



INTRODUCTION: The longest chapter in the Bible is a chapter that covers the importance of the Scriptures. It teaches us the value of God's Word. It teaches us how to study God's Word. And it is a chapter that teaches us how to be mentally and spiritually prepared to read God's Word. One difference between reading the Bible and reading any other book is the fact that the Bible is completely inspired by God Himself. And we have the very Author in the room with us as we study.

II Peter 1:21, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

I. BE PRAYERFULLY PREPARED (PSALM 119:12, 18-19, 27, 33-34)

A. PRAY THAT GOD WOULD OPEN YOUR EYES (PSALM 119:18)

Here, the word **open** comes from the Hebrew word **galah גלה** meaning to bring into captivity. David wanted the Holy Spirit to bring his eyes into captivity, allowing him to only see those things in which God would show him and allow him to see.

B. UNDERSTAND YOUR CITIZENSHIP IS NOT OF THIS EARTH (119:19)

The Bible isn't written in any language spoken on earth?

I Corinthians 2:6-16, "6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth

not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."

We need to understand that no commentary, no lexicon, no amount of intellect on our part, nor the complete understanding of hermeneutics can ever unlock the door of revelation of Divine Scripture to which only the Holy Spirit of God is the key.

C. UNDERSTAND THAT GOD CAN HIDE TRUTH FROM YOU (119:19)

David understood that God can and will hide His Divine Truth from those of a self-dependent or non-submissive nature (I Corinthians 2:7↑).

Matthew 25:28-29, "28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. 29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath."

I John 2:18-19, "18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us."

II. BE SAVIOR SEEKING (PSALM 119:2, 10, 114)

A. THE BIBLE IS CENTERED AROUND CHRIST

John 20:31, "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."

B. WE OUGHT TO SEEK CHRIST IN EVERY VERSE WE READ

The primary purpose of studying God's Word is so that we may find the character and attributes of Christ. We don't need to see signs in order to believe the Bible.

Mark 8:12, "And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign?"

I Corinthians 1:22-23, "22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: 23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;"

I Corinthians 2:2, "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

Education is not the dynamic of the Christian life. **CHRIST** is the dynamic.

"Christ Himself is the very life content of the Christian Faith." – W. Ian Thomas

II Corinthians 3:18, "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."