

KNOWING THE SCRIPTURE FOR THIS TIME / CONOCIENDO LAS ESCRITURAS PARA EL DIA DE HOY

Luke 24:45

“⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures” “⁴⁵ Entonces les abrió el entendimiento, para que comprendiesen las Escrituras”

INTRO: Whether we want to believe it or not, we are living in the End Times. We are privilege but at the same time accountable of what we are seeing and what is happening around us. The only way, for us not to be confused, misguided nor accept false teaching is to believe what the Bible says, as it is written. If we study the Scripture, we will know that the first rule of “How to Interpret the Bible” is “Interpret it as it is written”. Let us see some basics when it comes to knowing the Bible for these times.

I. WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

1. It is God’s Word
2. It will always remind His Word
3. It will accomplish its purpose

II. WHY IS IT THAT WE DON’T UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE?

1. *Certain Scriptures are sealed until their time of fulfillment*

- 1) Dn. 12:4 “⁴ But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.” “⁴ Pero tú, Daniel, cierra las palabras y sella el libro hasta el tiempo del fin. Muchos correrán de aquí para allá, y la ciencia se aumentará”

2. *Slow of heart*

- 1) Luke 24:25 “²⁵ Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!” “²⁵ Entonces él les dijo: ¡Oh insensatos, y tardos de corazón para creer todo lo que los profetas han dicho!”

3. *The Lord needs to come and open our hearts*

- 1) Acts. 16:14 “¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message” “¹⁴ Entonces una mujer llamada Lidia, vendedora de púrpura, de la ciudad de Tiatira, que adoraba a Dios, estaba oyendo; y el Señor abrió el corazón de ella para que estuviese atenta a lo que Pablo decía”

4. *We need someone to explain it to us*

- 1) Luke 24:27 “²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself” “²⁷ Entonces, comenzando por Moisés y por todos los profetas, les explicó lo que se refería a él en todas las Escrituras”

5. *We need to come together and share His Word*

- 1) Luke 24:32 “³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” “³² Se decían el uno al otro: —¿No ardía nuestro corazón mientras conversaba con nosotros en el camino y nos explicaba las Escrituras?”

6. *We need to go and explain it to others*

- 1) Acts. 26:17-18 “¹⁷ I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them ¹⁸ to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.” “¹⁷ librándote de tu pueblo, y de los gentiles, a quienes ahora te envío, ¹⁸ para que abras sus ojos, para que se conviertan de las tinieblas a la luz, y de la potestad de Satanás a Dios; para que reciban, por la fe que es en mí, perdón de pecados y herencia entre los santificados”

III. WHY DO WE NEED IT?

1. *For our salvation*

- 1) **2 Tim. 3:15** ^{“15} and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” ^{“15} y que desde la niñez has sabido las Sagradas Escrituras, las cuales te pueden hacer sabio para la salvación por la fe que es en Cristo Jesús”

2. *Maintain that relationship with God*

- 1) Ps. 119:10 ^{“10} I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands” ^{“10} Yo te busco con todo el corazón; no dejes que me desvíe de tus mandamientos”

3. *So that we will not fail into temptation – Mat. 4:1-11*

4. *Holding on to our hope*

- 1) Eph. 1:18 ^{“18} I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints” ^{“18} Pido también que les sean iluminados los ojos del corazón para que sepan a qué esperanza él los ha llamado, cuál es la riqueza de su gloriosa herencia entre los santos”

CONCLUSION: We need the Bible; we need to memorize it! Learn some Bible verses that you consider important in your life. Many great Biblical characters would learn some and meditate on them day and night. They will bring tranquility to your heart, mind and soul. You will have peace of heart and you will not live scared, frustrated nor with worries. King Solomon says: “⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. ⁸ This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones” “⁷ No seas sabio en tu propia opinión; Teme a Jehová, y apártate del mal; ⁸ Porque será medicina a tu cuerpo, Y refrigerio para tus huesos”