

THE BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

WEEK 111 – Ecclesiastes 2 – 7 & James 4 – 5

Overview – This study is a 6 day program covering both the Old Testament (OT) and the New Testament (NT). This study program is to take place on a daily basis (Monday through Saturday). The study will involve reading/studying 6 OT chapters and 2 NT chapters per week. The OT chapters will only be covered 1 time with the NT chapters being covered 3 times. Depending on reading speed, chapter length, etc., total study time should take approximately 15 to 30 minutes a day. In other words, by simply dedicating **only** about 15 to 30 minutes a day (6 days a week) to Bible study, **in roughly 2 ½ to 3 years, you will have read and studied the entire Bible.** If followed, you will have read the OT once and the NT three times, while studying through the entire Bible. The KJV (King James Version) is used to prepare the questions.

How it works – Read, study, and/or answer questions as outlined below. Place an “x” in the blank after you have completed each day’s study. If you are unable to do the study on the set day, either try to “double up” and get back on schedule or if you get several days behind, simply skip to the current day’s schedule. If necessary you can always come back weeks or months later and study the chapters you missed. You will be able to identify any missed chapters easily if you consistently mark your studied chapters with an “x.” Practically speaking, however, this is not advisable and the student is encouraged to “stay on the daily schedule.” In short, this program will not work, if you do not commit yourself to a daily study habit. We also suggest that the student keeps the weekly study program sheets in a 3 ring binder for easy reference. It is likewise necessary that everyone in the local congregation who is involved in this study program get together weekly or at least biweekly to review the questions and answers.

WEEK 111 – (____/____/____) to (____/____/____)

1. **Sunday** – Worship/Time With Family/Review Answers With Others
2. **Monday** –
 - 1) OT – Ecclesiastes 2 (Read & Answer Questions) _____
 - 2) NT – James 4 (Read) _____
3. **Tuesday** –
 - 1) OT – Ecclesiastes 3 (Read & Answer Questions) _____
 - 2) NT – James 4 (Read & Answer Questions) _____
4. **Wednesday** –
 - 1) OT – Ecclesiastes 4 (Read & Answer Questions) _____
 - 2) NT – James 4 (Read & Word Study/Research) _____
5. **Thursday** –
 - 1) OT – Ecclesiastes 5 (Read & Answer Questions) _____
 - 2) NT – James 5 (Read) _____
6. **Friday** –
 - 1) OT – Ecclesiastes 6 (Read & Answer Questions) _____
 - 2) NT – James 5 (Read & Answer Questions) _____
7. **Saturday** –
 - 1) OT – Ecclesiastes 7 (Read & Answer Questions) _____
 - 2) NT – James 5 (Read & Word Study/Research) _____

WEEK 111 – DAILY PROGRAM

1. **Sunday** – Worship/Time With Family/Review Answers With Others

2. **Monday** –

1) Ecclesiastes 2 – Read & Answer Below

- a) Continuing the same theme began in Ecclesiastes 1:13ff (i.e., pursuing happiness without God), the penman declares (in Ecclesiastes 2:1), “I said in mine _____, Go to now, I will prove thee with _____, therefore enjoy _____: and, behold, this also is _____.”
- b) According to Ecclesiastes 2:3 what did Solomon give himself too as he sought for happiness without God?
- c) Read Ecclesiastes 2:4-6. How many times is the term “I” and the term “me” specifically referenced?
- d) In what early verse does Solomon say, “...I had great possessions...?”
- e) Referencing abundant wealth and perhaps sexual sins, in what verse does Solomon tell us that he “...gathered...also silver and gold...and the delights of the sons of men...?”
- f) What are the first three words of Ecclesiastes 2:11?
- g) According to Ecclesiastes 2:11 (looking back on the context of Ecclesiastes 1:16 through 2:11), did things/stuff, pleasures and the like bring Solomon true happiness (without God)?
- h) After reflecting upon the vanity of a life without God and after contemplating the equalizing nature of death, in Ecclesiastes 2:17, Solomon said, “Therefore I _____ life.”
- i) What verse begins, “For there is a man whose labour is in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in equity...?”
- j) What late verse begins, “For God giveth to a man that is good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy...?”

2) James 4 – Read Only

3. **Tuesday** –

1) Ecclesiastes 3 – Read & Answer Below

- a) Ecclesiastes 3:1 reads, “To _____ thing there is a season, and a _____ to every _____ under the heaven.”
- b) Ecclesiastes 3:2 continues, “A time to be _____, and a time to _____.”
- c) What verse begins, “A time to weep, and a time to laugh...?”
- d) What verse contains the phrase, “...a time to keep silence, and a time to speak?”
- e) Speaking of God, Ecclesiastes 3:11 states, “He hath made every thing _____ in his time....”
- f) Remember the context of this book. The inspired Solomon is picturing one (i.e., himself) searching for the meaning of life—without God. The best he can come up with in this vain quest is perhaps found in Ecclesiastes 3:12-13, 22. In this passage, what does he say one should do in this life?
- g) Ecclesiastes 3:17 declares, “I said in mine heart, God shall judge the _____ and the _____.”

- h) What verse reads, “All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again?”
- i) How many times is the phrase, “I said in mine heart” found in this chapter?

2) James 4 – Read & Answer Below

- a) The end of what early verse contains the phrase, “...ye have not, because ye ask not?”
- b) James 4:4 reads, “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the _____ of the world is _____ with God? _____ therefore will be a friend of the _____ is the _____ of God.”
- c) James 4:7 is a strong verse. It declares, “Submit _____ therefore to _____. Resist the _____, and he will flee from you.”
- d) What verse begins, “Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you...?”
- e) James 4:10 instructs, “_____ yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall _____ you up.”
- f) Is it acceptable to God to “speak evil” of your brethren?
- g) What verse asks the question, “...For what is your life...?”
- h) James 4:17 declares, “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is _____.”

4. Wednesday – .

1) Ecclesiastes 4 – Read & Answer Below

- a) Ecclesiastes 4:1 tells us, “So I returned, and _____ all the oppressions that are done _____ the _____.”
- b) According to the opening verses of this chapter, did Solomon praise the dead or the living more?
- c) In what verse does the penman speak of a man who “...is envied of his neighbor?”
- d) What early verse declares, “Better is an handful with quietness, than both the hands full with travail and vexation of spirit?”
- e) What verse begins, “Two are better than one...?”
- f) According to Solomon, what is better: An old foolish king or a poor and wise child?
- g) What verse begins, “There is no end of all the people...?”
- h) How many times is the term “vanity” found in this chapter?

2) James 4 – Read & Word Study/Research

- a) Could the first ten verses (i.e., James 5:1-10) be labeled “Worldly lusts vs. Humility?”
- b) How many times in the first three verses is the term “lust” and/or “lusts” used?
- c) According to the early part of this inspired chapter, one who is a “friend of the world is the _____ of God.”
- d) What Old Testament Scripture is cited in James 4:6?
- e) What verse begins, “Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep...?”
- f) Is “all” judging condemned in James 4:11-12? If not, what judging is being condemned here?
- g) Does James 4:13 make it a sin to plan?
- h) James 4:14 makes James 4:13 clear. It reads, “Whereas ye know _____ what shall be on the morrow....”

- i) In James 4:14, “life” is referred to as “...a _____, that appeareth for a little _____, and then vanisheth away.”
- j) James 4:15 is also critical to the context of its section. It declares, “For that ye _____ to say, _____ the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.”

5. **Thursday** –

1) Ecclesiastes 5 – Read & Answer Below

- a) Could Ecclesiastes 5:1-8 be labeled “Rash Vows?”
- b) Ecclesiastes 5:2 begins, “Be not _____ with thy _____, and let not thine heart be _____.”
- c) The end of what early verse says, “...and a fool’s voice is known by multitude of words?”
- d) Ecclesiastes 5:10 is a powerful verse. It reads, “He that _____ silver shall not be _____ with silver; nor he that loveth _____ with increase: this is also vanity.”
- e) Ecclesiastes 5:12 states, “The _____ of a laboring man is sweet....”
- f) The same verse (Ecclesiastes 5:12) continues, “...but the _____ of the rich will not suffer him to _____.”
- g) What are the first four words of Ecclesiastes 5:14?
- h) Ecclesiastes 5:15 begins, “As he came forth of his mother’s womb, _____ shall he return to go as he came....”
- i) The end of what late verse references laboring “for the wind?”

2) James 5 – Read Only

6. **Friday** –

1) Ecclesiastes 6 – Read & Answer Below

- a) Read Ecclesiastes 6:1-2 (which finishes the section on riches began back in 5:9). Is it clear from this passage that Solomon (writing from the vantage point of a worldly mindset—i.e., one seeking for happiness and the purpose of life, without God) is very frustrated by the fact that he will die and leave his riches, honor and power, to others? In other words, does he feel great confusion and frustration when viewing death from this personified worldly viewpoint?
- b) What early verse references/comparates an “untimely birth?”
- c) What is the “one place” of which Solomon speaks in Ecclesiastes 6:6?
- d) In what verse does the confused Solomon (Note – He wrote through inspiration, but he wrote from the VANTAGE POINT of one seeking for true happiness/purpose of life—without God—thus confused “in this sense”) ask, “For what hath the wise more than the fool?”
- e) Ecclesiastes 6:12 clearly shows the frustration of one looking for the purpose of life/true happiness—without God. In this verse the penman asks, “For who knoweth what is good for man in this _____, all the days of his _____ which he spendeth as a _____? For _____ can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?”
- f) In answer to the questions of Ecclesiastes 6:12—“Who” is the only one that can truly tell man what life is about?

2) James 5 – Read & Answer Below

- a) Showing context (i.e., dealing with rich/corrupt business men—probably Jewish business men—who were persecuting the church), James 5:1 begins, “Go to now, ye _____ men, weep and howl....”
- b) What early verse reads, “Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten?”
- c) The end of what early verse says, “...ye have heaped treasure together for the last days?”
- d) Still within the context of condemning the corrupt oppressors, what verse begins, “Ye have condemned and killed the just...?”
- e) What are the first two words of James 5:7?
- f) James 5:11 begins, “Behold, we count them _____ which endure.”
- g) Should Christians engage in the flippant giving of oaths/rash swearing?
- h) What verse contains the powerful phrase, “...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much?”
- i) Elias (or Elijah) is specifically mentioned in what late verse?
- j) Does James 5:19-20 make it abundantly clear that it IS possible for a child of God (i.e., cf., “Brethren, if any of you”) to sin and leave the faith/fall away?
- k) Does James 5:19-20 equally make it clear that a fallen brother is also ABLE to repent and come back to the faith/truth?

7. Saturday –

1) Ecclesiastes 7 – Read & Answer Below

- a) Ecclesiastes 7:1 begins, “A good _____ is better than precious ointment....”
- b) Ecclesiastes 7:5 reads, “It is _____ to hear the _____ of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of _____.”
- c) What verse begins, “Better is the end of a thing than the beginning...?”
- d) According to Ecclesiastes 7:9, “...anger resteth in the bosom of _____.”
- e) Beginning a new section/topic, what is the first word of Ecclesiastes 7:11?
- f) What verse begins, “All things have I seen in the days of my vanity...?”
- g) The end of Ecclesiastes 7:18 states, “...for he that feareth _____ shall come forth of them all.”
- h) Ecclesiastes 7:20 reminds us, “For there is _____ a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth _____.”
- i) In what verse does Solomon speak of “...the woman, whose heart is snares and nets...?”
- j) Ecclesiastes 7:29 is a powerful verse. It reads, “Lo, this only have I found, that _____ hath made man _____; but they have sought out many _____.”

2) James 5 – Read & Word Study/Research

- a) What verse begins, “Your gold and silver is cankered...?”
- b) Briefly explain James 5:4.
- c) Could James 5:7-11 be entitled “Patience in Suffering?”
- d) James 5:9 begins, “Grudge _____ one against another, brethren....”
- e) What verse ends, “...behold, the judge standeth before the door?”
- f) What verse speaks of “...the patience of Job...?”
- g) James 5:13 reads, “Is any among you afflicted? Let him _____. Is any merry? Let him _____ psalms.”

- h) While obviously having certain application today, does James 5:14-15 deal with the miraculous—as seen during the first century? In other words, does this text involve a first-century miraculous context?
- i) What verse begins, “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another...?”
- j) What verse speaks of “Elias” or Elijah as being “...a man subject to like passions as we are...?”
- k) Although Elijah was subject to the same frailties and weaknesses as other children of God, did God hear and answer his prayer?
- l) What late verse uses the phrase, “...err from the truth...?”