

Studying the Bible

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TEXT—Search the Scriptures.—John 8:26.
All Christians should give some time to the study of the Bible and if our study is to be profitable a certain preparation is necessary.



This preparation consists first of a heart determination to read the Book. This is a fundamental law of Bible study, so simple that it is sometimes set aside, to our great loss. There is no way of understanding the Book except as we read it and read it and read it. It requires a heart determination to do that, for our threefold enemy will rise up and say "no" when we attempt to read the Book.

The world will say "You are too busy" or you will think "There are too many important things requiring my time to use it reading the Bible." Many look to the preacher to give them their spiritual food. The Lord does give his people pastors but the pastor's study can never take the place of one's own individual study. The world will do what it can to oppose the reading of the Book. The world has a subtle ability to fill our lives so full of seemingly important things, will bring so many crowding opportunities for the use of our time that we need a heart determination to make time for Bible reading.

The flesh will also oppose it. We become so tired physically. It is a remarkable thing that one can sit down with an interesting book and become so absorbed in it as to read far into the night and not feel sleepy. But how quickly the flesh wants to sleep and how the head nods when we would read the Bible for an hour or two in the evening.

The devil also will hinder if he can. He will suggest the difficulty of understanding what we read, will say the Bible is a closed book to our minds and do all he can to bring discouragement. But if we are to come to an understanding of the truth and keep our souls strong and healthy, we must read and reread the Book itself. Not books about the Bible, nor expositions by man, but the Bible itself.

In the second place, we must have a heart determination to allow the Book to mean what it says. We must permit it to define its own terms. We must make it explain itself. It will answer questions concerning the words and terms it uses. We go to the Bible unconsciously prejudiced. We think we know the truth and naturally suppose what the Bible says ought to agree with our thought. If it does not agree we are in danger of forcing into it our own ideas rather than let it mean what it says. We come to it too often for confirmation instead of information. I do not mean that one shall determine to accept all it says at once, nor to believe all it says at once, but I mean that we shall allow it to mean what it says and to define its own terms whether that agrees with us or not. And soon we will find that we agree with it. In this way much confusion will be avoided. In the third place, there must be a heart determination to allow it to speak to oneself. If I am to study the Bible profitably I must allow it to speak to me and not try to dodge. We are all more or less adept at spiritual dodgers. The incident, recorded in the fourth chapter of St. John is a very human picture. One Lord engages the woman in conversation. She is hesitant about it because it is a strange thing for a Jew to speak to a Samaritan, but she enters into the conversation. Gradually our Lord goes a little deeper into her history until finally he puts his finger on the sore spot. She tries to escape the issue by attempting to sidetrack him. The moment he gets his finger on the sore spot, she says "Our fathers worshipped in this mountain and ye say that in Jerusalem is the place for worship." That sounds religious and interesting, but it is a mere subterfuge to avoid the issue. We will do that in our minds to dodge what the Book says to us personally.

It is difficult to allow the Book to speak to our own hearts but Bible study is valuable and indeed dangerous unless it is allowed to bear fruit in our lives. It cannot be studied merely as literature. This then is the needed preparation for profitable Bible study—a heart determination to read the Book—to allow it to mean what it says and to permit it to speak to our own hearts.

Our Gentle Leader.
We have a Leader so gentle that we can go, as it were, to his tent at night and tell him we are afraid of tomorrow's warfare—that the hard battle has weakened our nerves. O tender Savior, wounded unto death, and yet strong in the consciousness of an indomitable power, thou, on that white horse, shalt lead us forth conquering and to conquer!—Bishop of St. Andrews.

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By 6-29

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY.

The summer schedule of Sunday services is as follows:
First mass, 7:05 a. m.
Second mass, 9:30 a. m.
Followed by benediction.
Week day mass at 7:30 a. m.
P. J. DRISCOLL, Rector.
Residence 1103 L. avenue.
Phone Main 9.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Preaching at 11 and 8.
E. Y. P. U. at 7:00 p. m.
Prayer meeting Thursday at 8:00 p. m.

LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Tabernacle Fourth and O Streets.
Chas. J. Black, bishop.
M. I. A. meet Tuesday evening, 7:30; social hour after class work.
Primary every Tuesday, 4:00 p. m.
Religious class, Thursday, 4:00 p. m.
Choir practice, Sunday, 7:00 p. m.
Sunday School 10:30 a. m.
Sacrament Meeting 2 p. m.
No Relief Society, Thursday at 2 p. m.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

Holy Communion, except first Sunday in the month, 8:00 a. m.
Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.
Morning service, 11:00 a. m.
UPTON H. GIBBS, Rector.
Rectory 1502 Fifth St.

METHODIST-EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH

At the M. E. church, South, tomorrow:
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
W. B. SMITH, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school a 9:45 a. m.
Young People's meeting at 7 p. m.
Rev. W. C. Forbes, D. D., of Seattle, will speak morning and evening.

MR. WILLIAM PAUL OF PORTLAND WILL SING.

SPIRITUALISM

The First Spiritualist Church of La Grande will meet over Harris Grocery Store on Fir street every Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

SALVATION ARMY

Jefferson Street.
Florence E. Pogue, ensign.
Capt. Mae Flack, assistant.
Holiness meeting, 11:00 a. m.
Sunday school, 2:00 p. m.
Y. P. L., 6:15 p. m.
Salvation service, 8:00 p. m.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

M Street.
F. W. Russard, pastor.
Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.
Morning service, 11:00 a. m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Corner Spring and Seventh Streets.
Bible School at 9:45 a. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

Corner First and Washington
Sunday morning service at 11; Subject, "God."
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. The reading room is open to the public Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 2 to 5 p. m. All are cordially invited.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday School will be held at the usual hour at the First Methodist church. There will be no services in the evening.

EARLY DAY SHOWS.

(By E. L. Eckley.)

The first railroad circus which came to La Grande was old John Robinson's in 1883. It had three rings and the main one was exactly at the intersection of Washington avenue and Fourth street, the outer part of it extending across the corner where the small brick building belonging to Mrs. Ronan now stands. The outline of this old circus ring was visible for many years, and was not altogether lost until the streets were paved.

This was a big circus and people came from as far east as Prairie creek to attend it. Most of those who came from the direction of Cricket Flat, east of Elgin, and from Wallawa, left their homes a day or two ahead of the day of the circus arrival and camped the night before down along the river in the vicinity of the park. Probably not fewer than fifty families came in this way to see the show. It was a good show, but the people were imposed upon without conscience in the way of prices. Circus lemonade was "two bits" a glass, but it was in the days when nickels were unknown and the people didn't mind the prices to any great extent.

Some years before the railroad was built a wagon show—Sheman's Circus—from California, made this territory. And some years before that Dr. Rockwell made exhibitions through the country with a trained horse "Mazeppa." On the return trip to California, both Dr. Rockwell and his trained horse were drowned in the sinking of the Great Republic, a sea tragedy off the Oregon coast many years ago.

IRISH BOY WAS STAYER.

Wm. O'Rourke, Formerly Of La Grande, Refuses Discharge.
A report from Camp Lewis says that William E. O'Rourke, a red headed Irish boy, was turned down by the army officers because he was a fraction too short and his discharge was ordered. But O'Rourke wouldn't be discharged; he refused to sign the discharge papers and altogether was so insistent that his disqualification was waived and he is now a soldier in the 166th Depot Brigade.

When a mere lad and just after he had arrived from Ireland, O'Rourke made his home in La Grande. He attended the Sisters of St. Francis academy in company with Mike Walsh, Willie Peave and others of that age. He is but 5 ft. 1 in. in height. He was called in the June draft from Heppner and was second highest in his company of 250 in the psychological test and quickness to learn. He has three brothers in an Irish regiment in the British army. The young man is a nephew of Rev. Father O'Rourke, of Heppner.

INDIANA WOMAN FOUND RELIEF

Mrs. Thos. H. Davis, R. F. D. No. 3, Montgomery, Ind., writes she had trouble with her bladder and treated for several months without relief. Foley Kidney Pills were recommended to her and she commenced using them. She says she got relief from the first two bottles, and eight bottles cured her. Many similar letters have been written by grateful persons who found relief from kidney trouble, backache, rheumatism and stiff swollen joints. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

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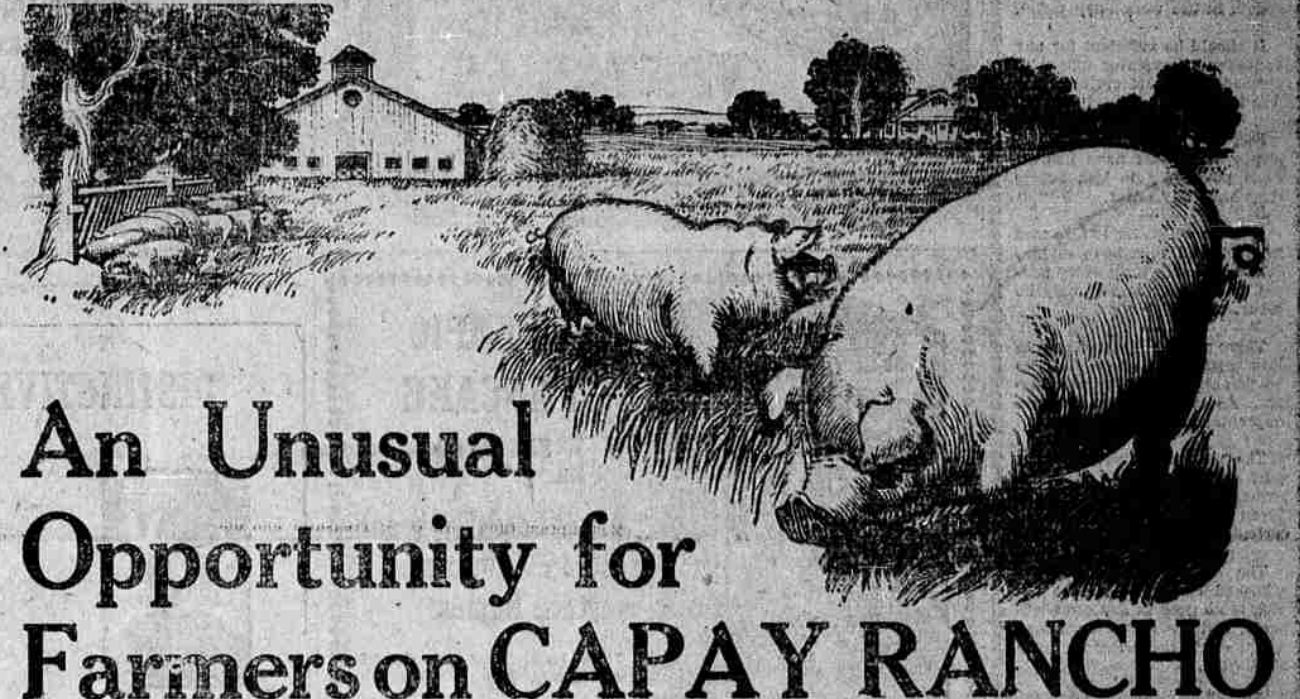
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- PER HANSEN, formerly of Turlock, has 90 acres. "Low price of land induced me to buy here. I have as good a stand of alfalfa as you will find anywhere. Am pleased with my bargain."
- J. K. SHEPPARD, lived 27 years in San Diego, has 22 acres. Daughter and son have 80 acres. "When I came here three months ago, there was not a home on this road. Now there are ten families within a mile. Have already been offered \$15 an acre over what I paid, and my expenses. I don't want to sell. The water proposition is great."
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