

## **Bible Study, Series 3, Week 10**

### **Personal Bible Study**

#### **Day: 1**

*Read Proverbs 10: 27-30*

We are concluding this series by looking at different parts of God's will this week.

In this piece the writer is encouraging the reader to do good works by contrasting the life of the righteous and the person that does not believe.

#### *Questions for personal study*

1. What are the results of a right or wrong relationship with God on a person's life here on earth?
2. How does the expectation for the future of a believer differ from that of an unbeliever?
3. Where does the believer get strength from to serve God on a daily basis and to honor God with his or her life?

#### *Personal application*

1. What did this piece say to you specifically?
2. How can you apply that in practice today?
3. Pray for the necessary strength.

#### *For the evening*

1. Could you live this message in a practical way today?
2. Read Proverbs 4: 10-19

#### **Day: 2**

*Read Psalm 119: 9-16*

#### *Questions for personal study*

1. Name three positive results of obedience to God's word.
2. How important is it to live a "clean" life?
3. Do the results mentioned in question one come of their own accord or do you have to do something from your side? Take special note of verse 10, 11, 14, 15(b) and 16.

#### *Personal application*

1. What spoke to you in a special way in today's piece?
2. How can you give practical stature to what you have learnt in this Bible Study?

*For the evening*

1. Were you able to execute today's task?
2. Thank God for successes and confess failures. Except God's forgiveness according to 1 John 1: 9.
3. Read Psalm 119: 105-112.

### **Day: 3**

*Read 2 Timothy 3: 14-17*

*Questions for personal Bible Study*

1. Why do we have to, according to verse 16, bow to the authority of the Bible?
2. What is the value of God's word to us?
3. Is pure knowledge enough to be saved or is there something more involved? Read verse 15.
4. What does one have to do to really experience the word of God in a practical way?

*Personal application*

1. Which thought in this really spoke to you?
2. How are you going to apply it in a practical way in your life today?
3. Pray to God for strength.

*For the evening*

1. How did it go today with the practical "living" of God's word?
2. Read 2 Peter 1: 3-15 and pray.

### **Day: 4**

*Read 2 Peter 1: 16-21*

Peter was a witness to Jesus' baptism and that is why he can write this.

Verse 19: "Daystar or Morning Star" shines as the day starts. It is a sign that the night is over. Here it is used as an image of the surety of being saved as it "appears" in a person's life.

*Questions for personal study*

1. What is the value of an eye witness's testimony?
2. What value should we therefore attach to Peter's explanation in this piece?
3. On what grounds should people still listen to the preaching of God's word today and react to it with obedience? Take special note of verse 20-21.

*Personal application*

1. Do you really believe that the Bible is God's word?
2. If you reacted with confirmation on the previous question what are the implications for your life today?
3. Pray about it

*For the evening*

1. Did you lead your life according to God's word today?
2. Read 1 Peter 2: 1-10

**Day: 5**

*Read Romans 11: 33-36*

*Questions for personal study*

1. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!" How "deep" does God's wisdom and knowledge go as far as these verses tell us?
2. Does God owe anyone anything? Motivate
3. What is the beginning and the purpose of everything?

*Personal application*

1. What spoke to you in a special way in this piece?
2. What are you going to do with it in your life today?
3. Pray for strength.

*For the evening*

1. Did you succeed in living to God's honor today?
2. Thank God for successes and confess any failures where you brought dishonor to His name. Claim His forgiveness and grace according to 1 John 1: 9
3. Read Isaiah 40: 12-18

**Day: 6**

*Read Psalm 119: 73-80*

1. Today is once again a day of revision. Have a look at all the studies of the week and remind yourself of your tasks for the week and how things went.
2. If you failed in some, try and find out what went wrong and try and build on your successes.
3. Would you say you grew spiritually through your study of Hosea?
4. Once again try and attend one church service this week and try and get a message from it that is very personal for you.

### **Group Bible Study**

*Read Hosea 14: 9*

1. Is there a difference between a person that has wisdom and one that is sensible? Discuss the two terms.
2. What does it really mean to pay close attention to words and to take it to heart (take it seriously)?
3. Why is a person wise and sensible if a person takes the word of God seriously?
4. What is the effect of God's word on the life of people?
5. Why does the word of God has such an effect on the life of a person? (Compare question 4)
6. What would you say, at the end of this series, is the main message of Hosea?