

Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved. **Philippians 4:1**

Store In My Heart Psalms 63:1

O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, In a dry and weary land where there is no water.

How desperate are you to have God in your life?

The Psalmist cries out with this verse stating that his desire to be with God is a great thirst. Even a thirst and yearning that one might experience in a land with no water. I envision a scene of one crawling through the desert hoping to find even a drop of water to quench the great thirst that has become his entire life. Overwhelmed by such desire, he can think of nothing else.

Is this your desire for God? A desire that keeps you reaching toward Him always? We need God more than we need the things that sustain our life. Without God our end is destruction and suffering for all of eternity. I need to pray that I always thirst for God!



Bible Study, Overcoming Prejudice Glen Young

A businessman was interviewing applicants for the position of divisional manager. He asked each applicant the simple question, "What is two and two?"

The first interviewee was a journalist. His answer was "twenty-two."

The second applicant was an engineer. He pulled out a calculator and showed the answer to be between 3.999 and 4.001.

The next person was a lawyer. He stated that in the case of *Jenkins v. the Commissioner of Stamp Duties*, two and two was proven to be four.

The last applicant was an accountant. The businessman asked him, "How much is two and two?"

The accountant got up from his chair, went over to the door, closed it then came back and sat down. He leaned across the desk and said in a low voice, "How much do you want it to be?"

The Lord prayed that all believers would be one for the express reason, "... *that the world may believe that thou didst send me.*" **John 17:21**. He knew that religious division would cause the world to reject the way of truth. Divisions which result from varied biblical interpretation causes countless harm to Christianity.

There are those who exhibit the same type approaches to Bible study as the journalist, engineer, lawyer and accountant in our story.

The journalist looks beyond the obvious, others assume the question is a mathematical problem but not the journalist. He

seeks out an answer different than all others and admires his acumen at finding truth that others cannot.

The engineer prides himself in exactness. The answer must be analyzed to its most rudimentary level.

The lawyer appeals to the laws of men as the standard for his answer. He sees only the wisdom of men, a wisdom by which he judges everyone and everything.

The accountant's point of view is that public opinion is the determining factor. The answer is based upon the present circumstances. Times change, therefore, answers to questions must also change to fit the time.

Just as each of the applicant's point of view colored their answer to a simple question, our point of view will color our understanding of biblical teaching. Biblical Truth is singular, so when disagreement occurs, regardless of the subject, someone is wrong, maybe both. This ought to be an incentive to a more thorough investigation of Scripture. It should also restrain us from rushing to judgement about brethren who may disagree with us.

The point of view we bring to Bible study determines how we interpret a given passage of scripture. Hence, it is the responsibility of each individual to approach Bible study with this knowledge and the determinate self-discipline to overcome personal prejudices.

I was once challenged on my position concerning the veil of **1Corinthians 11**. The charge was, that the one who taught me formed my point of view. I considered it a valid point so I re-studied the issue. Do I feel I believe the truth on the subject now? Yes. Did I change my position? No. But it was good for me to approach the subject with the possibility of my having been prejudicial.

(Study Carefully. Pray Diligently. Trust In The Lord For Understanding. DLH)

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5:00 PM • Sunday Night Bible Study
7:00 PM • Wednesday Bible Study

For Our Information

Sue Soliday is gradually getting a little better. She had some help from the chiropractor with rib injury.

Ruben Keisler will have elbow surgery July 13. He has several tests upcoming preparing for that.

Brenda Keisler got injections for inflammation to help relieve her pain. She has some more disc issues in her back & neck.

JoBeth Henderson will have cancer surgery on Monday July 6.

Tommy Robinson should see his doctor again in July.

Sunday @ 5 - **Isaiah 63:7** Wednesday @ 7 - **Revelation 21:15**