

BIBLE LESSONS INTERNATIONAL

A Great Commission Ministry: Evangelism and Discipleship – Matthew 28:18-20

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Bob's Update

A Recent Letter:

"I was navigating to look for people of God to help me to solve a problem I have two years ago. I am muslim but I felt that I must accept Jesus as my Savior. So far no one has helped me clear that issue. This site comes as the long-awaited answer. I am not able to access the internet on a regular basis as it is expensive here so written materials or any other resources via the post can save me from the wrath of God that awaits me. I am deadly serious that's why I insist, I know that shipping is expensive but please save me. Perhaps this may be my last chance to hear God talking to me thru you. I once again say please save me.

I am looking forward to your favorable answer. May God continue to bless you as you devote yourselves to win many souls to God."

Well, I have finished the commentary on Jeremiah, the longest book in the Old Testament! This project will be online as soon as the proofreading is finished. I have started working on the Psalms. This project will take all year! Pray for me as I study and write. I want to be a blessing to the Body of Christ worldwide.

The translation projects are going great. It is amazing to see all that God has done! My wife, Peggy, and daughter, Michelle, work with me at BLI. They allow me to write and they take care of all the administration duties. Doris Spraberry types the commentaries and Dianne Turner works in the office, mailing the CD's and other projects as needed. I could not do it without them.

Our daughter has a heart for prison ministry. She has contacted many state and federal prisons to offer our written commentaries for their libraries. Many have responded and we send them:

1. Spiral bound copies of all the commentaries in English, plus John, I,II,III John,

Romans and the Seminar in Spanish

2. Bible lessons of John, Romans and the Seminar in DVD format
3. Commentaries on CD-Rom if their library has computer access for inmates

Please pray for the prisoners that they may find Christ and grow in Him and for the chaplains as they minister to them.

I will be going on an evangelistic partnership mission trip to Brazil in July. We have a link on our website to International Commission; which is the organization that I go with on evangelistic crusades. My son, Jason, will be going with me; this is his first time to participate in a mission trip. Please pray for us and our families when we are away. I am praying for thousands to be saved, which is usually the case on trips like this one!

Just a personal note, my wife Peggy has suffered with back pain for almost three years now. She had back surgery April 18th. Please continue to pray for her as she recovers from the surgery.

WEB LINKS

Various websites that offer either a link to www.freebiblecommentary.org or a collection of Dr. Uteley's commentaries and other Bible study resources include:

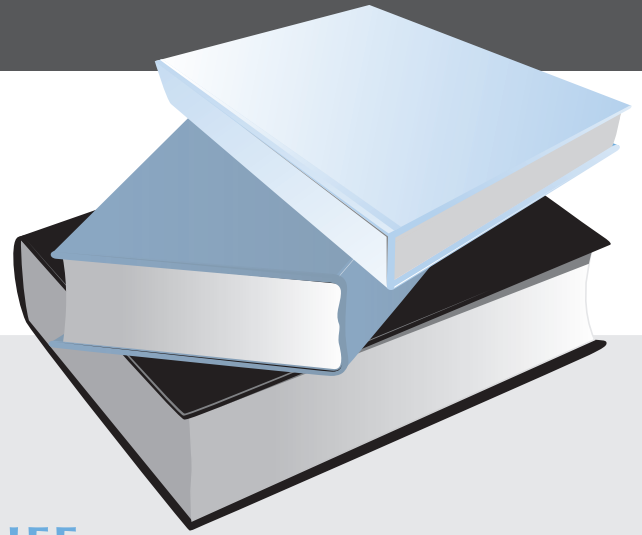
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www.amesintl.org
www.internetevangelismday.com
www.ethnicharvest.org
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www.thesource4ym.com
www.texasbaptists.org
www.sermonindex.net
www.mediaforchrist.org
www.godtube.com
www.vidoevo.com
www.mobile.casttv.com
www.brigada.org
www.infratime.com
www.free-cross.org
www.thecalvinist.com
www.deepbiblestudy.net
www.etbu.edu

and the number is growing!

In addition, we have made available a new Windows program that installs all of Dr. Uteley's written commentaries on your PC. There is a link to the program on our home page, or you can download with this direct link:

http://freebiblecommentary.org/CBSL_info.html.

This free program is listed on the Software Informer, www.software.informer.com



BOOKS THAT HAVE BLESSED MY LIFE

Bob shares a few titles that have made an impact on him over the years:

1. Gordon Fee & Douglas, Stuart *How To Read The Bible For All It's Worth*
2. F.F. Bruce, *Answers to Questions*
3. *Hard Sayings of the Bible*, Pub. IVP
4. Frank Stagg, *A Theology of the New Testament*
5. Donald Bloesch, *Essentials of Evangelical Theology* (two volumes)
6. Alfred Edershim, *The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah* (Rabbinical thought)
7. W. Hendriksen, *More Than Conquerors* (eschatology)
8. Bernard Ramm, *The Christian View of Science and Scripture*
9. James Stewart, *A Man in Christ* (life of Paul)
10. R.K. Harrison, *Introduction to the Old Testament*
11. Milard Erikson, *Christian Theology* (2nd edition)
12. D. Brent Sandy, *Plowshares and Pruning Hooks* (apocalyptic and prophetic literature)
13. Sandy & Giese, *Cracking the Old Testament Codes*
14. John Walton, *The Lost World of Genesis One*

A Word from Peggy

Thank you for your love, prayers and financial support for BLI. We are all laboring together for the cause of Christ! Without you we could not do what the Lord has called us to do. May He be pleased with all of our efforts to advance His Kingdom. It is an honor to serve the Lord with you!

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now."

– Philippians 1:3

VISUAL OVERVIEW of Free Bible Commentary's Worldwide Ministry

| | Language | Commentaries Online | Commentaries in Progress |
|----|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Afrikaans (<i>S. Africa</i>) | Gen.1-11; Matt.; Rom.; Gal. | Isa.1-39; I&II Thess. |
| 2 | Amharic (<i>Ethiopia</i>) | Gen.1-11/12-50; John, I,II,III John; Acts; Rom. | Eighth Century Prophets |
| 3 | Arabic | Gen.1-11; John; I,II,III John; Rom.; Gal/I&II Thess.; Hebrews; James; Jude | Deut.; Mark/I&II Peter; Acts; I&II Corinthians |
| 4 | Armenian | Romans | John, I,II,III John |
| 5 | Bengali (<i>Bangladesh</i>) | Matthew; NT Survey | |
| 6 | Bulgarian | Gen.1-11; Mark/I&II Peter; Rom. | Gal/I&II Thess. |
| 7 | Burmese | | Mark/I&II Peter; John, I,II,III John; Romans |
| 8 | Chinese | Deut.; John; I,II,III John; Acts; Rom.; Gal.; Prison Letters | Pastoral Letters |
| 9 | Croatian | John, I,II,III John; Romans | Deut. |
| 10 | Eritrean (<i>Horn of Africa</i>) | | John; I,II,III John; Rom.; Heb. |
| 11 | Farsi (<i>Iran</i>) | Acts; Rom.; Pastoral Letters | Gen. 1-11, John, I,II,III John |
| 12 | French | Acts; Rom.; I&II Cor.; Phil.; Philemon, John; I,II,III John | Mark/I&II Peter |
| 13 | German | | John; I,II,III John |
| 14 | Hebrew | | Romans |
| 15 | Hindi | Deut.; John; I,II,III John; Rom.; N T Survey | Mark/I&II Peter; Acts; Gal/I&II Thess.; Heb. |
| 16 | Hungarian | Deut.; John; I,II,III John; Acts; Rom.; Pastoral Letters | |
| 17 | Indonesian | Dan/Zech.; John; I,II,III John; Acts; Rom.; I&II Cor.; Gal/Thess.; Prison Letters; Heb.; Rev.; Isa.1-39; Gen. 1-11 | Bible Interpretation Seminar |
| 18 | Italian | John; I,II,III John; Rom. | |
| 19 | Japanese | John; I,II,III John; Gen. 1-11 | Gal/I&II Thess. |
| 20 | Kannada | | Romans |
| 21 | Korean | John; I,II,III John; Rom.; Heb.; Matt.; Luke; Gen. 1-11/12-50; Deut.; Isa.1-39 | Revelation |
| 22 | Malayalam (<i>India</i>) | John; I,II,III John | Acts; Romans |
| 23 | Nepali (<i>S. Asia</i>) | Mark/I&II Peter | Romans |
| 24 | Oromo (<i>Ethiopia</i>) | Gen. 1-11/12-50; John; I,II,III John; Acts; Rom. | Eighth Century Prophets |
| 25 | Oriya (<i>India</i>) | John; I,II,III John | Romans |
| 26 | Pashto (<i>Afghanistan</i>) | Acts | John; I,II,III John; Rom.; Mark/I&II Peter |
| 27 | Polish | John; I,II,III John | |
| 28 | Portuguese | Mark/I&II Peter; Acts; Rom.; Heb.; OT/NT Survey; NT Special Topics | Matt.; Gal/I&II Thess.; OT Special Topics |
| 29 | Punjabi (<i>Pakistan</i>) | John; I,II,III John; Rom. | |
| 30 | Romanian | John; I,II,III John; Acts; Rom.; Heb.; Rev.; Gen. 1-11; Deut. | |
| 31 | Russian | Gen. 1-11; Deut.; John; I,II,III John; Acts; Rom.; Matt.; I&II Cor. | Isa. 1-39 |
| 32 | Saraki (<i>India</i>) | | Mark/I&II Peter |
| 33 | Serbia | John; I,II,III John; Mark/I&II Peter; Prison Letters; I&II Cor.; Rev.; Heb. | |
| 34 | Shona (<i>India</i>) | | John; I,II,III John; Rom. |
| 35 | Sindhi (<i>India</i>) | | Mark/I&II Peter |
| 36 | Slovak | Audio of John and Romans; Rev.; Mark/I&II Peter; Rom. | |
| 37 | Somalia | John; I,II,III John; Acts; Rom. | |
| 38 | Spanish | Gen. 1-11/12-50; Deut.; All NT Vol. | All Other OT Volumes |
| 39 | Swahili | | Romans |
| 40 | Tagalog (<i>Philippines</i>) | Dan/Zech.; Acts; Rom.; Rev.; Heb.; Bible Interpretation Seminar | John; I,II,III John |
| 41 | Tamil (<i>India</i>) | | Romans |
| 42 | Telugu (<i>India</i>) | Deut. 1-9; John; I,II,III John; Rom. | Mark/I&II Peter |
| 43 | Thadou (<i>Himalayan</i>) | John; I,II,III John; NT Survey | Deut. |
| 44 | Thai (<i>Thailand</i>) | | Rom.; Mark/I&II Peter |
| 45 | Turkish | John; I,II,III John; Rom. | Acts |
| 46 | Urdu (<i>Pakistan</i>) | Deut.; John; I,II,III John; Rom.; I&II Cor.; Gal/I&II Thess.; Rev.; Prison/Pastoral Letters; James/Jude | |
| 47 | Vietnamese | Eighth Century Prophets; Acts; Rom.; Gal/I&II Thess.; James/Jude | Eccl/Song of Songs |

COMMENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

I just stumbled onto your ministry via the web. Wow. I will definitely be using these tools in my SS prep as I just started teaching a young marrieds SS class. I know you probably don't want to receive too many accolades, but, as a young lay minister with a call to teach, when I saw the culmination of your years of teaching service and study I became very inspired and impressed. God has been glorified through your gifts.

A Fellow Warrior

Wow. Had no idea you were on Facebook! I fell across your website a few years ago, and have enjoyed listening to your sermon series on several books of the Bible. I'm currently going through your seminar on Biblical Interpretation, and have really learned a lot. I'd like to say thanks for your ministry. ***It has really shaken me to my core, and has lit a fire in me that I have not felt in a number of years!***

Just wanted to express my appreciation for the diligent effort it must have taken you to prepare the computer cd. The students at ETBU were highly blessed to have a professor like you must have been. I only wish that I could have had such a teacher back in my college and seminary days. As I read your approach to biblical interpretation, I was humbled to think of the diligence and spiritual wisdom you demonstrated in writing this great work. It will be among my favorite electronic commentaries as I continue studying God's Word.

Dear Dr. Utley, I live in Manchester, England. ***I was a Pastor of a Baptist church a few years ago and had a breakdown which has put me out of service now for two and half years.*** A

few months ago I came off medication and I came across your website while I was looking for Bible study material. I just want to thank you for your ministry of teaching. ***As I watch your videos every morning and night I feel God is putting me back together through your preaching.*** I love the expository style and I hope when I start preaching again I maintain the high standards that your example has set. So once again thank you Lord for Dr. Utley, keep him close to you and may his later years be more blessed than the early ones.

We are a self-supporting house-church movement located in Ho Chi Minh city in Singapore who has also begun a Bible training school for the pastors and preachers under our charge. Furthermore, our training program is recognized by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church of America. Owing to the lack of quality Vietnamese Christian literature, we are hard-pressed to provide deeper and further resources to these servants of the Lord. However, we were referred to your commentaries and writings online recently and were very glad that it is biblically sound and of tremendous assistance to our need. We would like to print and bound them locally to be distributed to our fellow-pastors, preachers and students. The only setback is we do not have financial means to pay royalties to the author if such a legal need is required. ***Therefore, we are writing to seek your kind permission for the printing of your commentaries in the Vietnamese language for our internal circulation.***

I wanted to let you know we are using your Bible Commentaries. It is so easy to understand. My husband

teaches Sunday School at the prison every Sunday. He likes the way you explain verse by verse. The prisoners ask deep questions all the time, so he goes to you for help. Also, I was a member of First Baptist Church in Henderson when you were the interim. I really enjoyed listening to you. ***There was one time we talked about doubting your salvation and you took the time to answer my questions and I have never questioned my salvation since then.*** Thank you and I will continue to pray for your work.

Someone from my mission office sent me the CD and DVD. I opened it this morning and browsed the contents. I also watched the first seminar presentation by Dr. Utley. I share the same convictions with Dr. Utley. Please let him know so that he may be encouraged. I intend to listen and/or watch all his presentations. I also intend to use these materials in my personal Bible studies. As the Holy Spirit leads, I will share these resources with others. Thank you for this very needful ministry.

Thank you very much for the DVD's. Some of them have already been distributed to missionaries in various parts of the world. We are sending several boxes to Uganda on a container that is leaving from Seattle soon. We also sent a box to needy pastors, Christian workers and missionaries in the Philippines. Blessings on you and thank you again!

I would like to share your seminar material with my church here in Reno, NV. I have found your input extremely valuable toward my personal study and would love to share it with some of the more mature believers in my

congregation. **Many of the little tips (comparing word order and translation between ESV/NASB and YLT or NIV) were huge for me since I have not attended a seminary- and most likely will not due to the cost of it.**

Many years ago I attended an inductive Bible study class at the Calvary Chapel here in town and while it was intellectually engaging I found your presentation of the subject matter more thorough, more engaging and more practical. For whatever it is worth, I think this word of encouragement is for you:

The Lord has seen your faithfulness to use and share those things He has given you. The Lord is pleased with your efforts and knows that you agonize over how you present the materials and how the message is being received by those who hear/read your work. God will make sure that He does what He can to ensure that the information is received in the clay vessels (hearers/readers) as best as the individual men and women permit Him to touch their hearts and minds. The brokenness of your heart pleases Him and reveals a sensitive spirit and a humble servant. Well done! Now put (part/all?) of your heart and mind (worries? health issues?) at rest...rest in Him.

I hope and pray this means something to you and encourages you as you read it. **Thank you for encouraging me in a dark and wandering time.**

I am a Roman Catholic Seminarian and I wanted to let you know that I appreciate the availability of the Utley Commentaries free of charge. **It has been nice to find a free commentary that is so solid!**

Every morning I read from my One Year Bible and then study the Old Testament and New Testament. After I have read from the good book, I turn your lessons on for that time period. Thank God for you. You have brought so much light into the Bible for me, when at times, I did not understand, but never gave up. I've talked about you to some people in my church and would advise them to watch you on the internet. With that said, the main purpose why I am writing to you, is to ask if you do any traveling and preaching to churches?

One of your fellow listeners

I wish I had discovered your exhaustive and absolutely wonderful commentaries on God's precious Word. I'm 73 and how I wish I had discovered this sooner. Better, probably, is just to praise the Lord I found you now. It's not God's fault that, although I've known Christ since 1964, I haven't really "studied" His Word faithfully. Read it daily, study it sometimes, but in just a few minutes of looking up your notes on particular verses, **I have learned so much.** Not only that, but you've improved my vocabulary instantly!! Wow!! **I'm becoming educated and don't ever have to go to college!!** Wonderful. My main point is...THANK YOU so much for loving the Lord like you do. **You have brought tremendous joy to me in just a few minutes** (well, actually, more than a few)!! HOW TIME FLIES when you're enjoying exploring God's Word!!

Thank you for encouraging me in a dark and wandering time.

I have been aware of your work for some time now;

and **I have used the material many times in my own preparation for preaching and teaching.** Thank you for making this available free of charge. I know the immense work that has had to go into this.

I received the box of cds. Thank you for your generosity. These will be well used by the Marines and sailors of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Chaplain, Camp Pendleton

Thank you very much for my free copy & being able to distribute the CD to others! **I love how many languages Bible Lessons International comes in, that it's free and that can spread CD to others.** That's what you call TRUE Ministry! Keep up your amazing work!

This past weekend I was teaching at the Bible School here in Novi Sad, Serbia and had the opportunity to hand out your CD's to the students. I wish you could have seen them. **It was like Christmas time for them. They were so excited to get something so good in Serbian.** I have thought of you often and hope all is well with you. I have been simply reminded how much of an influence you have been in my life. **These principles that you teach are the very rules that I live by in Bible study and sermon prep.** I guess I never realized just how much I learned some 20 years ago sitting in those hermeneutic classes.

It was with a great joy that I received the precious Bible study tools "Verse-by-verse Bible Study Library" along with the Biblical Interpretation Seminar DVD last week. I want to express my gratitude for that priceless gift. I am member of a small Baptist church in Antananarivo, Madagascar. I will let the others know about it that they can also benefit from it. At church we do a Bible study once a month because we want to teach people how to study the Bible. It means that those tools arrived just on time!

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."

II Cor. 9:12

Thanks Dr. Utley for sending the link to your commentary Arabic website. We already discovered that site several months ago and following it from time to time to see what is new, because we found it very useful.

Ministry of Counseling & Christian Maturity, Egypt

I recently became aware of your free Bible commentary. My main purpose in writing to you is to thank you. I have not found many people willing to make their material available for free, but you have given away some very valuable research and work! After I started writing this email to you, I had another thought. ***As a staff member with Campus Crusade for Christ, I am helping lead a project to train pastors using mobile phone technology.***

Having a Bible commentary available would be a very valuable addition to our materials. ***Would you be willing to consider allowing us to distribute your Bible commentary along with***

our other training material?

We would give full credit to your ministry and would share any relevant measurement data with you as well about how many people are using

your materials through our distribution.

Just wanted to let you know how much ***I appreciate the very balanced and informative commentary on Paul's "women keep silence" texts.*** I was just discussing the topic on the phone with my adult niece and reading from your online commentary to her. ***Really helped clarify the subject for us and I believe did justice to Paul's intent.***

We are a small congregation of about 15 people. I would like to use Dr. Utley's materials and be able to copy and distribute the materials without cost to the people. I would like to use the Bible Interpretation materials and videos to show in the church publicly. I was unable to find the copyright statement on the web. Please let me know how I can use these items to serve the Church without violating your copyright.

I have received complete payment for the Turkish translation of Commentary on Romans with gratefulness. ***I enjoyed translating the Commentary***

on Romans and benefited a lot by it. I will use your commentary on Isaiah for my own study as I have been looking for a good commentary on Isaiah. Thank you so much for your work for the Lord.

I have finished the School of Biblical Studies in YWAM (Youth with a Mission) last year in June and have so far been teaching in many different parts of the world. Everywhere I come I recommend your website. ***Our own students are using your Survey as an external source of their Basic Required Information*** as we call it. Your way of teaching inductive Bible study I find a lot easier to grasp. I learned so much from your course!! The way you taught it was so encouraging and helpful. ***All who listen to this will be challenged to never use the Bible for their own purposes.*** I wish I could take you to Pakistan as my husband and I will go there in February this coming year. This will be the third time we go and this time I will teach pastors in several places. How much can I use your material? I know that your work will bear so much fruit for eternity! ***I just cannot really express what it means to me to be enriched by your teachings.***

Rosalie, YWAM, Sweden

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your gift of audio cassettes, VHS tapes, and bound notebooks of biblical teaching to our Chapel Library. The inmates of the Northern Correctional Facility have access to these materials for their development in Christian discipleship and Bible study. It is a joy to think of your kindness and generosity at this wonderful time of year as we celebrate God's greatest gift to us in Jesus Christ. May your Christmas be blessed and

filled with witness to God's work in this world. On behalf of the inmates who use the religious program at Northern Correctional Facility and to the glory of our Savior God we send you this note of gratitude.

Thank you dear brothers. Today I have received the Cd with commentary verse by verse and I'm very happy because I serve a lot in my theological studies. **I thank God for your support so important to prepare men to preach the gospel.** A hug from a distance and blessings to all.

With love from Chile, Roguer, Santiago

I am an alumna of ETBU (1951) and a former member of the Board of Trustees (1994-2003). When serving in that capacity, you gave each of us a CD-Rom of your Computer Bible Commentary. For the past three months **I have been teaching an adult women's Bible class** and I just want you to know how very much I have benefited from using your CD. We have been studying the book of Romans and **I have found your commentary indispensable.** I have never thanked you for your wonderful work, and just wanted to let you know that I appreciate your work and will continue to use it as I try to lead these women in the study of God's word.

The content of your videos is PHE-NOMENAL! I am going to be using this in my church. I have a couple of congregants who are tremendously hungry for this. **Honestly, I just found**

you on bible.org and then Google searched you and came across all of this. I love it. My employer (I'm bivocational) may not because I've been watching your seminars all day. HA! Praise God for the internet. **I mean this is seminary level stuff. Unbelievable.**

I have been immeasurably blessed by your messages on DVD. It is such an apt and direct touch on the scriptures. **It is a break from the age-long traditions and convention of the church that are not compatible with the word of God. I'm really proud of such understanding.**

Rev. Peter, Nigeria

I was researching some commentaries on the book of Proverbs this morning and came across your site.

The link led me to your message on the Goal, Purpose and Evidence of Salva-

tion. I want to thank you for your message and intensity. I appreciate the fact that you were thorough in your interpretation, without a haughty attitude, but with a broken heart spoke with conviction. **I have been a part of churches that, likewise, have emphasized the 'moment' but not the discipleship following.**

Thank you for sending the CD Roms, I will distribute them to my contacts in Africa and Asia.

*Dr. Samuel Naaman,
Professor/Department of World Missions and
Evangelism, Moody Bible Institute*

I would like to tell you that I visited your website as it came through searching about Christian religion. It helped me to answer my several questions to understand things related to Christianity. I have been learning so many new things which I never heard before and they make me interested to learn more. **I have found your website very helpful, that I have printed some teachings and I hope to learn more as I study it in my privacy.**

Wezier, Pakistan

I have just received our Pack of Verse-By-Verse Bible Study Library CDs. By God's grace, **I was able to share some of the CDs to some Pastors and Ministers from 10 different Church Denominations and 25 Ministries in our Gospel Ministers' Forum today.** Your teachings are a wonderful eye opener to the Body of Christ globally! Many, many thanks!

*Dr. David Ngwa, Global Harvest
Foundation, Cameroon*

Dr. Utley is a brave man who received God's blessing of having a wonderful knowledge about the Holy Bible. I personally appreciate what you have done and what you are doing now....May God bless everything of yours.

I am a beginner of theological study. One of my friends who had already gone through the same course suggested me the product telling me that he find it very useful and that I will also be able to use it both for ministry and for study.

God has just called me to preach His word and lead me here to get some help to understanding His word.

“ God is so good I could scream!!!! ”

I just finished reading passages from Hosea 1, 2 and 3, and found the material and format to my liking. I am looking forward to using Dr. Utley's material in the future.

I am encouraged to see the multi-language offer and to experience Dr. Utley's teaching.

Thank you very much. I have enjoyed the online videos. I am very happy to be able to put them on my computer to carry with me.

Coming across your website is an answered prayer. ***Few days ago I prayed for wisdom in understanding the word, and I know it was not a coincidence that I came across your website.*** Thank you for this gift and God bless you.

This will be a great blessing to me. I would like to have the Amharic Bible for my Kindle Ereader because my eyes are not so good.

God is so good I could scream!!!!

I am asking this Verse-by-Verse Computer Bible Study Library to have a proper interpretation of Scriptures.
Philippines

I enjoyed listening to your tapes. Your detailed teachings and explanations corroborated from various sources are amazing.
Belgium

Would like to be transformed into a better person than I am.
Johannesburg, South Africa

Much appreciate this resource for keeping in our FREE lending library. We are a Christian bookstore in India.

In all my life, all I wish for is to get to know Jesus Christ, my Lord and personal Saviour through the word of God and am hoping you will help me.

They that diligently seek the Lord shall find Him.
Nigeria

I am fond of reading, studying the Bible and I have found this web site really a source of blessing for me.
Pakistan

I am totally in awe of this website and the wonderful teachings especially for the difficult to understand scriptures. I am being helped so much. I cannot thank you enough. Thank you so much for your generosity.
South Africa

Thanks for promoting God's Kingdom and depopulating the devil's kingdom. I thank God for what He has been using you for.

Thank you for making this freely available Internationally. It will be of immense value for the learner.
Canada

Thanks for the huge work you have done in the study of God's Word to help God's people to read and be equipped by the Word.
Denmark

I have viewed a session on 1st Peter 3 and found it very enlightening. I'm hungry for more.
Trinidad and Tobago

Brother Bob, Your works are a blessing to me. Could you please send me a copy of your wonderful works. A fellow brother in Christ.
South Africa

Dear Bob, I was excited to receive your CD in the mail, because this past year I shared your CD with two missionaries in Russia and several pastors. Now to have the opportunity to share that same information with all of the pastors in our association is just simply fantastic. We have 24 churches in the Grady Baptist Association. Thank you for your ministry to assist and help pastors and Bible teachers in their sharing of the greatest document ever given to mankind. ***Half of our pastors are bi-vocational and this CD Bible commentary would be a tremendous help to them.***

John Paul Hasick, Associational Missionary, Grady County Baptist Association, Cairo, Georgia

Dr. Utley, ***this is an amazing online resource I will be recommending to my students and friends.*** I commend your service with this project.

Dr. Andy Chambers, Senior VP for Student Development and Professor of Bible, Missouri Baptist University, St. Louis

Prof. Utley, I greet and commend the good things you are doing for people of America and the world at large, for letting people learn the bible at the comfort of the homes, so to know and love God personally for our individual selves. ***Sir, I am student and I must confess that your commentary that you sent to me has being of the greatest help to me, to the extend that my mates upon hearing how I could explain the bible have all developed***

much, much, much interest in knowing the bible also.

Godwin, Ghana W. Africa

Hallo Dr. Bob, my name is pastor Jumba of Logos Teaching Ministries, Nairobi Kenya. Mid 2010 I received a Bible study dvd and commentary from you and since then I have taken time to study the materials and I would like to appreciate God for using you that powerfully. My ministry has since benefited and our flock grown deeper in the understanding of Gods word.

I wanted to drop a line and say thank you for the online seminar. Oh what fun I will have now reading and studying the Bible. I just finished the last session this morning. My plan was to listen to the seminar once through without taking notes (which I am glad I did-to force my brain to listen and retain) and then go through a second time with the outline and pen. I have also very much appreciated the audio and video Bible lessons and have relayed your website to my pastor friends in the Phillipines...***I wish you were more passionate about teaching people how to read the Bible...that was a joke!***

I wanted to take the time to say thanks for sending me the free CD. I spend hours studying them to ensure that I am teaching and preaching biblical messages...I was so amazed that you would give away your resources free of charge. I am a recent graduate of Dallas Baptist University and plan on being a bivocational minister. I am so impressed with how the Lord has used you. I can only hope that the Lord will do the same as I go on my first missionary trip ever, to Haiti. I just want to be used by God.

I came across your excellent resource, Free Bible Commentary.

With your permission, I would like to list your resource on my website and occasionally quote from it in our Bible commentary section.

I particularly like your engaging and thought provoking style and the discussion questions.

Rev. Frank Schaefer, Director/Developer of desperatepreacher.com

Dear Dr. Bob, it is quite legendary that you offer such "expensive" work to humanity free! Your expenses and profits have been debited to the accounts of Jesus Christ; savings with Him guarantees security of your investment with very high interest yield; His payment is on time and His percentage interest is far greater than our compound interest. ***If the good works of Cornelius was remembered, then yours, done at the express command of the Master, would never go unrewarded.***

*Pastor Ekeh
Greater Works Ministries,
Saskatchewan, Canada*

My name is Brandon and I was in your OT class this past fall semester at ETBU. ***Thank you for teaching me something I never thought I'd be taught; which was to question the Bible, not to disclaim it, but to understand it.*** I hope you will come back before I graduate and teach again.

We are so blessed by your study materials...we have been through much of the Bible with you by now. ***This morning listening to you describe***

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your personal childhood recollections of who you understood our PaPa God to be warmed our hearts and you touched my life. We DO have access to God. What a great day this will be!

Ken & Linda, Oregon

Hello, ***I'm a fairly new Christian and stumbled onto your website looking for mp3 files.*** We are just starting Hebrews today and my Sunday school teacher has now been using your site as well. ***I was a Mormon for 35 years and so the Bible is new to me and I am absolutely loving it! Praise God!***

My name is Sarah and I am in your OT class at 9 a.m. on MWF. I just wanted to let you know that I was very skeptical about taking your class because I have a hard time just taking peoples' word for scripture. But I am now very excited about taking this class. ***The way you teach makes me want to learn more. I appreciate your understanding and explanation of the history behind the Bible.*** Thank you so much for coming back to ETBU and teaching me.

Thank you very much for your great Bible studies. We will share it.

Tomas, Czechoslovakian Union Conference of Seventh day Adventist Church

My name is Rev. Miller, I serve as associate pastor in my local church here in Canada. I recently came across

your website and viewed a few of your teachings, great teachings, you've really educated me on the scriptures, my level of understanding has increased. I would like to download these teaching videos for my church members, especially the one on "How Can We Know If We Are Saved?"

My dear brothers and sisters in the name of our LORD JESUS CHRIST; thanks a lot for good bible interpretation which are received last week, surely we enjoy very much, ***im a pastor with lots of members more than 3000 we use this DVD and CD for teaching our Christians, surely we enjoy very much.***

Rev. Kaseka from Tanzania

Greetings. I received my CD's in the mail the other day. Wow! I must say that, having perused the intro to the OT, and with your insight into the Hebrew language, I am now more ready than ever to correctly understand the scriptures. Your explanations are so cogent, so clear. ***I've studied the Bible for more than 40 years. I am very much appreciative of your approach, your hard work in putting all of this together.***

Jeffrey, Chula Vista, CA

My praise and thank you for your commentary materials made available through freebiblecommentary.org. ***Here in Brazil there is a very sad lack of critical commentary on the Bible in Portuguese. My wife is Brazilian and searches endlessly for good material with which to build study material to teach from in our work here...*** I have just downloaded your works on Mark, 1 and 2 Peter, Acts, Romans and the OT & NT Surveys. ***When my wife gets home today, she will think she has***

died and gone to heaven. God bless you, my brother, I just can't thank you enough.

K. Adkins

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Dear loving brother Bob Utley, thanks a lot for your wonderful efforts in Lord Jesus Christ. Many people are blessed by you and your wonderful messages and tapes-recorders materials. I am one man that benefited from you. I am always praying for you and your family and your bible lessons ministry. I and our fellow pastors are learning your truths and spreading those truths in India.

Pastor Paul

Dear Dr. Bob Utley, we at Quincy Annex Chapel want to express our sincere gratitude for the CD's we received, we will be circulating them as soon as possible. We would like to express our interest in the written spiral-bound copies of all the commentaries for our prison library. Also, you mentioned VHS tapes, CD's and DVD's and to answer your question, yes, we do have a working media center for the inmates here and would be more than happy to receive any and all material you are interested in sending. Once again, we want to thank you for your interest in the spiritual welfare of the men here. May the Lord bless your faithfulness.

Chaplain Padgett

Dear Bob (*rather tempted to write "Dear Dr. Utley" instead as a sign of utmost respect for your work and commitment*), Thank you for letting me be part of The Great Commission! One

personal remark from me, as I have been raised in East Germany myself: I feel that especially in the eastern part of Germany, the former GDR, having been in spiritual

imprisonment of a socialistic regime for 40 years, ever since Germany's reunification in 1990, there has grown a new hunger to find satisfactory answers to the great questions in life, which can only be found in Jesus Christ.

Praise be to God alone. Anna

Good morning. Thank you for sharing with me (and the world) your extensive Bible-teaching resource. ***We have 22,400+ online students in our FREE online one year school of prayer. May I have your permission to share your Bible study website with them. Perhaps more than half of them are English-second-language, third-world people.***

Our school is evangelical and appropriate for most denomination and nondenominational folks. (We would relate more to SBC, although most of our teaching opportunities come from AOG and non-denominational churches. :)

Hello, I recently came across your website while searching for online Bible Studies to help my growth in the precious Word of God. I am so thankful that all of the Surveys and Commentaries and Video Teachings

and Audio Teachings are available and I would like to sew a seed of faith to this Ministry as soon as God allows. I am so thankful that these are here online and free as so many people cannot afford to pay to hear God's Word being taught in such an AMAZING and TRUTHFUL way. Praise God for Dr. Bob Utley. **Praise God for the persons who keep the website maintained. Praise God for this gift of teaching that is available to people like myself who are searching for the sincere "meat" and not the "milk".** I will pray and continue to keep your ministry and all involved in my prayers.

Laurie Ann, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Thanks! I almost deleted this without looking. **I was impressed at the quality of the Spanish commentaries.** I hope soon to post on-line classes for our students at Puerto Rico Baptist College. **May I use the materials as part of an online course?**

Hi br. Bob, I have the privilege of preaching to some 1000 elderly people in surrounding old age homes and refer to the "commentaries on internet" regularly. I found them very much interested on behalf of their children and other Afrikaans people (family) abroad. To such an extent that we consider them being included in the current "groups" for outreaching and confession especially with regard to promoting the commentaries by means of their regular correspondence. **I invented a small "business card" with the on-line detail of "freebible" mentioning your vision of**

a commentary in any language wherever a Bible is read. In short, church-people often excluded from congregational activities (passive "golden years!"), find in the commentaries a way to take part in "world-outreach."

Could you grant us the opportunity to let things develop?

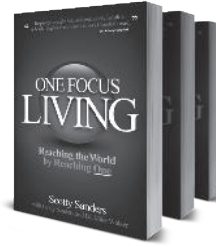
Dunes, Dr. J van der Merwe

I am always praying for you and your family and your bible lessons ministry.

"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things? For we are not like many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God."

– II Corinthians 2:14-17

Book Recommendation



Bob recommends the book, *One Focus Living*, by Scotty Sanders who is a wonderful friend of his. He did a great job at FBC West Monroe, where he was on staff for many years. Please visit his website at www.onefocus.com. Following is a brief synopsis of his book:

One Focus Living is demonstrational evangelism. The premise is that once a person begins seeking after God's heart, they will find themselves living out His love on a daily basis toward the people where they live, work, learn and play. It is about focusing on one person, but it is also about living as an example to all. Scotty Sanders will challenge readers to not only develop a friendship with their ONE, but also focus on the most important relationship—the one with Jesus Christ.

