

How to Enjoy the Bible

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TEXT—Oh, how I love Thy law.—Ps. 119:97.

Some people enjoy the Bible greatly. They open it as eagerly as a hungry man sits down to dinner, and they never seem to weary of it. David says, "Oh, how I love thy law! It is my meditation all the day. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth."

Many people cannot truthfully speak as did the Psalmist. On the contrary they find the Bible a very uninteresting book, and though they read it occasionally; it is not because they enjoy it, but rather from a sense of duty. Is it possible for anyone to really enjoy the Bible so that they will prefer this book above all others? Surely it is, and any one who will accept the following suggestions will soon find the Bible has become the most precious of all books.

In order to enjoy the Bible one needs to be born again. The various books of the Bible were written by godly men, and for the use of godly people. While its stories are always interesting to children, and its sublime sentiments and literary beauty appeal to all classes, still the book as a whole does not interest ungodly people, partly because it is a constant rebuke to them, and partly because it is addressed chiefly to those who love God. A person who has not been born again does not enjoy spiritual things, because he has not a spiritual nature. As soon as he accepts Christ, however, he becomes a partaker of the divine nature, and at once the Bible becomes a necessity to him. It answers his questions and satisfies the cravings of his new spiritual nature.

Sign of the New Heart.

One of the first and surest signs of a new heart is a relish for the Bible. This is what the Apostle Peter refers to when he says, "As newborn babes desire ye the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby." A book on lodge matters can hardly be expected to interest one who does not belong to that particular order, neither is a railway guide very attractive to one who does not desire to travel. Let a man join the lodge, however, and at once he is interested to learn all he can about the order. So if he is planning a trip to Europe he finds great pleasure in reading Baedeker's Guide, because it describes the countries where he is going. For the same reason the Bible is interesting to a Christian, because it is a series of letters addressed to him personally by his Heavenly Father, describing the country where he is going, and giving full directions as to how to reach it.

Another condition requisite for enjoying the Bible is that we recognize the real object of life, which is to become acquainted with God. "And this is life eternal that they should know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3). If the real object of one's life is to know God, the Bible at once becomes the book of all books, because it reveals God's character and purpose as no other book does. David's opinion of it is expressed in the words, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path," and God's estimate of it is given in his injunction to Joshua, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night." Revelation is progressive and needs to be unfolded. It has taken God many centuries to reveal to the race what is contained in the Bible, because sin has so blinded our vision that we are slow to apprehend spiritual truth. Furthermore, the Bible has to be revealed to each human being separately, as if there were no other person in existence. Since the Bible is the principal means by which God reveals his character and purpose, it is evident that our acquaintance with him, which began at our conversion, will progress just in proportion to our study and practice of the word of God.

Know Your Bible.

If we neglect the Bible, we shall never know God intimately, and we shall always be weak and inefficient Christians. If, however, we search the Scriptures diligently, we shall find it a most fascinating study, and as our acquaintance with God increases we will grow in grace and spiritual power. "The people that do know their God shall be strong, and shall do exploits." (Dan. 11:32.)

The reason why the Bible has a personal interest for each of us is that it is God's mouthpiece and medium of communication with the people of all ages. For instance, when God saw men forsaking him to pursue their own evil, he cried out through his prophet, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him." That message was not limited to the people of Isaiah's time only, but it represents God's feeling toward the wicked.

Children's Logic.
"Do you know," said a little fellow of four years of age, "what I thought of last week? A great, huge live thing, the color of black, with mouth and eyes." Another assured his teacher that the wind was alive, for he heard it whistling in the night.

News of the Churches

Christian Science Society.
Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock. Subject, "Substance."
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 to attend our services.
Corner First and Washington.

Christian Church.
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Try and increase our attendance.
Communion service at 11 a. m. Subject, "Isaiah's Vision."
Evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Subject, "Two Brothers, but Oh, How Different."
Special music both morning and evening. You ought to attend somewhere. Why not with us.
Prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30. R. H. COKER, Minister.
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M. E. Church, South.
Sunday school 8:45 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m.
Epworth league at 6:30 p. m.
Rev. C. F. Beldin will preach at 7:30 Sunday evening.

Presbyterian Church.
Rev. T. Brouillette of Portland will preach.
Morning service begins at 11 o'clock. Evening service at 7:30. Subject of morning sermon, "The Historical Development of God's Plan as Seen in the Progress of the Human Race." Subject of evening discourse, "A Correct View of the Truth on One of Two Vital Doctrines."

Baptist Church.
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Preaching by Rev. T. P. Strawbridge, late of California, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m.

First M. E. Church.
Sunday school at 10 a. m. Come and see this bee hive of activity. We need you to swell the number to 200. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "A Five-fold Possibility of the Church." Come and enjoy this jubilee service with us. Evening subject, "True Service." Epworth league at 6:30. Everybody welcome.
N. SHERMAN HAWK, Pastor.

TRAINING THE CHILDREN

Suggestions by Mothers Who Have Been Kindergartners. Issued by the United States Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C., and the National Kindergarten Association, New York, N. Y.

Delightful Occupations for Mothers to Follow on Their Walks With Their Children.

ARTICLE IV.—BY MRS. BERTHA EMLIN

The following article by Mrs. Bertha Emlin has in it many fine suggestions for the young mother who desires for her child the kindergarten training that is so seldom available in the small city. This article is the fourth of a series which would be valuable for a scrap book to use for future reference.

(Walks and talks foster a desire for wholesome recreation that can be enjoyed whether the purse is full or empty, that is of benefit physically, morally and mentally, and that can be shared with others. On your walks point out the trees that make a strong appeal to the children; those that bear fruit, also the hickory and chestnut trees, the maples with their keys that fit so snugly on the nose; the oaks with their acorns that can be hollowed out and used as cups or pipes.

Collect milkweed pods and bitter-sweet with its bright berries to beautify the children's rooms. Pick wild flowers, each in its due season, spring-beauty, violets, wild geranium, daisies, black-eyed Susans, and gold-enrod, and you will soon be asked to tell why the bees hover over the flowers, and you will also watch the bees at work.

Keep your eyes open for cocoons in the fall; put them into a wide lantern chimney resting upon a saucer, the top covered with mosquito netting, and await developments. When the butterfly emerges, the children will have had an experience more deeply impressed, because more intimate, than any classroom illustration. As the children grow older, you will try different caterpillars in this same chimney device, and will watch the spinning of the cocoons or the transition into the chrysalid state. Sometimes the children's sharp eyes (usually sooner than your own) will discover eggs already laid on leaves, and you will watch them emerge into wriggling little bodies. One little girl was fortunate enough to see the eggs hatch in about ten minutes after she had gathered the leaf, and ever since she has kept her eyes open for another such "find." Frogs, toads, and tadpoles are sure to be noticed by the children, and will afford much interesting study if an aquarium can be provided for them at home.

Get acquainted with the birds. Begin in the late fall and winter when there are so few species that they can be easily learned and their notes readily distinguished—the woodpecker, the nuthatch, the chickadee, the junco, the English sparrow, and the white-throated sparrow. When these have become familiar, the early-spring birds will soon be added to the list—the robin, the grackle, the flicker, the meadowlark, the song sparrow, the blue-bird. With these birds well known, the child will possess sufficient knowledge to discover others for himself, and he will find never-ending delight in greeting the birds as the harbingers of the seasons.

The nests that are commonly seen, the chipping sparrow's in the hedger, the oriole's stocking hanging from the branch, the robin's well-shaped nest in the crotch of the tree, and the house sparrow's careless untidy home, will soon be readily recognized.

Development of Imagination.
On your walks read stories read or heard, both you and the children participating in the telling. Invent stories, basing them on a beautiful sunset while you are witnessing, or on a cloud like one as the clouds shape themselves into varied forms, or on any other phase of the landscape which may attract you.

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State News

In the league of nations voting expression conducted by the Portland Journal the vote on Wednesday evening stood 17,147 for and 93 against the league.

Frank Hastings, for many years a resident of Albany, died Sunday evening at the Old Soldiers' Home at Roseburg. Mr. Hastings was unmarried and survived by a sister and a brother who live in Massachusetts.

Senators Walter M. Pierce of La Grande and L. L. Patterson of Polk county and representatives W. B. Dennis of Carlton, James S. Stewart of Forest Grove constitute the committee under S. B. 283, to provide an annual tax levy of 1 mill for market road purposes.

Governor Orrett is in receipt of a copy of resolution passed by the Washington state legislature extending sympathy to the people of Oregon because of the death of Governor Withycombe, when the resolution characterizes as a wise, unselfish, progressive statesman, true patriot and upstanding American.

Governor Orrett has requested John F. Logan and Ira Martin of Portland to continue to serve as members of the state parole board. They are appointed of the former administration and, with the secretary to the governor, constitute the parole board.

Wheatgrowers of Wasco county report that the crop is in a condition which has rarely, if ever, been better at this season of the year. The rainfall during the past three months has totaled more than 11 inches and the ground is thoroughly soaked.

The public service commission has set March 17 as the date for the final hearing on the application of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company for an increase in the exchange telephone rates in Oregon. It is estimated if these increases are allowed, approximately \$600,000 a year will be added to the revenues of the company.

Portland business conditions, as indicated by statements for the month of February, are in a decidedly healthy state. Bank clearings for the month totaled \$99,352,404, compared with \$72,567,265 for the corresponding month of last year, an increase of approximately 33 per cent.

The railroad administration has informed Senator McNary that it cannot grant the request of the Oregon Old Fellows for reduced rates to the Grand Lodge at Salem in May. Reduced convention rates will be granted only to the Grand Army and Confederate Veterans' reunions.

The Old Fellows' and Rebekahs of Umatilla county will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Pendleton, April 26. The membership of the order in Umatilla county alone exceeds 2000.

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Dr. Tenney Appointed for District Teaching From La Grande to Gooding

GOODING, Idaho, March 15.—President C. C. Tenney has been appointed chairman of the life service department of the Centenary for that territory lying between Green river, Wyoming and La Grande, Oregon and the vocational test for the students of Gooding college was taken today.

Among the different lines of work named by the young men and the young women of this practical young school as the first choice of their life's work were doctor, artist, civil engineer, lawyer, bookkeeper, electrician, musician, teacher, stenographer, teacher, high school teacher, farmer, mechanical engineer, nurse, dressmaker, English teacher, foreign missionary and music teacher.

Only one pupil said, "I do not know." While these expressed no vocational preference. The test will be followed by consultations, conferences and helpful suggestions to get the young people to commence now plan to prepare well for the line of work for which they are best adapted.

The Salvation Army hut being constructed near the barracks at Vancouver will be completed by May 10. It will cost about \$45,000.

Charles Bertram of Yakima ran into and injured by an automobile driven by George Ker, has brought suit for damages in the sum of \$10,000.

Forty-eight discharged soldiers out of 58 applying for work at the federal employment agency in Yakima were placed in employment during the past month.

NOTICE, LADY MACCABEES

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