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“In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. But the angel said to them, Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

– Luke 2:8-10

A LETTER FROM BOB

Hello Everyone!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

This has been a good year for BLI.

- The 60 plus translation projects are continuing
- The seminar captioning is well on its way
- Our commentaries are being included in Spanish Logos, in addition to the English
- The NT commentaries are now available on BibleSupport.com, a Bible study program related to e-Sword
- All of the commentaries are now downloadable from the bottom of our home page www.FreeBibleCommentary.org

As of October 15th the Spanish commentary page has had 171,000 visitors! The Spanish Isaiah translation is now online and Jeremiah is in process. Eventually all of my commentaries will be translated into Spanish and will be online free for the Spanish speaking world!

I am currently working on Job. I just completed Psalms (a three year project!). It will be available online soon. I am still excited about coming to the office every day and working on the commentaries! Please pray for me as I write and BLI as it gives these Bible study resources free to the body of Christ worldwide.

The Scriptures used throughout this newsletter show God’s love and plan for **“all the peoples of the earth.”** While writing my Old Testament commentaries I have been reminded of this universal aspect of God’s message. These Scriptures reflect my new Special Topic: YHWH’s Eternal Redemptive Plan. You can see the complete Special Topic online at www.FreeBibleCommentary.org in the new Bible Dictionary section.

A NOTE FROM PEGGY

I love this time of the year. I enjoy the Christmas music and special programs that are performed by many of the churches in our area. Bob and I start listening to Christmas music in October! But, most of all it is so wonderful to celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus. Even though our society is so secular, many people at least recognize the meaning of Christmas and it seems that there is a feeling of good will in the air. May many people come to know Jesus during this season of celebrating Jesus' first coming. I pray for the Spirit to lead me as I strive to be a witness for Him.

Since Michelle and her family moved to Benton, Arkansas I am learning to be the office manager again! Many new procedures were developed during the last three years so I am still on the learning curve. Bob stays in his office studying and writing commentaries—I have to encourage him to take a lunch break!!! I am glad that he loves doing what the Lord has called him to do!

God continues to be so good to our family. We are blessed to have happy, healthy children and grandchildren who love the Lord. Michelle and John, Taylor (16) and Tiffany (13) are striving to get adjusted to a new place and the many changes in their lives. Please pray for them. Jason and Shannen, Avery (9) and Noah (6) are still in Tomball. The kids attend a private Christian school and they are doing great! Jeremy and Daniell, Tucker (11) and Drake (5) still live in Marshall. Drake is our last grandchild and I am sad!!! Jeremy just received a promotion to House Supervisor at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Marshall! It doesn't seem like any of them should be so old (what does that make Bob and me?)!

We receive notes from many of you and we appreciate your prayers, encouraging words and sacrificial giving. Thank you for the family updates that you send. Thank you for walking on this journey with us for the past 34 years. We pray that God will use all of us to accomplish His will for BLI. I praise Him for His faithfulness to us in all circumstances. May He receive the praise and glory for Who He is and for what He has done, and is, doing.

I like this Scripture:

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

-Isaiah 41:10

We love you and pray for you! I wish you a blessed Christmas and New Year.

“Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD will be established as the chief mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. And many peoples will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths.’ For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.”

-Isaiah 2:2-4

“The Lord of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain; A banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, And refined, aged wine. And on this mountain He will swallow up the covering which is over all peoples, Even the veil which is stretched over all nations. He will swallow up death for all time, And the LORD GOD will wipe tears away from all faces, And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken. And it will be said in that day, ‘Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.’”

-Isaiah 25:6-9

COMMENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

(These comments are printed just as we receive them.)

Dear Dr. Utley,

I want to say how glad I am that God lead me to your website. I can't begin to say how much of a weight has been lifted off of me. I spent too many years trying to live up to legalism. I never felt I would ever be good enough. What a joy I have found in seeing how free from this garbage I am becoming every day. Your teaching is so valuable. You have made an eternal difference for me. Thank you for your obedience to God. I'm so thankful for His goodness is truly good and He is truly faithful. God bless you so very much. I am passing this on to others I know.

Bonnie, USA

Top of the day's greetings from the Cameroon Baptist Seminary Kumba in the Southwest Region of Cameroon in West Africa.

Dear brother Bob Utley, I have not read your commentaries yet, but why I am writing you is the fact that you were convicted by God and you are sure of that and could follow the instruction and even be willing to share your convictions openly is reason sufficiently enough for me to trust you. Secondly, for the fact that you could acknowledge that these commentaries are not "the" commentaries, meaning that they may not have all the answers that everyone must agree, shows me a sign of genuineness and humility. I must confess to you right away, as an African who has had the privilege to have studied in the West, precisely Europe and a number of other countries and have been privileged to have travelled a bit wider, you are the kind of people I will like to deal with when God's kingdom matters are concerned. My dear brother, I am a privileged slave of Jesus Christ, called to educate and build leadership of potential African Christian leaders and that is why my family and myself, we are teaching at the Cameroon Baptist Seminary Kumba. This is the second largest Baptist Seminary of the Cameroon Baptist Convention in the entire nation of Cameroon. Please dear brother Bob Utley, I will like to know more about you and how, if you do not mind, we can do business for our Lord and master Jesus Christ to advance His kingdom in the hearts of humanity in Africa and Cameroon to

be more precise. A privileged slave of Jesus Christ.

Lobe, **Cameroon Bapt. Seminary**

Dear Dr. Bob,

It was wonderful to receive your letter recently and to hear that you are also in contact with Phil DuFrene, Port of Hope Ministries. Actually, "Chaplain" Phil brought me under the wing of his ministry in 2011. After serving seafarers in Alaska for a number of years, I followed the Lord to Miami to assist with a new ministry at Port Miami. Phil added me to POH so that my funding could continue and donations would be tax deductible to the giver. I am on staff at ISM now, but continue with Port of Hope at the personal ministry level.

We would like to accept your generous offer to provide us with as many CD-ROMs as you choose to provide. "Several hundred" would be welcome indeed, but we will leave the choice to you. Having the material available in as many languages as possible is particularly useful, whether on separate CD's or combined on one

Kathy, International Seafarers Ministry, FL

I have really enjoyed your NT Commentary for e-Sword! It is a tremendous gift to the Body of Christ...

Michael, ND

First of all that the peace and the grace of God and our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,

I thank you and your ministry for the CD-ROM Computer Bible Study Commentary that you have sent over to Aruba for me to use. It is very interesting and I really appreciate your way of teaching freely to other Christians around the world and as well how to study the Bible better.

One of my wish is that I can go to a Bible institute, but in the circumstances I am I know it is not so easy. But I thank God for the technology that is available to learn and grow in knowledge especially guided by people like you.

Eugene, **Aruba, Dutch Caribbean**

Dear Dr. Utley,

I was using your website, and I wanted to let you know that I regularly go to your website: www.FreeBibleCommentary.Org. It is (maybe) the most balanced commentary on the web. **I especially appreciate the blending of academic with questions that allow for a solid application.** I have been a huge fan of the basics: (My library includes a full set of Keil and Delitsch, along with a set of AT Robertsons' Word Pictures of the NT). However, I keep coming back to your website. I trust your study, but I also trust you.

Brian, Pastor in California

I'm studying for a series of sermons on James and have found your wonderful book "Half-Brothers Speak: James and Jude" to be invaluable.

Bill, Bible Church, OH

To be a true Christian I have to be able to understand the Bible more and to be able to teach my younger siblings because it is painful not to be able to answer their questions well to their satisfaction based on the Word of God. Thank you very much.

Michael, **Ghana**

I am a Salvation Army Pastor. I would like to deepen my understanding of the Scriptures, hence the need for more advanced training in Biblical Studies. And I have found your training material quite helpful and second to none.

Joe, **Malawi**

I have grateful for the privilege of having gift from your ministry. **I have been blessed by your free Bible Commentary as a student of a theological seminary.** May God Bless you. I hope to visit the US if God permits me so I can see the face of my benefactor.

Moses, **Lagos**

Am a Muslim but need a Bible to understand Christianity better.

Hakeem, **Nigeria**

Dear Dr. Utley,

I've listened to your materials for going on 5 years and continue to be very



*And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great;
And so you shall be a blessing; And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse.
And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*

-Genesis 12:2-3



encouraged and profoundly challenged. What is your current outlook over the next year? I was wondering if you would come to our area for a Bible seminar?

Shelby, MS

I am minister of the Gospel who is active both at a local church. I pastor and discipleship seminars. I run in rural Zambia. I need the commentary for use in my preparations.

Justin, **Zambia**

I happened on your website while searching for materials on Jude. I like your audio sermon on the Security of The Believer. I would like to know more about your ministry. Perhaps I will become a supporter of your ministry.

Horatio, USA

A friend in Rwanda informs me about Dr. Utley's CD-Rom that is useful to study the Bible. That's the reason I am requesting a copy expecting it will be a blessing to me also.

Nzaniye, **Burundi**

I greatly appreciate your generosity and want you to know that **this will help in the jail ministry that I do Wisconsin.** God's peace to you.

Raymond, WI

Thank you! **I am disabled and live on a fixed income.** I am also a student of the Word. **Discovering resources such as yours is amazing!!**

Hosier, CA

I wanted to write you to let you know what a blessing your site has been to me. I grew up in the US then decided to travel around the world to China, Saudi Arabia teaching English. Probably not the smartest choice, but I'm young and wanted to do something stupid. As you might expect of a guy running off without any support or group to help, I had a rather hard time finding a church of any sort. Your messages have given me a way to keep in touch and learn while overseas. The fact

that they are free is essential to my being able to use them while I travel.

Michael

Hey Dr. Utley! This is Nick from the camp you spoke at in Lake, Arthur, LA. I was one of the guy counselors. Just wanted to give you a shout and see how things were going! I also wanted to thank you for all of your resources you pointed me towards. The commentaries on freebiblecommentaries.org have helped me tremendously!

Nick, LA

Dr. Bob,

I cannot tell you how much I have enjoyed working along with you through the book of Matthew. **Your outlines are so well done and are so helpful as I prepare the daily facebook post for bible.org.** Your questions are probing and make me think. Thank you for sharing your work on bible.org.

Gaye, TX

I am inspired by the wonderful books and am glad and it really helps my studies and solved my problems.

Charles, New Life Biblical Seminary, **India**

Thank you so much for the commentary discs. Do you charge for multiple copies? **I helped start some pastoral/church libraries in the Philippines and might like a few for the pastors we've sent**

teaching materials to.

Danny, TX

I work with Scripture Union Uganda and will be glad to receive this to enable us help the Church leaders, student leaders grow in the word of God and interpret correctly.

Joshua, **Uganda**

Taking classes at Christian Leaders Institute and they recommended your site.

Jonathan, Dallas, TX

Dear Dr. Utley,

This resource would be used by African refugees and others in our city who need access to the Bible in their own language. Thank you for the offer.

Sue, **Australia**

I am Christian but not well growed spiritually, so, I am eager to grow spiritually to have everlasting life.

Obsa, **Ethiopia**

Dear Bob,

I've written this recommendation of your work to share with other LinkedIn users.

Details of the Recommendation: "It is seldom that we cross paths with those of truly like mind. Bob is one of these that inspire not only admiration and awe for his scholarship but agreement in kind. Not many are willing to give away anything these days even knowledge cost

Dear Bob,

Greetings to you in Jesus name, Amen. We printed and make copies of 150 CD Roms of your materials for free distribution in Edo State. Praise God for the provision.

Below are photos of some Pastors in Benin City and students who received the free CD Roms today.

*Thanks,
Bro. Godstime
Spread the Word Bible College*



someone something but Bob like myself practice the concept of The Emergence of Open Educational Knowledge exists to be imparted. For that reason I am grateful to have Bob as a colleague, giving away his knowledge. For as Aristotle once said "The one exclusive sign of thorough knowledge is the power of teaching." And Bob does that exceedingly well."

Director Theologian Emeritus in Residence, Indiana

Dear Dr. Utley,

Thank you very much for your kindness to offer this materials for a diligent Bible Study. I am a Pastor here in the Philippines serving God with a sincere desire to teach the Word accurately and relevantly. God bless you and ministry.

Dan, **Philippines**

Thanks very much for directing me to your online audio sermons on divorce. I have listened to both sermons and found them very interesting and informative and appreciate your non-judgemental and balanced approach to what is obviously a difficult and complex subject.

Jeff

My dear brother and friend,

I cannot begin to tell you how much this means to me and many people striving to understand the Bible and the steps of following Christ. Salvation starts for most in one short step followed by bigger and bigger steps. **I hope you know that the faith and walk of many will be changed by your benevolence.** May God bless you richly so much that you can't hold all of it.

Wesley, Early Christian Studies Scripture Institute

Thank you so much for your web site. My time is very limited right now. God has chosen to place me in a job which requires me to work a lot of hours. Your site is easy to navigate and download onto MP3 so I can listen while working, then I read those specific chapters that evening. I took several classes through Liberty and a Seminary course in apologetics. I spent many years reading the Quran and studying Islamic literature in an attempt to witness to Muslims. One day I woke up realizing there was large portions

of the Bible I really had no knowledge of. It is easy to tear down another man's faith but to leave an individual an atheist, doesn't seem like much of a ministry. If you could suggest any easy to- read commentaries that would be awesome. Also, which rabbinical sources do you believe are the easiest to read? Well again, thank you so much and whatever church you teach at should appreciate your time, passion and love for our Lord.

Scott

Just wanted to let you know how your MP3 & CD-Rom Computer Commentary has been helping me. I keep the MP3 plugged in the truck & just go to the next chapter each time I go somewhere. The transfiguration has opened my eyes to scripture that I have always taken for granted up until now. May the Lord continue to bless your ministry

Bruce, TX

Dear Partner in Christ,

Grace be unto you and Peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank God for the Bible Lesson International Ministry taking us from the written version to the softer version in the technology world. **Think of the tremendous input this will have on us and the entire congregation in exploring the Bible verse by verse study for our spiritual maturity and ministerial effectiveness.**

What in this wide world can we do or be able to lay hands on without your hands doing it for us through the Bible Lesson International. We are thinking if you would kindly help us with the complete verse by verse study system in one software programs and other CD, DVD's that will help us know more about God. Thanks, you have made us happy and fulfilled for being there for us. Remain blessed, Your's in His service,

Onosetale, **Nigeria**

I am a 23 year old Kenyan. Though am trained as an Economist (undergraduate) the hunger for God's word has always been in me since my university days when I first encountered hermeneutics. It has always been my desire to know God and live a godly life. I received the BLI CD exactly one year ago. I must say the teachings or seminars by Bob Utley have been tremendously helpful to me. I have improved so much in my interpretation and understanding of the Bible. I remain forever grateful for the good work you people are doing. May God richly bless and reward you. I will share the materials and ideas with other people because I believe the church will be greatly edified by what you are doing. I do believe the materials will continue to be of great help as I study the scriptures for personal spiritual nourishment and teaching. Please accept my appreciation though a bit late.

GOD BLESS YOU

Naftaly, **Kenya**

Dr. Bob,

I think your commentaries and all the information on your dvd is just such a blessing! I am looking to establish a non-profit entity consisting of a preaching talk radio show, and teaching on the bible. I

...The people who walk in darkness Will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them...For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace...

-Isaiah 9:2,6

And all the earth will worship You, And will sing praises to You; They will sing praises to Your name.

-Psalm 66:4

All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, And they shall glorify Your name.

-Psalm 86:9

Mike (Webmaster for Bible Lessons International) and wife Tammy serving in Southeast Asia, pictured with Farsi translator for BLI



can think of no other commentaries that I would rather use than yours sir! I am only asking that may I add my own questions to those you have in the book? This would be a not-for-profit venture so your books will remain free. I may ask for a donation to support the non-profit entity, but I would never try to charge for your material. As a matter of fact I am willing to mention your website as a place to gain access to the material.

Increasing Our Faith Ministries

Dear BLI,

Thank you for sending me the VERSE-BY-VERSE COMPUTER BIBLE STUDY LIBRARY. I am intently listening to the messages. They are mind-blowing and yet full of truths that our churches in Uganda lack, to such a great extent. The Church in Uganda is predominantly using Luganda as the major local dialect. May you please consider helping us translate these series in Luganda. I have some experience on translation and would like to

University, and in practical ministry in my local church. Yes, I use your commentary regularly. It is so amazing how God has helped you to make it so easily to a down person to understand. And so, I was asking myself whether you have set up a school for ministers, especially with practical feel of what is going on church. I would like to continue with Masters but like a school where I can easily stay in touch with local church. Yeah, I have been at school now for four years, but the studies might appear theoretical, and so, I feel this need for further studies though haven't funds as yet, that God might use me especially to establish ministers schools. I mean those who can't afford going to a formal training. There are those servants who labor in villages with nothing like any

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.

A Friend, **South India**

I am Pastor Johnson form Ghana. I have one of the CD that was given to me by a friend and I must confess it has really enlighten me on many things. I read from your CD that you've served as a Pastor. I thank God for your life and I would like to chat with you @ your leisure time. I know you have much experience and is good to get acquainted with people like you so that we don't go the wrong path. May God continue to guide you and give you wisdom in Jesus name.

Pastor Johnson, **Ghana**

“Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel.

-Exodus 19:5-6

take on this project, together with other church workers in our fellowship. I'll appreciate your positive response--

Robert, Lifehouse Community Churches, **Uganda**

I have read some of his biblical commentaries, and think it is as complete and truthful throughout my ministry. I am pastor in El Paso, TX and liked it. My brother Dr. Uteley many thanks for your time spent on this material that I'm sure will be very bendicpn God's people, especially Pastors who truly love God. Thank you brother.

Hi Dr. Bob,

I am so grateful for the work God is used you to do. It has been so wonderful and helpful in my work at African Bible

training, yet God is called them, so I feel I need to stand for that cause. That's why I feel I need further studies. But even then, God is bringing opportunities to reach this level, such as you, as a retired general in the kingdom can advice me and what I can do. I am grateful to hear from you. I also need you prayers and support. Currently I am working with a school at church, as a way of reaching out the community, but still need school for the especially paying teachers, so pray with me.

Patrick, **Africa**

Dear loving brother Bob Uteley,

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

Hi Bob,

Thank you for the hard work and dedication into putting all the study material together. I was about to walk away from what I truly believe in, that Christ is our all in all, and that there is no other greater life one can live but to live a life in and with Christ, no matter the circumstances we face, and that the TRUTH truly makes one free.

There are many Christians persecuted all over the world and I find that we live in a society where one can still freely serve God, but it ain't as easy as it should be, I do not understand how the Word of God can be turned to suit a society, and standing up for the truth can land one in hot water and alienation. It amazes me that ministers of the word today sees their duty as ministers just as another vocation, where they get

others to do the work and they spent the whole day riding their bikes or training their physical bodies. Thank you once again and God bless,
Leon

Dear Dr. Utley,
Greetings in Christ's precious Name! I have been a missionary with SIM to the Somali people for 30 years. Since 1989 I have been involved with the nightly shortwave Somali broadcast "The Voice of New Life." Since moving from 22 years in the Horn of Africa to the USA in 2004, my main ministry focus has shifted to directing a Somali language website (see attached).

Over the past 24 years, I have been involved with a number of Somali translation projects, including the revision of the Somali Bible published in 2008.

Last week, a colleague of mine found Somali translations of Bible commentaries from your ministry in the Somali language: Gospel according to John (with 3 epistles), Acts, and Romans. I have briefly perused them, and to my critical eye, I would say that the quality of the translation seemed pretty good (needing just a bit of proof-reading). I was amazed since I mistakenly thought I was aware of the fairly limited number of Christian titles in Somali. Actually, these 3 pdf files represent the largest (outside the Bible) Somali translations of theological works.

My question: would you allow us to place links to your website, specifically these pages: <http://www.freebiblecommentary.org/pdf/som/VOL03Somali.pdf>

The idea would be, we would direct website visitors to these URLs in order that they could read or download the

Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other.
-Isaiah 45:22

He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

-Isaiah 49:6

books. I look forward to hearing from you. Blessings in Christ.
Michael, The New Life Ministry

My name is Ademir and I'm a Baptist pastor in Sao Paulo. Our city is small and poor. Our church has 22 members but we have more people at services (maybe 50). I'd like to thank you for send to me the CD-ROM Bible Study Library. This material will help me so much. I'm a graduate pastor, but we need to learn ever and ever...I want to teach some men to become leaders, and this material will be used.

Ademir, **Brazil**

Dear Dr. Bob,

Recently I started listening to your audio bible studies and I also watch you video sermons and the more I listen and watch, the more my heart sings. I just think you are a marvelous preacher and I wish I could hear this kind of preaching in my own country. Unfortunately, I'm surrounded by extremely liberal and/or charismatic churches which are not able to feed me and my family spiritually. The best you can get over here is only a handful of very small conservative Lutheran churches, but these are so stuck in their own set of doctrine that they do not accept any other views on any matter. Therefore, people who do not share their views on all points will always be outsiders and not accepted into their community.

I've been searching for like-minded Christians who believe like you preach but unfortunately I haven't been able to locate them here. **In your sermons you mention American "Christianity" a lot, but I can assure you that this type of "Christianity" is even worse over here. In your country there are at least some serious churches in the midst of a jungle of false Christianity, but here they hardly even exist. It's very sad. However, the Lord did not leave us alone in this spiritual desert. Through the internet he opened new doors and gave us new opportunities, and I'm very grateful I**

found your website!
Maria, **Sweden**

Hi Dr. Utley and Peggy,
We have been very challenged and encouraged thru your sermons and hermeneutics seminar, we are so very thankful for the gifts you are using to further the Gospel. You are in our prayers
USA

*Hi there Dr. Bob Utley,
My name is Jacques. I recently downloaded your free Bible commentary online and started working through it in the Book of Isaiah (which is/was very hard for me to understand). I am only at the 28th chapter now, **but with your commentary giving some background information and insights and thru the Holy Spirit opening the meaning up for me, it has helped me realize how Great, Powerful and Almighty God is and that He is in control of everything and how much He Cares for us thru Jesus Christ.** It brought me to the realization that God wants us to trust Him and not make our own plans, but to go to Him first. I just want to thank you for making it available and FREE. I thank God for using a person like you sir, and I Pray for you sir. Can I please ask you to please pray for me that I will grow in my faith and in my prayer life. I thank you again sir.*

Jacques

Dear Lord's servant,
Thanks a lot for introducing this site. **It is really helpful me to prepare sermon teaching to the congregation of our Baptist churches of Orissa.** It is not only for me but for others also who are involved in equipping the churches, leading them to evangelize and making disciple for Jesus Christ. I'm praying for you and for your ministry. You are also requested to pray for me and for my ministry.

In His service, Seva, **India**

You have changed me in so many ways. Thank you for your study, compassion, passion, time, hard work, integrity, in



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handling God's great truth. You are such a gift. I pray you finish well.

Malcolm

Thank you very much for your kind offer to provide these materials. I found the materials on your site are sound biblically. As a Pastor and instructor at seminary, Dr. Utley's materials are. God bless you.

Chudamani, Nepal

This email was sent to Zeman from Doug, telling him about our website—pretty cool!

Hi Zemen,

My name is Douglas and I have worked in the Horn of Africa for quite a few years seeking to share the gospel and encourage believers there. My colleague Michael and I

have website contact with many believers around the world—some of whom we have known personally—and they often have questions about spiritual issues and look for biblical advice in their own language.

We were looking for some information on the Trinity and came across several Bible Utley's "Free Bible Commentary" web site, specifically at www.freebiblecommentary.org/somali_bible_study.htm. We were impressed with the quality of the Somali language translation and when Michael contacted the folks there they mentioned that you had done the translation. We are interested to have contact with you if you like for mutual encouragement. We pray God's blessing on you. You can contact me by this email if you like.

Doug, Horn of Africa

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AND THEN, THERE IS THIS EMAIL:

I am blessed by the work of Dr. Utley and am **so sorry to hear of his demise**. This work is phenomenal and tremendously inspired by God.

Mavis, VA

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