

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night..."

Joshua 1:8

A YEAR OF MEMORIZATION

WEEK 2

"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth."

John 4:24

DAY ONE - MONDAY

READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PASSAGE

Author: John

Speaker: Jesus

Audience: The Samaritan woman at the well

Importance: These words were spoken by the Lord to a woman in answer to her thoughts about true worship. Jesus declared that there is ignorant worship – without proper knowledge of what God desires and commands – that is unacceptable to God. And, there is true worship. Worship that is acceptable to God is offered "in spirit" – involving the inner man (the will, emotions, and motives of man) – and "in truth" – in harmony with the revealed will of God. Also, this passage teaches an important truth about the nature of God – He is a Spirit.

Note: Pay attention to words that are in *italics* in the KJV. This means that they were supplied by the translators, but not present in the original language. Usually, they help complete the meaning of the verse and are often implied.

DAY TWO - TUESDAY

READING AND WRITING

Read the passage out loud 10 times. Include the book, chapter, and verse. Each time, place emphasis upon a different word. Notice the rhythm and flow of the passage. Consider the phrases that make it up and where there are natural divisions in the text.

Write the passage down at least once. You may want to write it more times. You also may want to write it on an index card that can be carried with you and looked during the day. When you have a moment, take it out and read over the verse again. It is helpful to write the verse out by phrases, rather than all as one verse.

Remember to review and recite last week's verse! Make sure you still remember it.

DAY THREE - WEDNESDAY

LEARNING BY PHRASES

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Read the first phrase 10 times. Cover the text and recite this phrase. If you are correct, move to the second phrase and do the same. (If not, repeat the first phrase until you remember it.)

After learning the second phrase, join it with the first phrase and say them together. Continue this process until each phrase of the passage has been learned. If you do not learn the entire verse in one session, you will continue on the next day.

DAY FOUR - THURSDAY

REPETITION, REPETITION, REPETITION

Review what you learned the previous day. Recite the memorized parts. If they are correct, move on to the next phrase of the verse. If you have learned the entire verse, recite it out loud at least 10 times. Make sure you learn and state the book, chapter, and verse.

DAY FIVE - FRIDAY

REPETITION AGAIN

Review and recite the parts of the passage you have learned. Add to them any phrases that remain. Recite the verse out loud several times. Now, write it down from memory several times. Include book, chapter, and verse. Check your work with the Bible.

DAY SIX - SATURDAY

REPETITION AND MEDITATION

Quote the verse you have learned several times. Pause to think deeply about the meaning of this passage. Remember the things studied on Day One. Ponder again the application of this verse to your life. End this session by quoting the verse again several times.

DAY SEVEN - SUNDAY

MEDITATION

What is the meaning of John 4:24?

What does it mean that God is a Spirit?

What is implied by the word "must" in this passage?

What does it mean to worship "in spirit"?

What does it mean to worship "in truth"?

Who determines what is acceptable in worship?

How does this apply to my life? To my worship?

How may I use this verse in teaching others?

From what error can this verse prevent me from being deceived?