

A WORD ON WORSHIP

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II Timothy 16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Often we can read God's Word and come to certain conclusions about what it says and what it means to us. The process of looking into God's Word to reach conclusions about His plans is the natural process the Lord has set up. He has given us the inner desire to know him and he has chosen to reveal himself and His plans for us through His scripture as we spend time in it.

We know the Lord usually does not reveal everything in only one section of scripture. He usually does not outline His plan or spiritual principle by listing step one in detail, then step two in detail, step three in detail, and so on. Frequently the steps or concepts are found in various portions of scripture and the whole of scripture has to be studied to fully grasp what the Lord is saying and what he wants in response from us.

This is good. For as, humans in this time in history, we tend to want it all wrapped up in one short package that we can consume in a very short time. In His wisdom the Lord has placed portions of His plans in various places. This requires us to fully study the complete message of God if we want to understand His communications.

Sometimes we approach God's Word with pre-conceived ideas about His plan. These ideas may come from well-meaning counselors or even false teachers who want to make their comments sound good. More often preconceived ideas come from our own desires, fears, or human "wisdom." We like what makes us feel good or seems to be an easy way or builds up pride in our own abilities or deeds. Then it is easy to find those passages or individual scriptures that support our view or seem to support our foregone conclusions. When we don't find specific passages to support these conclusions we may distort or misquote the scripture to make them appear to support. Once we think we have the answers, human nature prompts us to not seek any further scriptural truth about the subject. This is the way heresy, false teaching and apostasy gain prominence and control. And in turn, the heresy, false teaching, and apostasy lead further away from studying the totality of scripture. It is a downward spiral.

The antidote to the downward spiral of erroneous views or incorrect interpretation is daily study of God's word accompanied by prayer. Daily study has some conditions. First, ask the Lord to clear away our misconceptions and to reveal His truth in the scriptures even when the revelation does not agree with what we had made up as truth in our mind. Second, the daily study must eventually include all the scriptures, even those that seem boring or dealing with Old Testament actions or less than interesting genealogies. Third, we must take God's Word as literal unless it is clearly allegorical or symbolic. We must take scripture literally even when the scripture seems to defy the rules of nature. Our God is the creator of nature and nature's laws and can and does overrule them when it suits His purpose. He is, after all, the God of miracles. Daily study of the Word will lead us to a right view of God, His plan for relationship with man, our salvation, growth and blessing.



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Hymn of the Week

The Light of the World is Jesus

Words & Music by Philip P. Bliss, 1875
www.hymntime.com/tch/htm/l/w/o/lworldij.htm

The whole world was lost
 In the darkness of sin,
 The Light of the world is Jesus!
 Like sunshine at noonday,
 His glory shone in.
 The Light of the world is Jesus!

Refrain

Come to the light, 'tis shining for thee;
 Sweetly the light has dawned upon me.
 Once I was blind, but now I can see:
 The Light of the world is Jesus!

No darkness have we
 Who in Jesus abide;
 The Light of the world is Jesus!
 We walk in the light
 When we follow our Guide!
 The Light of the world is Jesus!

Refrain

Ye dwellers in darkness
 With sin blinded eyes,
 The Light of the world is Jesus!
 Go, wash, at His bidding,
 And light will arise.
 The Light of the world is Jesus!

Refrain

No need of the sunlight
 In Heaven we're told;
 The Light of the world is Jesus!
 The Lamb is the Light
 In the city of gold,
 The Light of the world is Jesus!
 Refrain

SEE YOU SUNDAY AT SUNRISE

What's Happening at Sunrise

May 2013

April 28	8:45 a.m.	Elder Thom Rachford Teaching
	10:30 a.m.	Missionary Ruthi Kuhn & Navigators Update
April 30		Bible Study on break
May 2	6:30 p.m.	National Day of Prayer-Temple City Park Come out and pray for our nation
May 3	7:00 p.m.	Game Night
May 5	8:45 a.m.	Elder Thom Rachford Teaching
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School- Thom Rachford on Israel/Photos
May 7	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study in Ephesians
May 10	6:30 p.m.	Friday Night Fellowship- Fireside Room
May 12	8:45 a.m.	Mother's Day – Pastor Andy teaching
	10:30 a.m.	No Second Hour - Celebrate Your Mother
May 14	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study in Ephesians
May 17	7:00 p.m.	Game Night
May 19	8:45 a.m.	Elder Ken McAuley Teaching
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
May 21	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study in Ephesians
May 24	6:30 p.m.	Friday Night Fellowship
May 26	8:45 a.m.	Mark 14:26-42 The Essence of Hell Pastor Andy teaching
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
May 27		Memorial Day
May 28	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study in Ephesians
May 31		5th Friday Night- Church is Dark



Nigeria president wants panel to 'perform magic'

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Despite opposition from a faction of Boko Haram sect, Nigeria's federal government Wednesday inaugurated the Boko Haram Amnesty Committee, tasking members to come up with solutions that will restore peace in the country.

Boko Haram, a jihadist militant organization based in northeast Nigeria, is an Islamist movement that opposes westernization and is known for attacking Christians and bombing Mosques and churches.

Since 2009, Boko Haram's violence and the resulting military response is estimated to have killed at least 2,000 people across parts of northern and central Nigeria.

According to the International Christian Con-

cern (ICC), Nigeria is the deadliest place on earth to be a Christian. It claims that more than 900 people were killed there in 2012 just for being a Christian.

Nigeria is still mourning the deaths last Friday of more than 200 people in the northeastern fishing community of Baga when Boko Haram clashed with security forces.

The mandate of the panel includes developing a framework for granting amnesty to members of Boko Haram, setting up a 60-day framework for disarmament, developing a victims' support program and investigating the underlying causes of insurgencies.

The panel's 25 members include military figures, academics and politicians.

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