



~ Lesson #1 ~

Forgotten Riches

A number of years ago a wealthy Englishman grew sick and died. When the day came for the reading of his will and the distribution of the fortune that he had left, his favorite daughter was bitterly disappointed. The father had designated in the will that she was to receive “My Bible and all that it contains.” Knowing that her father was an ardent student of the Bible and that this Book was near and dear to his heart, she hid it away in an old trunk and went on living as before.

As time passed, adversity seemed to dog her steps. Ill health and difficulty reduced her to poverty. Broken in health and spirit, in desperation she sought a solution to her problems. After trying every other means available to her, she turned to her father’s Bible seeking the answer to her difficulties. Imagine her surprise as she leafed through that long-forgotten Book to find that between many of the pages of the Bible her father had secreted large Bank of England notes. She had been wealthy all of the time and had been unaware of her good fortune because she had failed to realize what her father had meant when he had given her “My Bible and all that it contains.”

Our heavenly Father has left us a great treasure in the pages of this wonderful Book. We may not be able to find bank notes between the pages of

the Bible, but we can find peace, joy, hope, faith and eternal life by studying the Book. Priceless treasure. Forgotten riches! What greater treasure can a man hope for? Many a millionaire would exchange his fortune for these valuables.

Sad to say, millions are worrying their lives away because they have not learned how to find the answer to their difficulties in the “good old Book.” Too much TV, too many things to do, and too many problems to solve, have robbed us of the time needed to let God speak to our hearts through His Word.

Let us join in an exciting search for truth and hidden treasure as we seek to discover what the Bible tells us about itself.

THE BIBLE SAYS

1. What did Jesus say was the source of truth? John 17:17

The Bible Says: _____

2. Through whom does God communicate His will? Numbers 12:6

The Bible Says: _____

***3. How did God communicate the Scriptures to the prophets?
II Peter 1:20, 21***

The Bible Says: _____

4. How much of the Scripture given by God is inspired? II Timothy 3:16

The Bible Says: _____

5. What parts of the Scriptures did Christ consider inspired? Luke 24:44

The Bible Says: _____

Note: These were the three divisions into which the Old Testament was divided at the time of Christ.

6. Of whom do all the Scriptures testify? John 5:39

The Bible Says: _____

7. Why were the experiences of Bible characters recorded? I Corinthians 10:11

The Bible Says: _____

8. In these troubled times what will be created in our hearts through a study of the Scriptures? Romans 15:4

The Bible Says: _____

9. As a help on life's journey to what does Peter compare the word of prophecy? II Peter 1:19

The Bible Says: _____

10. Why does the Bible say the Bereans were more noble than the Thessalonians? Acts 17:11

The Bible Says: _____

11. What are we counseled to do? II Timothy 2:15

The Bible Says: _____

Note: “Rightly dividing” means correctly and truthfully interpreting.

12. How are we to study the Bible? Isaiah 28:10

The Bible Says: _____

Note: To understand any subject presented in the Bible we must search for and bring together all that is taught in the different parts of the Scriptures on this subject. These texts must be pieced together as a person would fit the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle together in order to see the entire picture in its beauty.

13. For what purpose are we told to study God’s Word? II Timothy 3:16, 17

The Bible Says: “And it is profitable _____
_____.”

14. What will be our happy experience if we “digest” the Word of God? Jeremiah 15:16

The Bible Says: _____

At the end of forty days of fasting, when Christ was physically weak and hungry, the devil came to Him and tempted Him. Three temptations were brought to bear upon our Lord. He was tempted to change the stones into bread. He was tempted to cast Himself down from the pinnacle of the temple. Finally, He was tempted to worship the devil, with the false promise that He could have the world without dying for it. In each temptation He was victorious. He met each temptation with a Bible text. Three times Christ resisted Satan’s temptation with the statement, “It is written.” [Matthew 4:4, 7, 10](#). Jesus knew the Scriptures, and He used them to withstand the wiles of the

tempter.

Our security from deception and for victory over sin will come from knowing the Bible.

Are you acquainted with what the Bible teaches? Do you spend some time each day reading God's love letter to His children? Do you know what God would have you do and believe in order that you might someday enter heaven? If you are dissatisfied with your knowledge of God and His Word, a study of these lessons will help you. Every lesson will be based upon the Bible. Why not set aside a little time each week to learn what the Bible teaches?

The two statements which follow express two great needs. Would you like to make them an expression of your own sincere desire? If you would, please place a check in the squares.

It is my desire to learn of God's plan for my life.

I plan to spend some time each week studying God's Book.

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