the Spirit of God (vv. 11b–12). It is not enough, in a sense, to have only the Scripture. (The Jews had Scripture but ended up crucifying the Lord of glory.) What you need is for the Spirit of God to reveal to you the thoughts of God as you read the words of God. And that's why you need to *beg* for God's help to understand what you read.

WHEN READING BECOMES FELLOWSHIP

Do not think of yourself as theologically, intellectually, or logically capable on your own of ferreting out God's thoughts from the text. You and I are not. No man is. God must unlock the meaning of His Word. Jesus' disciples, on occasion, failed to understand the meaning of words they heard Him speak directly to them (Mark 9:32).

Sometimes we have not because we ask not (James 4:2).

The author of Psalm 119 clearly loved God's words yet, about 18 times, he prays for God to give him an understanding of those words. Here are some examples (emphasis mine):

- "Blessed are You, O LORD! *Teach* me Your statutes" (v. 12, NKJV).
- "*Teach* me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end" (v. 33, NKJV).
- "The earth, O LORD, is full of Your mercy; *teach* me Your statutes" (v. 64, NKJV).
- "You are good, and do good; *teach* me Your statutes" (v. 68, NKJV).
- "Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and *teach* me Your judgments" (v. 108, NKJV).
- "Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy, and *teach* me Your statutes" (v. 124, NKJV).
- "Make Your face shine upon Your servant, and *teach* me Your statutes" (v. 135, NKJV).

Isaiah speaks of those who are not to let God rest until He makes Jerusalem the praise of the earth (Isa. 62:7). Borrow that imagery and apply it to your daily reading of God's words. Do not let God rest until He has opened your eyes to behold wonderful things from His law (Psalm 119:18).

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