

# HOW TO READ, UNDERSTAND, AND KNOW THE SCRIPTURES

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- **(Acts 8:30-31)** "And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? {31} And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him."
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- **Mark 4:13** And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?

# BELIEVE WHAT YOU ARE READING

- The Bible is Pure
  - The Bible is Preserved
  - The Bible is Present
  - The Bible is Translated
  - The Bible is Plain
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# PURE

- **(Psalms 12:6-7)** "The words of the LORD *are* pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. {7} Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever."
- **Psalms 119:140** Thy word *is* very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.
- **Titus 1:15** Unto the pure all things *are* pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving *is* nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

# PRESERVED

- **(Psalms 12:6-7)** "The words of the LORD *are* pure words: *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. {7} Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever."
- **Matthew 24:35** Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

# PRESENT

- **2 Peter 1:12** Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know *them*, and be established in the present truth.
- **(2 Timothy 3:16-17)** "All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: {17} That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

# INTERPRETED

- **(2 Peter 1:19-21)** "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: {20} Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. {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."



- **(1 Corinthians 14:27)** "If any man speak in an *unknown* tongue, *let it be* by two, or at the most *by* three, and *that* by course; and let one interpret."
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- **(Acts 2:3-4)** "And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. {4} And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."
- **(Acts 2:8-11)** "And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? {9} Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judæa, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, {10} Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, {11} Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God."

# PLAIN

- **Psalms 27:11** Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.  
**Proverbs 8:9** They *are* all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.  
**Proverbs 15:19** The way of the slothful *man is* as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous *is* made plain.

- **Habakkuk 2:2** And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.
  - **John 16:25** These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.  
**2 Corinthians 3:12** Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:  
**Hebrews 11:14** For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.
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## READ IT

- Read to build knowledge
  - Read more to gain understanding
  - Read more to have Wisdom
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# KNOWLEDGE

- **(Proverbs 1:1-6)** "The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; {2} To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; {3} To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; {4} To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. {5} A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: {6} To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings."

- **(Proverbs 2:1-9)** "My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; {2} So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, *and* apply thine heart to understanding; {3} Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and* liftest up thy voice for understanding; {4} If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures; {5} Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. {6} For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding. {7} He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: *he is* a buckler to them that walk uprightly. {8} He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. {9} Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; *yea*, every good path."

- **(Proverbs 8:8-11)** "All the words of my mouth *are* in righteousness; *there is* nothing froward or perverse in them. {9} They *are* all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. {10} Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. {11} For wisdom *is* better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it."



- **(Proverbs 9:9-10)** "Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning. {10} The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding."
  - **(Proverbs 12:1)** "Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof *is* brutish."
  - **Proverbs 14:6** A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth it* not: but knowledge *is* easy unto him that understandeth.
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