

Study Nuggets

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Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart! --- Psalm 119:11

The Potter's House Church of the Living God re-started it's Bible study this March. The classes are being taught by Sis. Aimee Sims using lessons prepared by our Pastor, Barbara Caesar Stephenson. Class time includes lots of discussion, interaction and participation.

This newsletter is designed to share with the congregation a few

"nuggets" of what we've learned. This way, we can all gain the ben-



efits of learning about our Mighty God, and hopefully be inspired

to read, study, and live out the Word of God in our daily lives.

We started with "Lesson 1 - The Reason for Creation" from the book of Genesis. Next up is "Lesson 2: The Creation of Man!"

Bible Study is held on 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays at 10:30 am. Tea, Coffee and breakfast snacks are provided. Join us!

Week 1 -- God Reveals Himself by His Word!

Sense knowledge, revelation knowledge - recreated spirit: These are just a few of the terms we defined during week one of our Bible Study. We learned that Sense Knowledge is knowledge acquired through our five senses: Taste, touch, smell, sight and hearing. Revelation knowledge is acquired through our relationship with the Spirit of God. Only

a Recreated Spirit (one that has been redeemed and made new through accepting Christ as Saviour) can receive Revelation Knowledge from God. By this we can see that man in himself cannot find God. God must reveal Himself to man, and God has done this very thing. He has given a revelation of Himself to man. The Bible is God's way of revealing His thoughts to us.

Bible study student Myriam Pierre-Louis



Week 2 -- A Home For You!

God's word reveals that man was created to satisfy the Father's desire for children. The earth has no reason for existing outside of man. Unconscious nature cannot enjoy earth's beauty or use what it produces. Only when God placed on earth a man created in His image, was there a reason for the vast universe which had been created. ***"For thus saith Jehovah that created the heavens, the God that formed the earth and made it, formed it to be inhabited."*** (Isaiah 45:18)

Coming Next!

What does it mean that we are "Created in the image of God?" (Genesis 1:26??) Next we'll begin Lesson 2: The Creation of Man. We'll explore our relationship with God, what happened in the Garden of Eden, and how man's fall affected our ability to fellowship with Him.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. [2 Timothy 2:15]

Week 3 -- The Father-Nature of God!



*B*efore he created a world, man was marked out for Sonship.

He was the answer to the Father's hunger for children. In our Bible Schools we've listed the attributes of God: His Omnipotence, His Omniscience, but we overlook the fact that He's first a Father-God. The average Christian has had no real awareness of God the Father and His unconditional love because our minds have not been renewed by the Word of God.

Man's mind derives its knowledge through the senses of the physical body. The Father has never been manifested to these senses as He is a Spirit-being therefore man's mind can form no mental picture of Him. The renewing of man's mind by the Word of God (Romans 12:2) brings a consciousness of the Father to us that revolutionizes our lives!

Week 4 -- The Lord of the "Valley Experience"!

*T*his week, we shared the answers to our essay questions. During the Bible study, we each discovered a side topic that interested us and inspired us to do additional independent research. Many of us chose to do additional research on the river of Jordan, the site where Christ's ministry began and the Holy Trinity manifested itself in its fullness

as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We discussed how the Jordan river flows through mountains and valleys, just as our lives often have ups and downs. It is often in the valley experiences, the class agreed, that we learn how to depend on the Lord and appreciate His goodness. Just as Christ is known as the Lily of the Valley, it is often in the darkest valleys of our lives that we truly recognize the

beauty of our Savior's power to bless heal and deliver.



All rivers run to the sea, all hearts run to the Throne of God

Featured Study Question

Give several Scriptures that reveal the Father-nature of God:

Matthew 7:11 – If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him.

John 14:23 – Jesus answered and said unto him, if a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

John 16:27 – For the Father Himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

Student Comment Corner



"I thought the Bible study was engaging. It helped me make real connections between God and things I encounter day to day. Giving me a greater appreciation for Creation. I'm looking forward to gaining more insight as to why God created man. Interesting ..."

-Katherine LaBoy

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