



GREATER HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH

**CYBER BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM**



PASTOR THOMAS
CYBER CHURCH COMMUNITY

PASTOR REGINALD D. THOMAS

CYBER SERIES: “USE THE WORD”



PASTOR THOMAS
CYBER CHURCH COMMUNITY

TONIGHT'S LESSON:

CLOSE READING



LET US PRAY

OUR BIBLE STUDY GOAL:

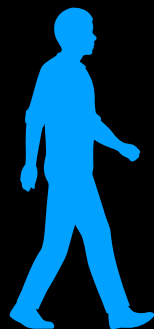




PASTOR THOMAS
CYBER CHURCH COMMUNITY

Living a Life Pleasing unto God.

**Walking in Righteousness, Becoming a better
Christian by following God's word.**



JUNE 10th, 2020

LUKE 1:37 "FOR NO WORD FROM GOD WILL EVER FAIL"



PASTOR THOMAS
CYBER CHURCH COMMUNITY

TONIGHT'S LESSON:

CLOSE READING



**ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN
BY INSPIRATION OF GOD,
AND IS PROFITABLE FOR
DOCTRINE, REPROOF,
CORRECTION, AND FOR
INSTRUCTION IN
RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

2 TIMOTHY 3:16

ISAIAH 40:8

THE GRASS WITHERS,
THE FLOWER FADES,

BUT THE WORD OF OUR GOD
STANDS FOREVER.

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12



Psalms 119:11

Thy word have
I hid in mine
heart, that I
might not sin
against thee.

Thy word is a lamp
unto my feet, and a
light unto my path.
Psalms 119:105



Do not add to what I command you
and do not subtract from it,
but keep the commands of the Lord
your God that I give you.

Deuteronomy 4:2



ISAIAH 55:11

*So shall my word be that
Goeth forth out of my
mouth: it shall not return
unto me void, but it shall
accomplish that which I
please, and it shall prosper in
the thing whereto I sent it.*



THIS BOOK OF THE LAW
SHALL NOT DEPART FROM YOUR MOUTH,
BUT YOU SHALL MEDITATE ON IT
DAY & NIGHT,

[SO THAT YOU MAY BE CAREFUL TO DO
ACCORDING TO ALL THAT IS WRITTEN IN IT.]



FOR THEN
YOU WILL MAKE YOUR WAY PROSPEROUS,



AND THEN
YOU WILL HAVE GOOD SUCCESS.

JOSHUA 1:8

Proverbs 30:5-6

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Revelation 22:18,19

¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

**WHY DO WE WANT TO
CLOSE READ THE BIBLE?**

**CLOSE READING HELPS
YOUR INTERPRETATION**

THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST

MATTHEW 5:21–48

21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, **Thou shalt not kill;** and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: 22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, **Raca,** shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. 23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; 24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift

27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, **Thou shalt not commit adultery**: 28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. 29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. 30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

31 It hath been said, **Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:** **32** But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

38Ye have heard that it hath been said, **An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:** **39**But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. **40**And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also. **41**And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. **42**Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.** **44** But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; **45** That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. **46** For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? **47** And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

**THREE KEYS TO CLOSE
READING THE BIBLE.**

OBSERVATION OF THE TEXT

- ▶ **Record what you read**, highlight or take notes on what “hits” you.
- ▶ **Read slowly**, read the word as if you have never read it before, especially familiar passages.
- ▶ **Pay attention** to recurring words, ideas or examples.
- ▶ **Look for calls for action**. Every textual teaching has application benefits.



QUESTION THE TEXT

- ▶ Close reading of the scriptures should bring out some questions in your mind.
- ▶ Read what the text says, and consider what it doesn't say.
- ▶ Read with a built in question, why is this important to me?
- ▶ What is this text saying to me, and those whom I impact?



ANSWER WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION

- ▶ **Review** the text, and review your observations as many times as necessary.
- ▶ Does my understanding of this text now, **reinforce or oppose** my previous understanding?
- ▶ **Summarize** your conclusion.
- ▶ **Simplify** your conclusion.
- ▶ **Support** your conclusion.



BIBLE TRUTHS

STUDY

to shew thyself

APPROVED^{unto} **GOD**

A WORKMAN THAT NEEDETH NOT

to be **ASHAMED**

RIGHTLY DIVIDING

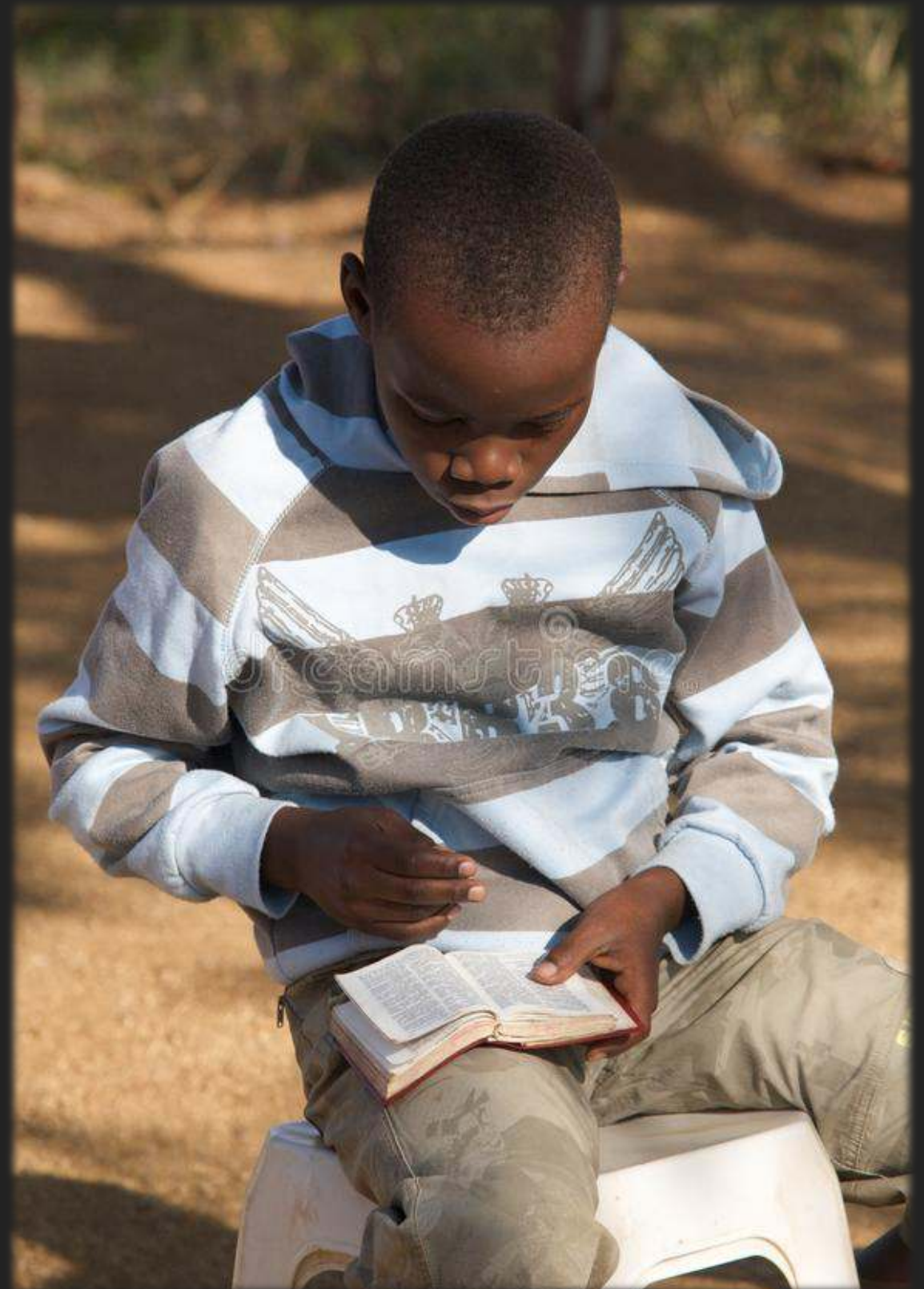
the **WORD** *of*

TRUTH

II TIMOTHY 2:15

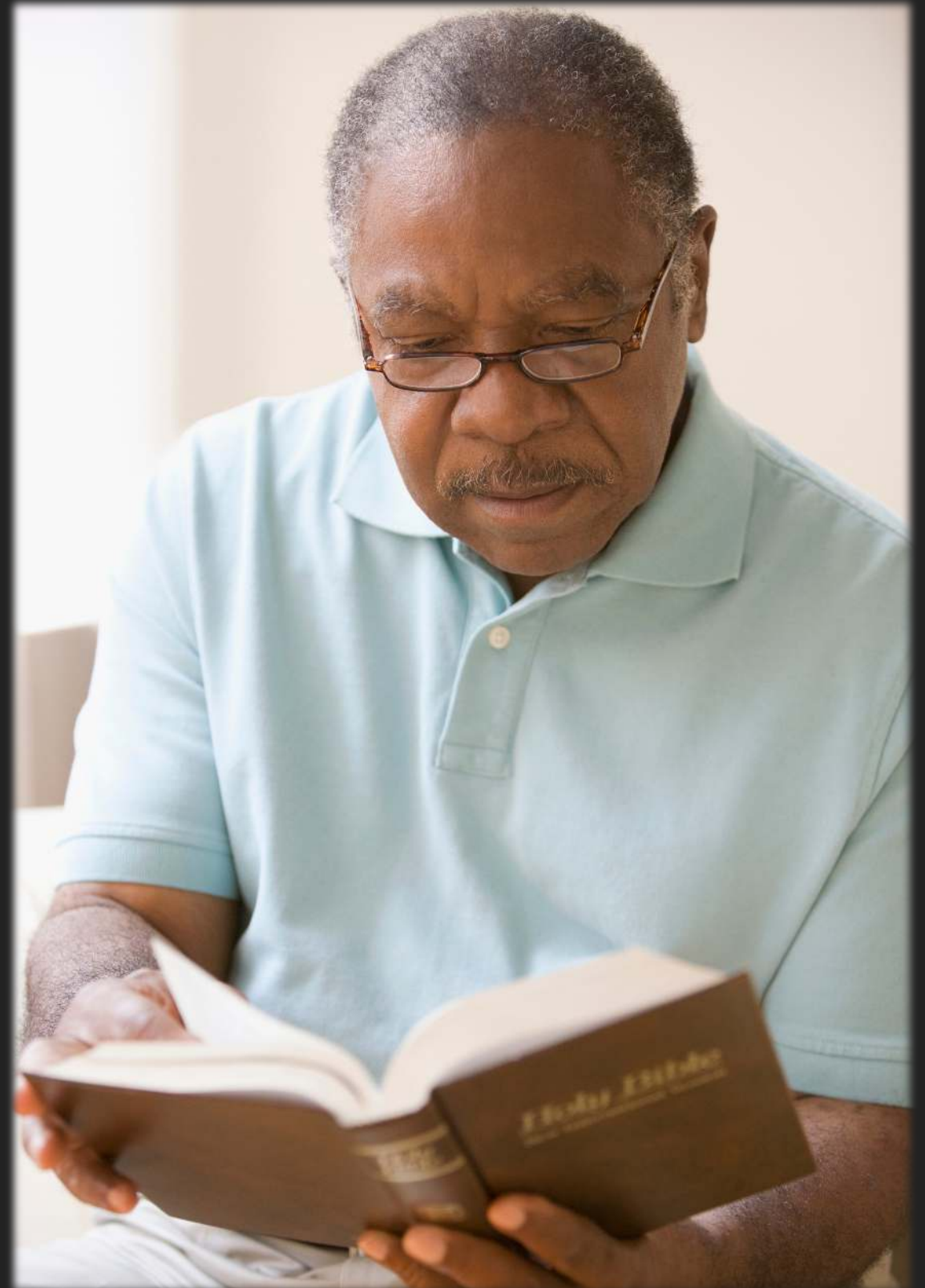
TRANSLATION MEANS INTERPRETATION

- ▶ The Bible is written in three languages: **Hebrew, Aramaic** and **Greek**.
- ▶ Unless you speak and read those languages, and you can get a copy of the original manuscript of the Bible **you are reading a translation**.
- ▶ **Translations require interpretation for understanding.**
- ▶ **John: 21:15-17**



THE BIBLE SPEAKS TO WHERE YOU ARE

- ▶ Your **circumstance and situation** determines your understanding and application of Bible lessons.
- ▶ Your interpretation of scripture is influenced by your **life experience**. What you have endured either opens your eyes, or closes them.
- ▶ Every book in the Bible has a **target audience, and a desired result**.
- ▶ The bible is written to be **interpreted and applied**.



COMMUNITY READING

- ▶ More thoughts and opinions on the text helps us get a better understanding, or it can reinforce our own interpretations.
- ▶ Dialogue concerning controversial passages of scripture is fruitful. Debate can often reveal different perspectives.
- ▶ Hearing the word read to you can also unlock the imagination to see things we can't see when we read alone.



DEPTH OF INTERPRETATION

- ▶ **Traditional Reading;** what we have believed the scripture is saying.
- ▶ **Intertextuality;** is the comparison of scripture to either confirm or refute the point of emphasis of a passage.
- ▶ **Authorial Agenda;** Every Bible book was written for a purpose and to a specific audience.
- ▶ **Translation choice;** in close reading multiple translations are used for clarity and comprehension



**BE DOERS
OF THE WORD,
AND NOT
HEARERS ONLY.**

**WORK HARD AND
BECOME A LEADER;
BE LAZY AND
BECOME A SLAVE.**

PROVERBS 12:24