

Four Great Rewards of Bible Study

Rom. 15:4

Introduction:

- A. No period in modern history has been more favorable for Bible study than the present.
 - 1. Good translations available for comparison.
 - 2. Good study helps within the reach of most of us
 - a. Dictionaries and other reference works.
 - b. Religious Journals published by brethren.
 - c. Electronic devices
 - 3. More services of the church geared to study than previous generations.
 - 4. Yet, so few are really taking advantage of what is offered.
- B. Our text outlines four great rewards to be received from studying the Bible.

Discussion:

I. Education — “Learning.”

- A. “No man can be called an uneducated man who knows his Bible and no man can be called an educated man who does not know his Bible” (Dr. Schurman, Pres. Cornell University as quoted by George Dehoff in “Why We Believe The Bible.”)
- B. Bible study educates us with a variety of literature — History, poetry, biography, etc.
- C. Bible study educates us about ourselves (Jas. 1:23,24).
- D. Bible study educates us about our God.
 - 1. His nature.
 - 2. His power.
 - 3. His will.
 - 4. His eternal purpose.
- E. Bible study educates us about our salvation (2 Tim. 3:14-15).
 - 1. The need for salvation
 - 2. The source of salvation.
 - 3. The plan of salvation.

II. Determination — “Patience.”

- A. The Bible teaches us the need for determined patience (Gal. 6:9; Heb. 10:35-39).
- B. The Bible illustrates the rewards of determined patience by examples. (Cf. Heb. 11).

III. Consolation — “Comfort.”

- A. Comfort in time of trouble (John 16:33).
- B. Comfort in time of suffering (Rom. 8:18).
- C. Comfort in time of sorrow (1 Thess. 4:13-18).

IV. Anticipation — “Hope.”

- A. The great joy of anticipation — need to something to look forward to.
- B. Bible teaches Christians they always have something to look forward to. (2 Cor. 4:16-5:4).

Conclusion:

- C. May we always understand and appreciate the great rewards of Bible of Study.
- A. May we always take advantage of every opportunity to learn more of the Bible.