

Bible/College Class Notes – The Word of God – Lesson 140

The Holy Bible - A Remarkable Book.

This week we learn that we can obtain help from God's Word in time of need.

'Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but Gods.' 2 Chronicles 20v15.

Bible Readings for this week

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	2 Chronicles 14 (King Asa given victory by God)	
Monday	2 Chronicles 15 (Asa's faithfulness blessed by God)	
Tuesday	1 Kings 15v9-24 (Asa is noted for his faith in God)	
Wednesday	2 Chronicles 20v1-19 (Jehoshaphat asks God's help)	
Thursday	2 Chronicles 20v20-30 (God gives Jehoshaphat victory)	
Friday	Proverbs 3v1-26 (Know and keep My commandments)	
Saturday	Psalms 119v97-112 (Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet)	

Important Lesson for us Today: Using the Light of God's Word.

We would never fly at night in an aeroplane if the airports did not have runway guiding lights to guide its' safe landing. Certain death would be the outcome. **Yet**, we may be willingly living our lives without the 'guiding light' and help of God's Word. Hundreds of Bible chapters 'shine light' on the way we should take if we want to personally know God and live obediently under His blessing. The Bible recounts the experiences of many people who have proved what God can, and will, do when they put their trust in His Word. God's Word is described as a 'light'. ***'Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet'***, Psalm 119v105.

You can only know God's guidance when you prayerfully, and carefully, read the Bible.

Hymn 119v1 The blessings to be found in reading and obeying God's Word.

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| 1. How blest are they who keep God's Word,
And follow His commands;
With all their heart they seek the Lord,
And serve Him with their hands. | 2. O that the Lord would guide my ways,
To keep His statutes still!
O that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will! |
| 3. How shall the young secure their hearts,
And guard their lives from sin?
Thy Word the only power imparts
To keep the conscience clean. | 4. My lips with boldness shall declare
Thy statutes and Thy name;
I'll speak Thy Word that all may hear
Of Thy great saving fame. |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible

The Word of Help to Asa and Jehoshaphat.

- **Background.** When King Solomon died the nation of Israel was divided into two separate kingdoms. **Israel** – 10 Tribes, and **Judah** - 2 Tribes, (Judah and Benjamin). Today we consider two good Kings of Judah – **Asa and Jehoshaphat**.
- **King Asa Stood Faithfully for the Lord.**
 - Bringing the nation back to worshipping God; turning out Baal and other idols.
 - God blessed Judah; they gained in strength and peace; God prospered them.

Application 1 – Repentance; God's First Priority for Everyone.

To receive God's blessing, and help, we must throw out all our sinful 'idols'.

- **God helped Asa in time of trouble.** The Cushite army of 1 million men and 300 chariots attacked Judah. Outnumbered 2 to 1, Asa called upon the LORD to help.
- **In a remarkable way** the Lord struck down the Cushite army and they fled.

Application 2 – Faith; Asa Prayed with Genuine Faith and Trust in God.

Faith causes us to believe that Almighty God will overrule in all our experiences.

- **King Jehoshaphat. We see both His Good Points and His Failings.**
 - Initially he failed by making an alliance with wicked King Ahab of Israel.
 - Then he brought Judah back to worship God, turning out Baal and other idols.
 - **Note The Following: (From 2 Chronicles 20)**
 - The overwhelming size and strength of the enemy. ***'A great multitude.'*** v1-2.
 - **Jehoshaphat's reaction.** He did not look to other nations to come to his aid, but he immediately called upon the LORD his God for help, ***"O, our God."*** v3-12.
 - All the men, their wives, and their children stood before the LORD. v13
 - The encouraging message from God, ***"The battle is not yours, but God's."*** v15
 - The extraordinary service of thanksgiving, **before** the battle commenced. v18-19
 - Jehoshaphat was sure that God would keep His word and give them victory. v20
 - The amazing 'weapon' used to defeat the very large enemy army. God told them to sing praises to His Holiness, v21. They obeyed; the 'choir' marched in front of Judah's army; God ambushed the enemy causing them to kill each other. v22,23
 - Jehoshaphat and the people praised the Lord for His great victory. v27,28.

Application 3 – Finding The Saviour.

Are you seeking happiness and success from all other sources except the Lord?

The Bible alone tells us the truth about sin, death, and Hell - enemies of our soul.

It tells us in plain language how, through God's grace and mercy, we can be saved.

If we believe and obey the Scriptures - to humbly come to God in repentance and faith we will rejoice, as Jehoshaphat did, to see all these enemies defeated by the Lord.

Pray, "O Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief." Mark 9v24.

But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Hebrews 11v6.