

Saint Clair Community Church – Sombra, Ontario

Why should we study God's Word?

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Let's consider this incident in the Bible. David good intentions, but lack of knowledge of Scriptures:

- *“And they carried the ark of God on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. And Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart, with the ark of God, and Ahio went before the ark.” II Samuel 6: 3-4*
- a) What was the problem with their action?
 - *Numbers 4: 5; 4: 15, Exodus 25: 14; I Chronicles 15: 15*
 - *I Samuel 6: 1-2-7-8*
- b) What were the consequences of their action?
 - *II Samuel 6: 4-8*

The cost of ignoring God's words:

- *“My people **are destroyed** for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I **reject** you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also **will forget** your children.” Hosea 4: 6*
- *“Jesus replied, “You **are in error** because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God.” Matthew 22: 29 (See the context of this verse 22: 23)*

In both passages the religious leaders were held responsible by God for Israel's ignorance of Scriptures

Why should Christians study the Bible?

Because:

1. It is a command of God to His people:
 - *Deuteronomy 17: 17; Mathew 28: 20; II Timothy 2: 15, II Peter 3: 18*
2. God's words is eternal:

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- *Psalm 119: 89; Isaiah 40: 8, Matthew 24: 35; I Peter 1: 25*

3. It is the spiritual food for God's people:

- *Jeremiah 15: 16; Matthew 4:4; I Peter 2: 2*

4. It is inspired by God:

- *II Timothy 3: 16; I Peter 1: 25, II Peter 1: 21*

5. It is a noble action among God's people:

- *Acts 17: 10-11*

6. It gives maturity for God's people:

- *Hebrews 5: 13-14; Ephesians 4: 14-15*

7. It gives wisdom and discernment for God's people:

- *Psalm 119: 11; 119: 105; Galatians 1: 8-9*

8. It is the spiritual weapon against Satan:

- *Jeremiah 23: 39; Ephesians 6: 17*

9. It is the power of God for salvation:

- *Romans 1: 16; I John 5: 13*

10. It is written for us to obey it:

- *John 13: 17; James 1: 23-25*

To God be the glory!