

Wayside Women Online | Brenda McCord

HOW TO USE THE BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

Read through the Bible passage. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to direct your thoughts and guide your study in this portion of Scripture.

OBSERVATIONS

As you study the passage, begin to observe and note key words, phrases, and facts. Circle, underline, and mark up the printed passage on your worksheet. You can also use colored pencils. Then, jot notes in the Observation column. Ask these important questions about the text:

Who? Author and Audience (Who said this? Who did this? Who was involved?)

What? Event and Teaching (What is happening?)

Where? Country, City, Wilderness, Other Landmarks (Where is this happening?)

When? Date — Past or Future (When did this happen? When will this happen?)

Why? Why was that said? Why did that happen?

How? How did people respond? How did God move?

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Take some time to reflect on the Key Passage and ask yourself, "What do these verses teach me about God?" The God we serve goes so far beyond us—our reach, abilities, and our personal lives. List the attributes of God you see and take time to worship Him. Offer words of praise for the truth God has revealed to you through His Word. Bring your specific requests before the Lord as you acknowledge His wisdom, power, and strength.

HEAD TO HEART – APPLICATION

How should this passage change me? How is my heart moved to live more fully for God's glory? Our goal for studying the Bible is to experience a changed life (1 Peter 1:15-16). How can I apply the truths in this passage to my life? What will I do differently because of what I have read and studied this week? Consider two or three specific actions for your application:

Do I need to confess specific sin in my life?

Is there a promise God wants me to claim?

Do I recognize an example that I should follow?

Do I need to obey a command found in this passage?

How can I know God better after studying these verses?

Philippians 4:6-7 (Amplified)

⁶ Do not be anxious *or* worried about anything, but in everything [every circumstance and situation] by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to make your [specific] requests known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God [that peace which reassures the heart, that peace] which transcends all understanding, [that peace which] stands guard over your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus [is yours].

Psalm 46:1-3, 8-11 (Amplified)

¹ God is our refuge and strength [mighty and impenetrable], a very present *and* well-proved help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains be shaken *and* slip into the heart of the seas, ³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its roaring. *Selah.*

⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD, who has brought desolations *and* wonders on the earth.

⁹ He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow into pieces and snaps the spear in two; He burns the chariots with fire. ¹⁰ "Be still and know (recognize, understand) that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations! I will be exalted in the earth." ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold [our refuge, our high tower]. *Selah.*

OBSERVATIONS

Look for key words, verbs, and connecting words. Also, look for the who, what, when, where, why, and how of the passage.

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Take some time to reflect and ask, "What do these verses teach me about God?" Praise God for the truth revealed in His Word.

HEAD to HEART — APPLICATION

How can I apply this to my life? What will I do differently because of what I have studied this week? List two or three specific actions:

MEMORIZE Philippians 4:6-7 (select version)

MY PRAYER of RESPONSE to GOD

James 1:5-6 (Amplified)

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom [to guide him through a decision or circumstance], he is to ask of [our benevolent] God, who gives to everyone generously and without rebuke *or* blame, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But he must ask [for wisdom] in faith, without doubting [God's willingness to help], for the one who doubts is like a billowing surge of the sea that is blown about and tossed by the wind.

For additional personal study this week:

Proverbs 2:1-10 (Amplified)

¹ My son, if you will receive my words and treasure my commandments within you, ² so that your ear is attentive to [skillful and godly] wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding [seeking it conscientiously and striving for it eagerly]; ³ Yes, if you cry out for insight, and lift up your voice for understanding; ⁴ If you seek skillful *and* godly wisdom as you would silver and search for her as you would hidden treasures; ⁵ Then you will understand the [reverent] fear of the LORD [that is, worshiping Him and regarding Him as truly awesome] and discover the knowledge of God. ⁶ For the LORD gives [skillful and godly] wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. ⁷ He stores away sound wisdom for the righteous [those who are in right standing with Him]; *He is* a shield to those who walk in integrity [those of honorable character and moral courage], ⁸ He guards the paths of justice; and He preserves the way of His saints (believers). ⁹ Then you will understand righteousness and justice [in every circumstance] and integrity and every good path. ¹⁰ For [skillful and godly] wisdom will enter your heart and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.

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MEMORIZE Job 12:13 (select version)

MY PRAYER of RESPONSE to GOD

Psalm 139:23-24 (Amplified)

²³ Search me [thoroughly], O God, and know my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts;

²⁴ And see if there is any wicked *or* hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.

For additional personal study this week:

Romans 11:33-36; 12:1-2 (Amplified)

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments *and* decisions and how unfathomable *and* untraceable are His ways! ³⁴ For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO HAS BEEN HIS COUNSELLOR? ³⁵ Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT WOULD BE PAID BACK TO HIM? ³⁶ For from Him [all things originate] and through Him [all things live and exist] and to Him are all things [directed]. To Him be glory *and* honor forever! Amen.

12 Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies [dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, *which is* your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship. ² And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed *and* progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].

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MEMORIZE Deuteronomy 10: 12-13 (select version)

MY PRAYER of RESPONSE to GOD

Philippians 4:12-13 (Amplified)

¹² I know how to get along and live humbly [in difficult times], and I also know how to enjoy abundance *and* live in prosperity. In any and every circumstance I have learned the secret [of facing life], whether well-fed or going hungry, whether having an abundance or being in need.

¹³ I can do all things [which He has called me to do] through Him who strengthens *and* empowers me [to fulfill His purpose—I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency; I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses me with inner strength and confident peace.

For additional personal study this week:

Psalms 95:1-6 (Amplified)

O come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.
² Let us come before His presence with a song of thanksgiving;
Let us shout joyfully to Him with songs.
³ For the LORD is a great God
And a great King above all gods,
⁴ In whose hand are the depths of the earth;
The peaks of the mountains are His also.
⁵ The sea is His, for He made it [by His command];
And His hands formed the dry land.
⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker [in reverent praise and prayer].

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MEMORIZE John 15:4–5 (select version)

MY PRAYER of RESPONSE to GOD

Isaiah 26:3-4 (Amplified)

³ "You will keep in perfect *and* constant peace *the*
one whose mind is steadfast [that is, committed and
focused on You—in both inclination and character],
Because he trusts *and* takes refuge in You [with hope
and confident expectation].

⁴ "Trust [confidently] in the LORD forever [He is your for-
tress, your shield, your banner],
For the LORD GOD is an everlasting Rock [the Rock of
Ages].

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John 14:25-27 (Amplified)

²⁵ "I have told you these things while I am still with
you. ²⁶ But the ^[a]Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Interces-
sor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to
represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you
all things. And He will help you remember everything
that I have told you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you;
My [perfect] peace I give to you; not as the world gives
do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor
let it be afraid. [Let My perfect peace calm you in every
circumstance and give you courage and strength for
every challenge.]

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MEMORIZE 2 Corinthians 13:11 (select version)

MY PRAYER of RESPONSE to GOD

Lesson One – Freedom From Fear

Philippians 4:6-7

“Do not be anxious or worried about anything, but in everything [every circumstance and situation] by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to make your [specific] requests known to God. 7 And the peace of God [that peace which reassures the heart, that peace] which transcends all understanding, [that peace which] stands guard over your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus [is yours].”

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MY INSIGHTS AND HEART APPLICATIONS

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Lesson Two – Seeking God's Wisdom

James 1:5-6

If any of you lacks wisdom [to guide him through a decision or circumstance], he is to ask of [our benevolent] God, who gives to everyone generously and without rebuke or blame, and it will be given to him. 6 But he must ask [for wisdom] in faith, without doubting [God's willingness to help], for the one who doubts is like a billowing surge of the sea that is blown about and tossed by the wind.

Proverbs 2:1-10

Lesson Three – Surrendering My Heart

Psalms 139:23-24 - 23 Search me [thoroughly], O God, and know my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; 24 And see if there is any wicked or hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.

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Lesson Four – Pursuing Contentment

Philippians 4:12-13

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Psalms 95:1-6

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Lesson Five – Dwell in Peace

Isaiah 26:3-4

"You will keep in perfect and constant peace the one whose mind is steadfast [that is, committed and focused on You—in both inclination and character], Because he trusts and takes refuge in You [with hope and confident expectation]. 4 "Trust [confidently] in the LORD forever [He is your fortress, your shield, your banner], For the LORD GOD is an everlasting Rock [the Rock of Ages]."

John 14:25-27

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