

Understanding the Holy Bible Part 1

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To understand what is written in the Holy Bible accurately; one needs the Author to explain it to them. Likewise, to understand technical drafting, engineering, in the most precise way, it is necessary to speak with the Designer, the Engineer directly. In the same way, many grope about and misunderstand the Holy Scriptures; likewise these same people without even understanding the many reasons why, grope about and misunderstand virtually all they perceive about the reality in which we exist; that is, the created universe. Without knowing God, you don't really even understand who you are, your purpose in life, or anything for that matter. Without communicating directly with our Creator, everything you think you know for certain is based upon assumptions and presumptions, conjectures, ideas, from other fallible beings. If you utter anything or know anything that is fundamentally true at all; it is because that knowledge originally came from our Creator. Like it or not, we exist presently in a world of vast multitudes of lies and deceptions of every kind. The entire world is so steeped in wicked imaginations, that when one finally has their personal breakthrough and encounters our Creator; they can sing with all the Redeemed such songs of Amazing Grace; "...I was blind; but now I see..."

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+corinthians+2:6-16>

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

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6 Yet when we are among the full-grown (spiritually mature Christians who are ripe in understanding), we do impart a [higher] wisdom (the knowledge of the divine plan previously hidden); but it is indeed not a wisdom of this present age *or* of this world nor of the leaders *and* rulers of this age, who are being brought to nothing *and* are doomed to pass away.

7 But rather what we are setting forth is a wisdom of God once hidden [from the human understanding] and now revealed to us by God—[that wisdom] which God devised *and* decreed before the ages for our glorification [to lift us into the glory of His presence].

8 None of the rulers of this age *or* world perceived *and* recognized *and* understood this, for if they had, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory.

9 But, on the contrary, as the Scripture says, What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that] God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him [[a]who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him and gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed].

10 Yet to us God has unveiled *and* revealed them by *and* through His Spirit, for the [Holy] Spirit searches diligently, exploring *and* examining everything, even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God [the [b]divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man's scrutiny].

11 For what person perceives (knows and understands) what passes through a man's thoughts except the man's own spirit within him? Just so no one discerns (comes to know and comprehend) the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have not received the spirit [that belongs to] the world, but the [Holy] Spirit Who is from God, [given to us] that we might realize *and* comprehend *and* appreciate the gifts [of divine favor and blessing so freely and lavishly] bestowed on us by God.

13 And we are setting these truths forth in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the [Holy] Spirit, combining *and* interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual language [to those who possess the Holy Spirit].

14 But the natural, nonspiritual man does not accept *or* welcome *or* admit into his heart the gifts *and* teachings *and* revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly (meaningless nonsense) to him; and he is incapable of knowing them [of progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with them] because they are spiritually discerned *and* estimated *and* appreciated.

15 But the spiritual man tries all things [he [c]examines, investigates, inquires into, questions, and discerns all things], yet is himself to be put on trial and judged by no one [he can read the meaning of everything, but no one can properly discern *or* appraise *or* get an insight into him].

16 For who has known *or* understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide *and* instruct Him *and* give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) *and* do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart.

It is evident when our Creator inspired such words to be recorded, that He is telling us all plainly in order to understand His Words and His Creation accurately, we MUST have HIS HOLY SPIRIT! Otherwise, due to the darkened natural mind, who cannot understand His Words or Creation accurately, these truthful explanations seem foolish. (Worse than talking in a foreign language to someone who has no knowledge of that language). All my notes whether harsh rebuttals, or gentle pleas, are to bring souls to an understanding of their immediate and ongoing need to communicate directly with our Creator by receiving His Holy Spirit; in the Way He has Made for us all.

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+2:38-39>

Acts 2:38-39

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38 And Peter answered them, Repent (change your views and purpose to accept the will of God in your inner selves instead of rejecting it) and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of *and* release from your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 For the promise [of the Holy Spirit] is to *and* for you and your children, and to *and* for all that are far away, [even] to *and* for as many as the Lord our God invites *and* bids to come to Himself.

If you are wondering who God has invited to come to Himself:

<http://biblehub.com/john/12-32.htm>

Jesus Predicts His Death ...31"Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. 32"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself." 33But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die....

It is the destiny of all Creation, every man, woman and child to KNOW our Creator personally(and all of us who already know Him long for that moment to come sooner than later):

<http://biblehub.com/jeremiah/31-34.htm>

A New Covenant ...33"But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34"They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

We come to the sound conclusion that we MUST have the SPIRIT OF GOD, our CREATOR, in order to accurately understand the things of GOD, the Holy Bible and all Creation. The natural man, the carnal man, cannot please GOD because he cannot understand what is pleasing to GOD or how to do that which is pleasing to GOD.

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8%3A6-8&version=AMP>

Romans 8:6-8

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6 Now the mind of the flesh [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death [death that [a]comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter]. But the mind of the [Holy] Spirit is life and [soul] peace [both now and forever].

7 [That is] because the mind of the flesh [with its carnal thoughts and purposes] is hostile to God, for it does not submit itself to God's Law; indeed it cannot.

8 So then those who are living the life of the flesh [catering to the appetites and impulses of their carnal nature] cannot please *or* satisfy God, *or* be acceptable to Him.

Feel free to read the cited scriptures in as many versions and languages as you can; but I also strongly encourage each to click the "interlinear" tab and look at the original text from the many original manuscripts still in existence today.

For example:

<http://biblehub.com/romans/8-28.htm> you can see many English versions; and by clicking the Interlinear tab: <http://biblehub.com/interlinear/romans/8-28.htm>

You can see the original Greek the text is translated from and also look up the definitions of each word and its roots to gain a better understanding of the intent of the text (I mention this because even in the natural sense, many need to hone their reading comprehension skills; and because of how many deceptions can be swept away, just by at least showing the original definitions of the words used in the text). Each word has been numerically coded to the Strong's Exhaustive Concordance. For those who want a printed Interlinear Version; the one I have used and recommend is: <http://www.christianbook.com/interlinear-hebrew-english-bible-volume-edition/9781565639775/pd/639774> For serious students of Divine Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding, I recommend getting a page magnifier and/or whatever the largest print version

is: http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/larger-print-interlinear-hebrew-greek-english-bible-volume-2-of-4-volumes-sr-jay-p-green/1028963286?cm_mmc=googlepla-_book_45up_-_q000000633--

9781589604827&cm_mmc=pla&ean=9781589604827&isbn=9781589604827&r=1

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[magnifier+fresnel+lens&rlz=1C1G1GM_enUS535US535&oq=large+page+mag&aqs=chrome.3.69i57j0l3.7721j0j8&sourceid=chrome&espm=93&ie=UTF-8](https://www.google.com/search?q=a+large+plastic+page-magnifier+fresnel+lens&rlz=1C1G1GM_enUS535US535&oq=large+page+mag&aqs=chrome.3.69i57j0l3.7721j0j8&sourceid=chrome&espm=93&ie=UTF-8)

As disciples of Christ we are instructed to study and become skilled in the use of God's Words; but not to participate in endless debates over semantics with other believers:

http://biblehub.com/2_timothy/2-15.htm

The Lord's Approved Workman 14Remind them of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers.15Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. 16But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness,...

The reason for this is that God wants us out in the world, leading others to Him, telling them plainly how to KNOW the ONE TRUE GOD, CREATOR of the Universe. (Prioritize your time and energy during your journey of incarnation.)

<http://biblehub.com/luke/15-7.htm>

"I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

and <http://biblehub.com/luke/10-2.htm>

And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

This absolutely is the highest priority of every believer! If you really want to PLEASE GOD, to SERVE GOD, to make the greatest impact for GOOD and RIGHTEOUSNESS you can in this world; you will go about telling others HOW TO KNOW GOD OUR CREATOR

PERSONALLY! <http://www.facebook.com/notes/michael-swenson/soldiers-of-christ-your-first-general-order/525156304230000>

and <http://www.facebook.com/notes/michael-swenson/dont-fail-to-savor-the-best-part/510740005671630>

Long ago, before I walked with our Lord and was anointed with His Holy Spirit, I had prayed for Him to Save my soul and make sure I went to Heaven when I died. At that point I had assurances from the preacher that I was "saved"; but not God's witness of His Holy Spirit in my soul. I did not KNOW our Creator; I had only been told by another person that because I had asked Jesus the Christ to save my soul and make sure I went to Heaven when I died, that I was "saved". But had no confirmation in my own soul of that Truth. From that frame of mind though, I wanted to be a "good" person, I wanted to please God, and do "good" things for others in this world. As a person of this world, I saw that money enabled all kinds of charitable causes in helping the poor, needy, hungry and suffering; so without reading the Holy Bible or praying or hearing from our Creator, I thought I should strive to get rich so I can help as many as possible. (It seemed logical to a carnal, natural mind, that this surely would please God) But without knowing GOD, the dark rulers of this world that covet money make the game and odds of becoming rich ever harder against the poor. Such that you can strive your whole life away in that goal, only to be murdered for what little you have. (I speak from experience: <http://www.facebook.com/notes/michael-swenson/what-happened-to-me/546254465453517>) Take it from one who has learned the hard way; God owns the universe, everything in it belongs to Him; if he wants you to be wealthy in temporal things, He will bring it to pass, your only and chief priority moment by moment; needs to be: "not my will, but Thine be done!" When you realize how much more knowledge of all things He has: <http://www.facebook.com/notes/michael-swenson/the-omniscience-of-our-creator/603749679703995> AND how much HE LOVES YOU:

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8:38-39>

Romans 8:38-39

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38 For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things [a]impending *and* threatening nor things to come, nor powers,

39 Nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

then you will understand that HIS PLANS are not only for the GOOD of all His Creation; but for your own soul! (more than anything you could plan or devise on your own)!

<http://biblehub.com/jeremiah/29-11.htm>

Jeremiah 29:11-13

Amplified Bible (AMP)

11 For I know the thoughts *and* plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts *and* plans for welfare *and* peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome.

12 Then you will call upon Me, and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear *and* heed you.

13 Then you will seek Me, inquire for, *and* require Me [as a vital necessity] and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

Those who become true Disciples and God's Greatest Messengers; moment by moment, learn to listen to His Voice, the Voice of the Holy Spirit and be guided all their days directly by our Creator:

<http://biblehub.com/john/16-13.htm>

The Holy Spirit Promised ... 12" I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13" **But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.** 14" He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you...

No one can accomplish anything greater than what they accomplish by obeying God, our Heavenly Father and Creator, by following the leading of His Holy Spirit:

<http://biblehub.com/romans/8-14.htm>

Heirs with Christ ... 13for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14**For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.** 15For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

If you said a prayer of salvation, but are not hearing the Voice of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of God our Creator, and are not receiving dreams, visions, Divine Revelations straight from Him; and especially, if you don't constantly think of God, His Will, His Word, and have a burning desire to tell others how to know Him; then you need to fulfill what is written:

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and <http://biblehub.com/luke/11-13.htm>

13" **If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"**

And don't stop praying until you KNOW, that you KNOW, that you KNOW, the ONE TRUE GOD, Creator of the Universe and are communing/communicating with Him and He with you!!!!!!!

If you are so blessed as to encounter a true Disciple of Christ, who preaches the Gospel in Power; with signs following, then you might ask them for a blessing and/or to lay hands upon you to receive the Holy Ghost, the Holy Spirit.

<http://biblehub.com/acts/19-6.htm>

Acts 19:1-6

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19 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul went through the upper inland districts and came down to Ephesus. There he found some disciples.

2 And he asked them, Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed [on Jesus as the Christ]? And they said, No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.

3 And he asked, Into what [baptism] then were you baptized? They said, Into John's baptism.

4 And Paul said, John baptized with the baptism of repentance, continually telling the people that they should believe in the One Who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus [having a conviction full of joyful trust that He is Christ, the Messiah, and being obedient to Him].

5 On hearing this they were baptized [again, this time] in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And as Paul laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke in [foreign, unknown] tongues (languages) and prophesied.

I have met so many who think they were born into Christianity or a Christian denomination, who even call themselves Christians; that don't know God, don't have His Holy Spirit. If you do not have the Spirit of Christ in and upon, within your own soul, you are not a Christian.

<http://www.facebook.com/notes/michael-swenson/are-you-a-christian/532952590117038>

I don't like to label myself in any way, as we are all complex creations of the Almighty; but if others label me a Christian, because all I can think about constantly is Christ our Creator, Lord and Savior; the Salvation and Welfare of all souls; the welfare of all creation; then they honor me. Anyone known as a Christian, for their character and conduct, is truly honored before Heaven and earth; but I find far too many clothe themselves with such favor; without being willing to identify themselves with the enmity of the wicked in this world against God's True Messengers. It is more a cloak they wear just as long as the company they are with; in general, favors some Christian precepts or doctrines, but when persecution arises or hostility, they suddenly have a strong aversion to the garment they were so audaciously wearing in favorable company just prior. These are those who do not KNOW our Creator; do not have His Holy Spirit in and upon their own lives, have NOT united with the One True God; Christianity is a side note in their lives, a habit or tradition; perhaps only an intellectual construct or curiosity; not their Way of Life.

If there is one thing evidently clear, in order to know; with absolute certainty, fundamental Truth, one MUST KNOW our CREATOR! After all, HE IS THE TRUTH!

<http://biblehub.com/john/14-6.htm>

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. "

Since the natural, carnal man cannot know or understand the things of God, it is reasonable to conclude that the interpretation given by a natural man (one NOT possessing the Spirit of God; not in the Holy Spirit, and is NOT united with the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of Truth) cannot be the correct interpretation (unless by the Will of Creator, He manifests such despite their lack of understanding even what they are saying in the moment).

<http://biblehub.com/john/11-51.htm>

The Plot to Kill Jesus ...50nor do you take into account that it is expedient for you that one man die for the people, and that the whole nation not perish." **51**Now he did not say this on his own initiative, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, **52**and not for the nation only, but in order that He might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad....

Our Creator can manifest truth even from animals and inanimate objects (not just unbelievers or people who may say something true; despite the fact they are not filled with the Holy Ghost):

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/2-peter/2-16-compare.html>

2 Peter 2:16 ASV

American Standard Version

but he was rebuked for his own transgression: a dumb ass spake with man's voice and stayed the madness of the prophet.

So I am not saying it is completely impossible for an unbeliever to understand what they are reading, at least with appropriate reading comprehension and accurate definitions. I am only stating that in general their carnal interpretations are obviously incorrect; like Neil deGrasse Tyson thinking that the Book of Revelation was talking about his understanding of stars when referencing such scriptures as:

<http://biblehub.com/revelation/12-4.htm>

The Woman and the Dragon ...**3**Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. **4**And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.

or <http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/6-13-compare.html>

and so true to the Word of God, he thinks these things are foolish, because his own natural/carnal interpretation fails to comprehend what is actually being said.

http://biblehub.com/1_corinthians/2-14.htm

Wisdom from the Spirit of God ...13which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words. 14But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

and this is how such persons are fulfilling the prophecies:

<http://biblehub.com/romans/1-22.htm>

Professing to be wise, they became fools,

and http://biblehub.com/1_john/4-5.htm

Testing the Spirits ...4You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. 5**They are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them.** 6We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

I find far too many these days willing to sneer in arrogant disdain and derision of the most Magnificent Book in all the World (also in fulfillment of prophecies):

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Timothy+3%3A1-5&version=AMP>

2 Timothy 3:1-5

Amplified Bible (AMP)

3 But understand this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear].

2 For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane.

3 [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good.

4 [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God.

5 For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it [their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession]. Avoid [all] such people [turn away from them].

They desperately try in vain to find contradictions or reasons NOT to follow the Divine Instructions to Live By as contained in the Holy Bible; and all their excuses are utterly lame and foolish to those who know and understand Truth. Like some who point to one place and say see it says here "Fear the Lord,..." and then it says here "all who fear are not made perfect in Love" (devils always do this, take excerpts and twist the scriptures in a vain attempt to deceive themselves and others away from Truth). Let me put it to you this way: **the only people I know made PERFECT in LOVE are IN HEAVEN; until then, a healthy dose of FEAR, RESPECT, REVERENCE, FOR ALMIGHTY GOD, just might be what is necessary to get you there!**

<http://biblehub.com/proverbs/9-10.htm>

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

<http://biblehub.com/proverbs/1-7.htm>

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

<http://biblehub.com/psalms/111-10.htm>

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever.

Notice that fear, reverence, respect of the Almighty, leads to a humble attitude; whereby one can learn from Him. As one does so they undergo a transformational process:

<http://biblehub.com/romans/12-2.htm>

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Notice that the Words of the Living God as contained in the Holy Bible transform us, give us everlasting life, and lead us to Perfection.

<http://biblehub.com/hebrews/6-1.htm>

A Call to Maturity 1Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

Coming to Christ and being born of His Spirit, is a journey, a growth, a transformational process that leads ultimately to Perfection, Immortality, Holy Unity with our Creator and Peaceful Existence in His Creation Forever.

<http://biblehub.com/john/3-7.htm>

Jesus and Nicodemus ...6"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7"Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8"The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."...

<http://www.facebook.com/notes/michael-swenson/you-must-be-born-again-of-the-holy-spirit-of-god/533516303394000>

Until that occurs people will misinterpret the Scriptures and some willfully so:

<http://www.facebook.com/notes/michael-swenson/blasphemy-and-idolatry/568026456609651>

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and <http://www.facebook.com/notes/michael-swenson/the-sufferings-of-christ-a-treatise-on-repentance-and-forgiveness/556880667724230>

Everyone understands they need to eat and drink (feed their flesh virtually daily) in order to live; but too many fail to make the connection that they need to do so with their Spirit as well!

http://biblehub.com/1_peter/2-2.htm

The Lord is Good 1Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, 2like newborn babies, **long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow** in respect to salvation, 3if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

<http://biblehub.com/hebrews/5-14.htm>

Warning against Drifting Away ...13For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. 14But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

If people would instead seek to KNOW TRUTH; then instead of misinterpreting God's Words; they would ask HIM to explain to them what He means and FIND HIS DEFINITIONS throughout the Holy Bible; as I have placed some here for easy viewing:

<http://www.godempowersyou.com/documentation/HistoricalTestimonyandMinistry/MansChronologicalExistenceExplained.pdf>

I have often been kicked out churches and online groups; because so many won't repent of their carnal false doctrines and misinterpretations; they have become too proud to humble themselves and admit they erred. Like the Pharisees and Sad-you-sees of old they crave their power and influence over others so much so; they won't just humble themselves and apologize (thereby actually gaining more respect and trust of their parishioners). It is okay with new knowledge to change your opinions. If you teach out of the Holy Bible; simply caveat your opinion by saying based on my understanding of the text; I think it means; unless you have received direct Divine Revelation concerning a message in particular or an understanding of the text in particular. After all, teachers (all of us) are just students under the Almighty as well!

<http://biblehub.com/matthew/23-8.htm>

Woes to Scribes and Pharisees ...7and respectful greetings in the market places, and being called Rabbi by men. 8"But do not be called Rabbi; for One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers.9"Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven....

There are too many examples of carnal misinterpretations (even more than the number of people on earth) but some prominent ones: those who read about the clean and unclean beasts and think our Creator is exclusively referring to dietary advice and yet these same persons understand Christ was not advising cannibalism and vampirism when He told His Disciples to eat His Flesh and Drink His Blood. So even though they read:

<http://biblehub.com/romans/7-14.htm>

For we know that the Law is spiritual,...

and even though they understand Christ:

<http://biblehub.com/john/6-63.htm>

The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you--they are full of the Spirit and life. was speaking of spiritual matters; of observing Him and His Ways, His conduct, and becoming like Him, by uniting with Him (eat my flesh, drink my blood):

<http://biblehub.com/john/17-22.htm>

Prayer for all Believers ...21that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22"The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; 23I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me....

they then don't apply that same consistency of interpretation to the Law even though His Word makes it very clear that it is Spiritual and must be understood by His Spirit.

Such that if we are to unite with Christ, observe His ways, meditate on His Words (eat and chew the cud- receive and think over and over again upon what He tells us), then to be consistent our Creator is teaching us in the Law concerning clean and unclean creatures; to OBSERVE THEM, look at them, study them, find out WHY He calls some CLEAN and some UNCLEAN, and in so doing, discover what kind of conduct HE approves and disapproves of! God is not just teaching us Truth in the Holy Bible, but our Creator teaches us Truth by accurately observing His Creation (science).

<http://www.facebook.com/notes/michael-swenson/evidence-of-god-our-creator/568134419932188>

Early church commentators; even some mentioned in the Holy Bible expounded on this topic further; once one has read and firmly grounded themselves in the Holy Scriptures, the contents of the Holy Bible, they might enjoy perusing:

<http://fam-faerch.dk/pseudigrapher/Index.html>

We find that our Lord gave us His definition (a Spiritual One) of the words "eat" and "drink". He told us plainly that man does not live on bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of GOD. <http://biblehub.com/matthew/4-4.htm> and that His Meat was to do the will of our Father in Heaven. <http://biblehub.com/john/4-34.htm> He instructed us all not to work for food that perishes but for that which leads to life eternal. <http://biblehub.com/john/6-27.htm> We find when listening to our Creator, that His Words are more necessary for true Life, Eternal Life, than food for our flesh; for by His Word were we created, by His Word are we sustained, and by His Word are we perfected. <http://www.biblestudytools.com/john/1-3-compare.html> and <http://biblehub.com/colossians/1-16.htm> and <http://biblehub.com/colossians/1-17.htm>

The Supremacy of Christ ...16For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created through Him and for Him. 17He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. 18He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything....

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+1:1-14>

John 1:1-14

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1 In the beginning [before all time] was the Word ([a]Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God [b]Himself.
2 He was present originally with God.
3 All things were made *and* came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being.
4 In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men.
5 And the Light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it [put it out or absorbed it or appropriated it, and is unreceptive to it].
6 There came a man sent from God, whose name was John.
7 This man came to witness, that he might testify of the Light, that all men might believe in it [adhere to it, trust it, and rely upon it] through him.
8 He was not the Light himself, but came that he might bear witness regarding the Light.
9 There it was—the true Light [was then] coming into the world [the genuine, perfect, steadfast Light] that illumines every person.
10 He came into the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him [did not know Him].
11 He came to that which belonged to Him [to His own—His domain, creation, things, world], and they who were His own did not receive Him *and* did not welcome Him.
12 But to as many as did receive *and* welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name—
13 Who owe their birth neither to [c]bloods nor to the will of the flesh [that of physical impulse] nor to the will of man [that of a natural father], but to God. [They are born of God!]
14 And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us; and we [actually] saw His glory (His honor, His majesty), such glory as an only begotten son receives from his father, full of grace (favor, loving-kindness) and truth.

It is very clear that "eat" in the scriptures means, listen to, observe, perceive, learn from, partake of, become like, and of course "don't eat" means to avoid, not be like, shun. Likewise drink:

<http://biblehub.com/john/4-14.htm>

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman ...13Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; **14but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.**" 15The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw."...

<http://biblehub.com/john/7-38.htm>

Living Water 37Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" 39But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Unbelievers and rebels especially hate it when you cite scripture; because none of their lies can stand up against the Truth (they can't get away with telling their lies and deceiving themselves and others); which is all the more reason to cite scripture at every such encounter, discussion, debate.

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+6:10-6:18>

Ephesians 6:10-18

Amplified Bible (AMP)

10 In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides].

11 Put on God's whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies *and* the deceits of the devil.

12 For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.

13 Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist *and* stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place].

14 Stand therefore [hold your ground], having tightened the belt of truth around your loins and having put on the breastplate of integrity *and* of moral rectitude *and* right standing with God,

15 And having shod your feet in preparation [to face the enemy with the **[a]**firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness**[b]**produced by the good news] of the Gospel of peace.

16 Lift up over all the [covering] shield of **[c]**saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one].

17 And take the helmet of salvation and the sword that the Spirit**[d]**wields, which is the Word of God.

18 Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose *and* perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people).

Notice verse 18 also. Here we see that as we are united with God by His Holy Spirit, as we go about the journey of incarnation, we are to be learning from Him constantly; by listening to the Holy Spirit, in prayer and meditation, even as we go about our daily living. I encourage all believers to pause and become especially sensitive to listening to God, whenever you meet anyone, anywhere; and even prayerfully ask our Creator in your thoughts, if there is a specific word or message you are to give that individual. Would to God, people when they encountered Christians walked away, knowing they had encountered the Living GOD in them!

When any Disciple of Christ reaches a level of spiritual maturity where they are in constant communication with our Creator, and everywhere they go and everything they do is at the leading of the Holy Spirit, then the Gospel is declared in Power, then the supernatural signs follow such true believers and worshippers of Christ.

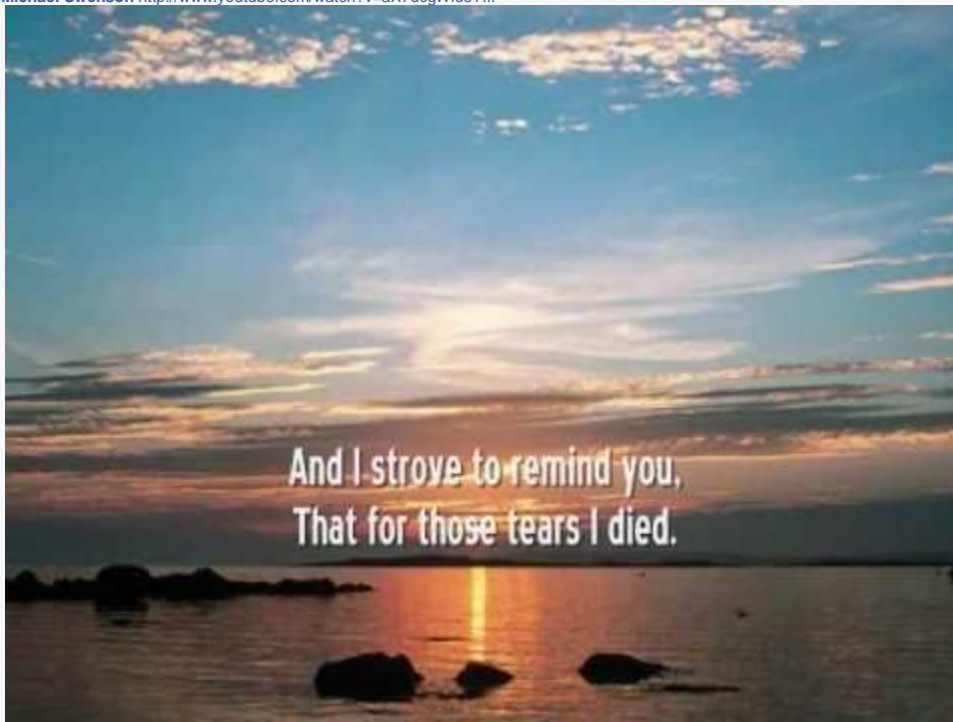
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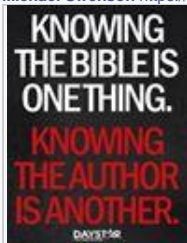
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Disciples today have to deal with the fact far too many have been inoculated to the Truth by false gospels and false Christianity; such that those who have been inoculated think it is just another worldly religion; rather than the Way to actually KNOW and communicate directly with the One True God, Creator of the Universe. We have to generate belief in what is possible; because so many are so fixated on what is impossible through deceptive indoctrination in public education worldwide. Many so called higher learning institutions have taught students to have more faith in fallible man (even though the evidence is overwhelming that mankind messes up just about everything they attempt; or at least so many times, in achieving anything, that there really is no justifiable reason for their trust and faith in any fallible person or persons on earth) but they nevertheless have been taught to revere "scientists" and only "scientists" that don't acknowledge our infallible, Perfect Creator. As such we have to show them plainly how ridiculous it is to trust a mortal man over our Eternal Creator!

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all doing so are practicing a form of idolatry and are doing so in ignorance and foolishness that actually makes them appear to

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I encounter these people constantly because worldwide public indoctrination systems have brainwashed them now for several decades, and their brainwashing is consistently reinforced through media. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXDps9dAumM> I explain who is responsible and why it was done to mass millions of people all over the world in these notes:

The information in the following links contain absolute proof of why there is an increase in sicknesses, wars, and open policies and procedures of death now worldwide (the obvious ones of abortion and the not so obvious ones of genocides in local hospitals as millions of innocent citizens are murdered each year worldwide and even in America and hacked up for their organs) As a rare survivor of hospital homicides, I consider it my duty to warn the unsuspecting public of the horrors I personally encountered by trying to get the mass murdering doctors and nurses arrested. The adversity from sex offending cops and federal agents, threats, harassment, messages like this one on my answering

service: <http://www.blastthetrumpet.org/iTestifytheTRUTH/popman.wav> In my effort to save your lives and that of your children, I not only contacted all branches of our government from the lowest to the highest levels, I filed a ten trillion dollar class action lawsuit to document the results for public

benefit. Through hellish agony few can imagine over what they did to me to try and murder me, I compiled PROOFS AND EVIDENCES THAT YOU

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everywhere; especially to the children; so they mature into such persons of integrity; necessary for a peaceful, strong, stable, prosperous society; as I

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harassment from some who foolishly war against truth on purpose and others who prefer to live in psychological denial of reality (you don't have to

remain such, all you need to do is repent and call upon the Living LORD JESUS THE CHRIST, YAHOSHUAH AM MESCHIAH); but devil

worshippers are so deceived and self-deluded; they don't seem to realize that the same eugenic fascism destroying mankind with policies of death,

holds the same contempt for them. The global elites look at their slave minions who work in buildings like

this https://www.google.com/search?q=nsa+headquarters&rlz=1C1G1GM_enUS535US535&espv=210&es_sm=93&tbn=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=L8AMU_yeLcb4yAGr5YDQDA&ved=0CCKQsAQ&biw=1067&bih=702 just as expendable as the rest of humanity and all life on the planet. The

evidence is in that the global elites are not just a threat to your lives and that of your children (already under attack) but all life on the planet in their

selfish, greedy, arrogant insanity. The people of the world need to FIGHT BACK while you still can and ignore the foolish dissenters that are either the

lackeys of the scum of the world who sit in those buildings and fight against whistleblowers like myself trying to save your lives and arrest them all for

their crimes against humanity; or are the successful results of mass brainwashing that has been so successful people won't even take a little of their

time to look at the facts even when their own lives and that of their children and loved ones depends on it.

So it is clear in God's Record given to mankind, the Holy Bible, that He wants us to learn from His Words, and from His Creation, that in so doing "clean" and "unclean" is NOT just talking about dietary advice or counsel, but upon more particular matters of character and conduct. For example, eating pork carnally does not condemn your soul to hell, <http://biblehub.com/mark/7-15.htm>

What Defiles a Man 14After He called the crowd to Him again, He began saying to them, "Listen to Me, all of you, and understand: 15there is nothing outside the man which can defile him if it goes into him; but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man. 16"If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." ...

eating an animal that roots about in dirt and excretes excess buildup of toxins through its feet might not be the wisest thing to ingest; but it will not send your soul to hell for doing so. Instead what our Creator is telling us is observe the nasty habits of swine. They roll about in their own feces and urine, they eat their own excrements, and whatever waste in it, they eat all kinds of things, rotting things, even their own kind. They rut about and have relations indiscriminately <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/2192047>. All of these bad habits teach us something loathsome, something we are not to imitate in any way in our character and conduct. We learn from the unclean swine, that we are not to "keep an open mind" to anything and everything (not eat just anything for the sake of pure gluttony) but rather we are to be discerning in what we learn, what we observe and meditate upon, rather than exposing ourselves to every kind of deception, lie, wicked way, filthy conduct, evil doctrines, etc. We also learn, we are not to squeal to GOD, GIVE ME! GIVE ME! GIVE ME! and then when He does, run and go away and sin to our fleshly desires. And then come again all covered in filth and expect His Blessings upon us regardless:

<http://biblehub.com/hebrews/10-26.htm>

A Call to Persevere ...25not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near. 26For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES.

Those who come to Christ, need to daily come to Christ, asking Him to turn us all from our wicked ways, and to cause us to Love Righteousness, to Hunger and Thirst after Righteousness, and to shun wickedness! We must daily submit ourselves to our Creator, confessing our faults and asking Him to Perfect us, transform us, to cause us to think, speak and do such things as our pleasing unto Him and cause us to delight in those righteous thoughts, words and deeds! Otherwise, we are no better than the dogs and the swine!

http://biblehub.com/2_peter/2-22.htm

Profane and Blasphemous Seducers ...21For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them.22It has happened to them according to the true proverb, "A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT," and, "A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire."

The desperately wicked shut their ears and eyes to hearing God's words for these reasons:

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+3:15-21>

John 3:15-21

Amplified Bible (AMP)

15 In order that everyone who believes in Him [who cleaves to Him, trusts Him, and relies on Him] may **[a]not perish, but have eternal life and [actually] live forever!**

16 For God so greatly loved *and* dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (**[b]**unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life.

17 For God did not send the Son into the world in order to judge (to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on) the world, but that the world might find salvation *and* be made safe *and* sound through Him.

18 He who believes in Him [who clings to, trusts in, relies on Him] is not judged [he who trusts in Him never comes up for judgment; for him there is no rejection, no condemnation—he incurs no damnation]; but he who does not believe (cleave to, rely on, trust in Him) is judged already [he has already been convicted and has already received his sentence] because he has not believed in *and* trusted in the name of the only begotten Son of God. [He is condemned for refusing to let his trust rest in Christ's name.]

19 The [basis of the] judgment (indictment, the test by which men are judged, the ground for the sentence) lies in this: the Light has come into the world, and people have loved the darkness rather than *and* more than the Light, for their works (deeds) were evil.

20 For every wrongdoer hates (loathes, detests) the Light, and will not come out into the Light *but* shrinks from it, lest his works (his deeds, his activities, his conduct) be exposed *and* reprov'd.

21 But he who practices truth [who does what is right] comes out into the Light; so that his works may be plainly shown to be what they are—wrought with God [divinely prompted, done with God's help, in dependence upon Him].

So if you read about the clean and unclean creatures, you will find good qualities of character and conduct among those called clean and detestable qualities of character and conduct among all those called unclean. Such that our Creator is teaching us FAR MORE than just dietary counsel in such instructions.

To look at God's Words correctly, you MUST learn from Him; otherwise, you are like a person who is handed a cube and asked to describe it. You might look at it from one angle and say it is a square. Some might even look at it in a few other ways; each with their own opinions and not always accurate or appropriately descriptive. Most I have encountered handle the Holy Bible in this narrow perspective, they limit the text to one particular interpretation; when it has manifold layers of complexity and dimension to it. It is in this manner that the natural mind of carnal men, women and children fail to see the spiritual dimensions of the Words of our Creator in the Holy Bible. The Spiritual dimension(s) of the Holy Bible cannot be

excluded from true understanding of the Holy Scriptures because they were inspired by the Holy Spirit for spirits that would read and meditate on the meanings throughout. So if I hand Genesis Ch.1 and 2 to a person not filled with the Holy Spirit and ask them to tell me what it means, then I should understand that is most likely NOT what our Creator is telling us (or at least very little to none of what they might say would fall into the realm of Divine Revealed Truth). As such, I am astonished as to how many churches and believers teach that kind of interpretation; when what they should be doing is discovering IN HIS WORD the TREASURES OF WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING. <http://biblehub.com/colossians/2-3.htm>

Built Up in Christ ...2that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, **3in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.** 4I say this so that no one will delude you with persuasive argument....

I address Genesis Ch. 1 the Creation account; (IN PART - the depth of ALL GOD is teaching us in the first chapter; encompasses topics that span ALL CREATION; as such a complete commentary would be larger than a great volume of encyclopedias!); **here:**

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I am inspired to write here by the Will of our Creator, Lord and Savior, is that He is concerned with how you finish your journey of incarnation; specifically to encourage any back sliders, anyone who prayed the prayer of Salvation, but never went on to get filled with the Holy Spirit, any who have been carnally interpreting His Words, anyone and everyone NOT to hang your head in shame and become depressed and despondent over your sins BUT DEFINITELY DON'T BECOME PROUD OF THEM! Instead, come humbly to our Creator! (and KEEP on coming moment by moment, day after day)

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+18%3A1-14&version=AMP>

Luke 18:1-14

Amplified Bible (AMP)

18 Also [Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not to [a]turn coward (faint, lose heart, and give up).

2 He said, In a certain city there was a judge who neither revered *and* feared God nor respected *or* considered man.

3 And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, Protect *and* defend *and* give me justice against my adversary.

4 And for a time he would not; but later he said to himself, Though I have neither reverence *or* fear for God nor respect *or* consideration for man,

5 Yet because this widow continues to bother me, I will defend *and* protect *and* avenge her, lest she give me [b]intolerable annoyance *and* wear me out by her continual coming *or* [c]at the last she come and rail on me *or* [d]assault me *or* [e]strangle me.

6 Then the Lord said, Listen to what the unjust judge says!

7 And will not [our just] God defend *and* protect *and* avenge His elect (His chosen ones), who cry to Him day and night? Will He[f]defer them *and* [g]delay help on their behalf?

8 I tell you, He will defend *and* protect *and* avenge them speedily. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find [[h]persistence in] faith on the earth?

9 He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves *and* were confident that they were righteous [that they were upright and in right standing with God] and scorned *and* made nothing of all the rest of men:

10 Two men went up into the temple [[i]enclosure] to pray, the one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

11 The Pharisee [j]took his stand ostentatiously and began to pray thus before *and* with himself: God, I thank You that I am not like the rest of men—extortioners (robbers), swindlers [unrighteous in heart and life], adulterers—or even like this tax collector here.

12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I gain.

13 But the tax collector, [merely] standing at a distance, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but kept striking his breast, saying, O God, be favorable (be gracious, be merciful) to me, the[k]especially wicked sinner that I am!

14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified (forgiven and made upright and in right standing with God), rather than the other man; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.

Never become comfortable or defensive about your sins or sin in general! Instead:

http://biblehub.com/1_john/1-9.htm

Walking in the Light ...8If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

Till that moment we get to go Home to be with our LORD forever, we will be repenting, confessing, turning from our sins, (those of commission and omission) and submitting ourselves to our Creator; ever trusting in His Power to transform and perfect us. A Christian may not be sinless or perfect as yet, but one thing is certain that everyone who strives to follow after Christ, sins less and less unto the Perfect Day!

It is journey of perseverance! End yours well!

<http://www.ccel.org/c/challoner/douayrheims/Ezekiel/33.html>

33:1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

33:2. Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say to them: When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man, one of their meanest, and make him a watchman over them:

33:3. And he sees the sword coming upon the land, and sound the trumpet, and tell the people:

33:4. Then he that heareth the sound of the trumpet, whosoever he be, and doth not look to himself, if the sword come, and cut him off: his blood shall be upon his own head.

33:5. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and did not look to himself, his blood shall be upon him: but if he look to himself, he shall save his life.

33:6. And if the watchman see the sword coming, and sound not the trumpet: and the people look not to themselves, and the sword come, and cut off a soul from among them: he indeed is taken away in his iniquity, but I will require his blood at the hand of the watchman.

33:7. So thou, O son of man, I have made thee a watchman to the house of Israel: therefore thou shalt hear the word from my mouth, and shalt tell it them from me.

33:8. When I say to the wicked: O wicked man, thou shalt surely die: if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked man from his way: that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but I will require his blood at thy hand.

33:9. But if thou tell the wicked man, that he may be converted from his ways, and he be not converted from his way he shall die in his iniquity: but thou hast delivered thy soul.

33:10. Thou therefore, O son of man, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have spoken, saying: Our iniquities, and our sins are upon us, and we pine away in them: how then can we live?

33:11. Say to them: As I live, saith the Lord God, I desire not the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way, and live. Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways: and why will you die, O house of Israel?

33:12. Thou therefore, O son of man, say to the children of thy people: The justice of the just shall not deliver him, in what day soever he shall sin: and the wickedness of the wicked shall not hurt him, in what day soever he shall turn from his wickedness: and the just shall not be able to live in his justice, in what day soever he shall sin.

33:13. Yea, if I shall say to the just that he shall surely live, and he, trusting in his justice, commit iniquity: all his justices shall be forgotten, and his iniquity, which he hath committed, in the same shall he die.

33:14. And it I shall say to the wicked: Thou shalt surely die: and he do penance for his sin, and do judgment and justice,

33:15. And if that wicked man restore the pledge, and render what he had robbed, and walk in the commandments of life, and do no unjust thing: he shall surely live, and shall not die.

33:16. None of his sins, which he hath committed, shall be imputed to him: he hath done judgment and justice, he shall surely live.

33:17. And the children of thy people have said: The way of the Lord is not equitable: whereas their own way is unjust.

33:18. For when the just shall depart from his justice, and commit iniquities, he shall die in them.

33:19. And when the wicked shall depart from his wickedness, and shall do judgments, and justice, he shall live in them.

33:20. And you say: The way of the Lord is not right, I will judge every one of you according to his ways, O house of Israel.

Therefore REPENT! says the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, MAKER AND RULER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, for WHY? says the LORD, will you perish?!

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(<http://www.godempowersyou.com/documentation/HistoricalTestimonyandMinistry/MansChronologicalExistenceExplained.pdf> and [http://www.godempowersyou.com/documentation/HistoricalTestimonyandMinistry/Explanations%20\(2\)%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.godempowersyou.com/documentation/HistoricalTestimonyandMinistry/Explanations%20(2)%20(2).pdf)) One must not only look closely at the meanings of phrases, words, characters, character positions (encrypted messages), (looking at the tiniest jots and tittles within the Word-microscopically so to speak); but one must ALSO look at the WHOLE PICTURE, how well does their microscopic conclusions fit into the whole

account; not only biblically, but historically, scientifically, and in every way and perspective one can look at the doctrine! HOW WELL or HOW SOUND are your conclusions? your interpretations? How do they FIT INTO THE WHOLE RECORD? How do they confirm what we observe in Creation? The Biblical Account walks hand in hand with scientific observation; and is in no way contrary to it; despite what far too many fallaciously allege these days. ASK YOURSELF IF YOUR DOCTRINES/CONCLUSIONS/OBSERVATIONS ARE FUNDAMENTALLY TRUE? If ANYONE THINKS there is something contrary either with what they observe in Creation or their understanding of what they read in the Holy Bible; then either their understanding of the text is in error; or their conclusions on what they have observed in Creation is in error. This is because the WORD has brought ALL things into existence; and sustains all things and holds all things together! GOD's WORD is interwoven throughout His Creation! At the smallest levels, particles are vibrating at various frequencies (all visible creation has already scientifically been proven to be comprised of GOD's Words!) they (some of the scientists making breakthrough microscopic discoveries currently) just haven't realized what they have observed proves it! (follow all the links: <http://www.facebook.com/notes/michael-swenson/evidence-of-god-our-creator/568134419932188>)

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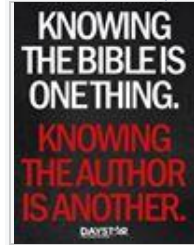
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