

## "BIBLE WORD STUDIES"

Luke 24:27

**Luke 24:27** And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. You have to understand the Bible in order to be able to help others understand – through preaching or teaching. Going to look at doing **Bible word studies** to understand the Bible better – in a particular passage.

### I. FINDING THE MIND OF GOD

A. The Bible is a book of ideas – not just a book of words

1. Some people feel it is words: *KJV only – if you use any other translation – you're going to hell*
  - a. What about other languages that don't have those KJV words? (Like Spanish) So can't be true
  - b. Word meanings change over time: They can mean something totally different today
2. The Bible is a book of ideas: *God is wanting to communicate truth to people*
  - a. **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
    1. Word: Mind/message; Mind of God: What does God want to happen? Message: What is God saying to people
  - b. So in some ways the translation is not as critical: *If it gets the idea God originally intended across*

B. The Bible was not written in English originally: OT = Hebrew NT = Greek

1. So to get the correct meaning or full meaning of words: **We have to study in the original language!!**
  - a. The problem: We don't speak Hebrew or Greek
  - b. It could take many years to learn
  - c. Some words were cultural
2. So we need a way to tap into other people's knowledge of Hebrew and Greek
  - a. Hebrew or Greek Lexicons: Dictionaries that provide word meanings, usages and practical word meanings
    1. You can buy them (Books/paper)
    2. Look at them online
    3. See them in Bible Study Software
  - c. Online: Studylight.org Biblehub.org Blueletterbible.org
    1. **Biblehub.org** Enter the passage/click interlinear/click the number above the word
      - a. **John 1:1 Word** a word (as embodying an idea) word being the expression of a thought;

### II. FINDING WORD MEANINGS

A. Online: Studylight.org Biblehub.org Blueletterbible.org

1. **Biblehub.org** Enter the passage/click interlinear/click the number above the word
  - a. **John 1:1 Word** a word (as embodying an idea) word being the expression of a thought;
  - b. **Luke 9:1 Power** miraculous) power, might, strength... "Power through God's ability"
    1. **Authority:** power to act, authority... conferred power; delegated empowerment ("authorization"),
2. **Bible Study Software:** You can put thousands of books at your fingertips – all in one place
  - a. Mostly Free: E-Sword.net (Mac App version costs \$9.95)
    1. Type the reference/Choose compare/Find the Word number/Type in Word study box/choose book
  - b. I use Logos Bible Software; It costs money...the more you want it to do – the more it costs
    1. Type the passage:
      - a. **Judges 13:18** And the Angel of the Lord said to him, "Why do you ask My name, seeing it is wonderful?"
    2. Right-click on the word: **Wonderful**/click lightning bolt power lookup
      - a. Wonderful/fantastic/remarkable/awesome...**God is awesome**
      - b. Incomprehensible/beyond understanding/secret/impossible to understand...**You won't fully understand God**
    3. **John 14:16** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever;
      - a. Strongs: Parakletos (To call alongside) an intercessor, consoler :- advocate, comforter.
      - b. Vincent's: was used for legal assistant, pleader, advocate, one who pleads another's cause
        1. The Holy Spirit will plead your case – help you in areas you know nothing about!

### III. WORD STUDY GUIDELINES

A. Some Basic rules to help when studying Bible words:

1. **Bible reading is more important than studying words:**
  - a. It wouldn't make sense to neglect Bible reading in order to do word studies
2. **Determine whether the key words need to be studied to understand correctly**
  - a. Many words don't need to be studied: They mean what they say; and/the/of/for...
    1. There is no hidden meaning or background in Hebrew or Greek
3. **Don't make your whole message a series of word studies on tense Greek verbs**
  - a. Only word nerds would appreciate it – everyone else is asleep or playing games on their phone
4. **You don't have to try and pronounce the word correctly in English**
  - a. You're probably pronouncing it wrong
  - b. Who cares? Does it change anyone's life?