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

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“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

– Isaiah 7:14

“The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.’”

– Luke 1:30-31

A LETTER FROM BOB

Hello Everyone!

Well, it is time to write my annual Christmas letter to you. I want our friends and supporters to know what is happening with Bible Lessons International. I will outline some of the new opportunities that God has opened for us.

Brazil YouTube

“Grace and Peace Dr. Bob. I don’t know if you remember me. I’m pastor Francisco from Maranhao Brazil. You taught us Theology in Bacabal (Brazilian town) and Pr. Marcelo was your translator. I’m glad with your Free Bible Commentary and joyfully I read it every day. Now I have a YouTube Chanel. I’d like to read and translate daily part of it, doing some short videos in order to publish it in my channel. May you give me the permission to read and translate it daily?”

Colombia Campus Crusade for Christ

“Dr. Utley, I’m starting a ministry here in Colombia and I want to let you know that I am planning to use the Biblical Interpretation Seminar material for young leaders of Campus Crusade for Christ.”

OM Ships International

“You gave OM International some boxes of your DVD teaching. We have been giving them to pastors in Africa and are about out. I was wondering if you could give us more?” Joseph, OM Ships International.”

Streaming video to America, Europe & Asia

“Dr. Utley, It was my great pleasure to speak with you on the phone recently. It is my privilege to release your videos to my new media television, The Jesus Channel. We can stream live TV across America, Europe, Asia, and even reach remote villages and nations of

other faiths.” President, TriStone TV-The Jesus Channel

We just received this email from The Jesus Channel. “The response to the first twenty of your videos in the first four days of the channel soft-launch was terrific, they received almost 2,000 views. I expect this to increase as more of your videos are added and as the channel grows and reaches out in upcoming social media marketing.”

Chile (40 radio stations)

“Dear Brother Bob. This is Pastor Henry Cortes from Santiago, Chile. I want, once again to say thank you for your ministry and the free materials you have on your website. As you know, sometimes on this side of the world it is not easy to get high level education for the ministry. Well, also as we share, I want to receive a formal written authorization from you, to inform other pastors about your materials. I have a national radio program once a week, here in Chile, through about 40 radio stations.”

Spanish Logos

“Dear Bob, It’s good to be in contact with you again. I am still involved in completing the editing process of your New Testament volumes in Spanish. When this project is finished we will begin the Old Testament volumes. These commentaries will be available on Spanish Logos.”

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This year (last 12 months) there have been:

- 428,573 visitors to our website
- 194,308 downloads of the commentaries, worldwide
- 401,579 viewers of our YouTube videos who watched 4,445,299 minutes

In January of this year I received an invitation from Wesley Methodist Seminary in Monterrey, Mexico to teach my seminar on Biblical Interpretation. It was well received and well attended. I have been asked to return in January 2017 to teach an in-depth study of the book of Revelation. Following the study at the Seminary I will be teaching the Seminar to a group of pastors from the Christian Missionary Alliance churches in the Monterrey area.

I so enjoy these teaching opportunities. This year in March I was in Armenia for a study on Wisdom Literature at the Seminary



Bob and the students of Wesley Methodist Seminary in Monterrey, Mexico

there. Please pray for me. I want to share God's word in a way that others may understand it.

I have included several pictures from last year's events. As you can see, God is opening many opportunities. We are so honored to be part of something so wonderful, global and eternal.

The focus of much of our ministry is the free Bible study website. I am writing this letter on October 21, 2016. As of today, 2,515,272 people have visited the site. If you look at the bottom of our home page (www.freebiblecommentary.org) you will see "Cluster maps." It shows how many people have visited the site, at what time and where they live! Check it out—it is really interesting. This is truly "Bible Lessons International."



Bob eating pizza with Asatur (President, European Baptist Union) in Armenia

Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we ask you to pray for us. Pray that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you. Pray, too, that we will be rescued from wicked and evil people, for not everyone is a believer." – 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2



A LETTER FROM PEGGY



I wish for you a wonder-filled Christmas and hope for a blessed new year. I love the Christmas holidays, not only because we celebrate the birth of our Savior, but because it seems that people are happier and more receptive to spiritual things during this time of the year. I hope that Christians can influence people with whom they come in contact. Jesus is the only hope we have for salvation and I want to be one who helps others find Him. If there is to be a spiritual awakening in the world we, as believers, need to "wake up" and live for Christ.

God's blessing are too numerous to count but you are definitely one of them. I guess the greatest blessing for us this year was, and is, God's care and provision for us during the historic flood that hit east Texas and Louisiana in March. We live on Caddo Lake and our house flooded with three and a half feet of water in it (and we are on stilts). We were able to get some of our pictures and sentimental things out but the inside of the house and the contents were almost a total loss. We have been living in our office for eight months! God provided a wonderful office for BLI in 1997. It has a full kitchen and bathroom so we are doing fine. It has

taken so much time to get the house back to being livable because it had to be elevated to 186 feet above sea level. So, our house is now 16 feet above the ground. We call it our "house in the clouds"! The rebuilding of our house is still in process. We hope to be back in our house by mid-November. We had flood insurance and that is also a blessing.



We cannot express what you mean to us. God has given us a task to do but we could not fulfill it without you. Thank you so much for your prayers and support for us. BLI will celebrate its 37th anniversary next year! Wow—just another one of God's blessings!

God continues to bless our family. His grace and mercy toward us is boundless. Our grandchildren range in age from 8 to 19. They are another one of God's special blessings!!!!

*"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."
– Philippians 1:3*

COMMENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



You can see how God is using the Bible study materials by the emails we receive. We could not include all of them but we hope you can get a sense of how God is using your prayers and financial support to build His kingdom. It is ALL ABOUT HIM!!!

"Most of the emails we receive thank Bob for the ministry of BLI or him personally. We want you to know that Bob could not do any of this without you, our faithful partners and friends. Please know that you are receiving the emails as if they have your name on them! We have typed them just as they are received so the grammar and spelling are not always correct. I admire them for trying to communicate in English which is not their native tongue!" – Peggy

Dear Dr. Utley,

First of all I want to express my admirations about your ministry and the way you have chosen to do it. May god bless you and all the people you love.

Some time ago I came to the conclusion that the on-line free Christian resources can give good chances to a minority Christian community, like Bulgarian protestant churches, to survive in difficult circumstances and I started my own project in such direction, providing some filtered materials on-line. You can see my project at <http://abv.hristianski.net> ("hristianski is youth slang for "Christian network" in Bulgarian and "abv" is the "abc" in Cyrillic alphabet). Sometime later I discovered your commentaries and I have put the usable versions there too. As many Bulgarians speak English and Russian, I use such materials too, which makes my site attractive for Russian users. For the moment I intend to make connections to your "You can understand the Bible" you-tube sessions, specifically the versions with Russian subtitles. However, as my main aim is being useful to Bulgarians, I would like to ask your permission to translate them into Bulgarian language, so that they become available to wider Bulgarian audience. I would be very thankful if you can send me the Russian subtitle files. I will translate from English, but using the timing settings

will make the work much easier as these languages are both Slavic. Of course, it will take time, as I am doing this alone in my free time.

About my self – I am believer since 1991 with conservative Pentecostal (AG) background. Married with 2 daughters, 41 years old. I have master degrees in pastoral counseling and in strategic management, leadership and spirituality (secular). This September I defended PhD in leadership.

In Christ, Stefan Sotirov, BULGARIA

To Whom May be concerned,

We are writing to express our deepest thanks for your gift of CDs (Verse-By-Verse Computer Bible Study Library) to Karen Baptist Theological Seminary. There is no way to fully express our gratitude for your kind donation.

With warm regards,

Sam, Assistant Librarian, MYANMAR

Dear Brother Bob,

I felt moved to write this short letter to you. The lessons about hermeneutics you taught us in the early 2000s in the seminary in Novi Sad, SERBIA, were one of the more significant defining moments of

my life, both personally and vocationally. I am deeply grateful to God for sending you to us and I just wanted to thank you.

May the Lord Jesus bless you in everything you do, Matej

Dear Members of Staff,
I hereby communicate to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am saved and I love Jesus Christ as my

personal Saviour. I am glad to let you know that I am a Pastor and active in the ministry. Since God has called me to this ministry, I am sure I need help. I mean that, as a Pastor, I need to be ahead of the people I lead in spiritual matters. By this I mean that these people depend on me: to teach them, to guide them and so on. I believe that I can share knowledge from other servants of God by reading their books and listening to them. I humbly request you to help me with these Bible Lessons. That is, video Bible Commentary or either video sermons and video Bible Interpretation Seminar. God Bless you for the good work you do to help the needy pastors and other servants of God all over the world and especially the needy pastors from the third world.

Yours Faithfully,

Pastor Henry Ngacha Mbugua, KENYA

Bob,

I just wanted to say I really appreciate you for sharing all of these resources with the world. I'm a younger preacher and I want you to know you've helped me time and time again in my ministry. You have encouraged me again tonight. (just listened to intro to Galatians). It touched my heart! I just want to say

Take a look at some of the addresses we get, requesting our CD/DVD. I wonder what our postman/postwoman would think if they had to deliver mail to these addresses!

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(lightgreen) Ireneville, Cabana Street, Brgy North Polacion, Medina, Misamis Oriental Medina, Phillippines

Rapheal Increase Agagbe (person's name)

#6 Church close, off Ogbomo Street, off Pole Street, off Sapele Road
Benin City, Nigeria

thank you for all you do! It is awesome how God is using you. – *Josh*

“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.”

– Isaiah 11:1

Bob,

I use your free commentary all the time and I took as many of your classes at ETBU as I could. Thank you for your faithful service to the Lord and scriptural accuracy. You have molded my world view and biblical view in a positive way. Thank you for speaking the truth even when it doesn't fit with our presuppositions. –

Randal

I can't wait to start my study! Thank you sooo much for making this available, as I cannot pay for this kind of materials. I've prayed that the Lord would show me “correct” information, and I believe this is it. God bless you richly!

Marylou, Angelica, NY

GOD BLESS YOU – *Simon, ZAMBIA*

Hello Dr. Uttley,

You have been very kind in sending packages of your 2 disc folder containing the 2 discs.

Every final year graduate gets a copy and I've often given a gift copy in public forums where I promote theological training.

I am aware that we can copy off the website – but the PACKAGED set makes for such a lovely gift to seminarians graduating.

Would you be so kind as to send me 200 packages? Your material is making a huge impact in getting good hermeneutics in African pulpits.

*THE BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE,
GAUTENG, SOUTH AFRICA Professor Dr.
Martin H. Pohlmann, Principal/President*

God's word is light...I want to be enlightened more... – *Raymond, NIGERIA*

Thanks in advance brethren for the assistance. Amen. – *Mike, MALAWI*

Dr. Utley,

I want to write a few words of thanks and deep appreciation for your teaching and commentary on your website and lessons on YouTube. I use them frequently in sermon and lesson preparations. Your work in the Word of God has made a difference in my life. Keep up the good work.

Gary, Lumberton, NC

Mr. Utley,

I'd like to say thank you for your seminar about biblical interpretation. I am Brazilian and the Lord's arms stands over here to convert and save people like me.

I was praying to find out biblical teaching about biblical interpretation and I find your seminar. I always pray to our Lord Jesus for you and for your family. Maybe God in His grace hear our prayer and bless you all.

Mario Marcio, BRAZIL

Dear Dr. Bob Utley,

With profound gratitude I write this letter to you for what God has used you to do by transforming my life through the DVD you sent to me. I have been longing to get this sound biblical truth to help me grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is very hard to hear this sound truth in my entire country. Everywhere is full of heresy and apostasy. I truly believe you are God sent to see me through my spiritual life.

It has always been my heart desire to get myself trained in a seminary to really know the Bible and how to interpret it myself but I lack money to train with. Please help me out with study materials that will help me get to discover the truth myself. I would have written this through e-mail but I decided to post this letter to show how serious I am and what God has used you to do in my life.

Thank you very much. I have not stopped praying for you since the day I got your tape and I began listening to you speak nothing but the accuracy of the Bible. May our good Lord continue to bless you richly as you keep opening our eyes to see the truth. May our Lord guide you as you go through my words of appreciation, and also touch your heart to see me through.

Your beloved in Christ, Samme, CAMEROON

Dear Dr. Bob Utley,

May God bless you for your heartfelt service you contribute to the Kingdom of God especially for your attention in the third world like Africa, especially for Ethiopian in Amharic and Oromo language. God bless you. With regards,

Miheretu Bedassa from ETHIOPIA

Dr. Bob Utley,

I heard you recently teaching on the introduction re: Book Ephesians, I was encourage by your teaching and more touched

by the advice you gave on how to prepare our hearts to study, you suggested to read our favorite bible version of what we are studying and then to go back into another modern translation to read again all in one setting, and then to try in our own words to outline the major chapter division, and in our own words put one sentence for every paragraph, forcing us to get our thoughts together to follow the writer and then force us to try and interpret this on our own, before going to any commentators and be influence by them.

You encourage us to let the bible interpret itself, and to get our own interpretation by the grace of God through the Holy Spirit before being influenced by others, I love your advice. I am not one to study to that degree Mr. Utley, due to poor reading skills as I was not schooled. But I am one that pursues a transformed life through my intimate walk with Jesus and through his word. Thank you for your advice and honesty, I really appreciate that.

God's word is light...I want to be enlightened more...

I am writing to you because I am at present doing a diploma in Christian ministries and Chaplaincy, I have struggled with it, as it is an online course which has made it much harder for me. I love the lord and I know I have grace on me in the area of Chaplaincy. I would

like to know if I can refer to some of your notes in my assignments Mr. Utley as I need all the help I can find?

Blessings from Hinehau Pepene, NEW ZEALAND

Dr. Utley, the primary goal of printing Your Commentaries is to make them available to Catholic priesthood. They, surely, cannot be given "some other" commentaries (which are broadly available in our market) but Your Commentaries which are written with expertise and depth but also readable to us, common believers eager to study the Bible.

Of course, printed Commentaries will also be offered to every public library and our protestant churches.

There is still a lot of work to be done and, Dr. Utley, I truly need Your prayers.

Just to inform You, I had sent Jam-Jud to Mike. Currently, I am in a process of finishing Dan-Zech, which I have started earlier and after those are done I will get back to NT Commentaries that are not translated yet.

I am writing all of this to share with you a brief overview of current affairs along with my endless joy of making Your Commentaries available in written form in this part of the world.

You sister in Christ, Zorica (one of our translators) in CROATIA

Dear Dr. Utley,

I wanted to write and say "thank you" for the wealth of material you have provided through your commentaries and videos. I have found them to be extremely useful in my ministry and preaching. We share

so many similar passions for the "unity of the spirit in the bond of peace" and the oneness of believers. Your thoughts regarding contemporary American "christianity" are spot on! I'm currently preaching a series from Ephesians 5 and have especially appreciated your messages on the "walk" passages and being filled with the Spirit.

If you ever make your way to Arkansas I'd sure enjoy the opportunity to visit with you. May the Father continue to bless you in your ministry. – *Brother Steve*

Greetings from KENYA in Precious name of Jesus name. Am Peter Mochama, pastor of a young growing ministry, am reading and listening to your free Bible commentary which had received on my post office box many years ago.

Thanks for the good work that you are doing in preaching teaching and equipping the Body of Christ.

Please man of God, I invite you to come and minister in Kenya God willing.

Have a good blessed day and week in the Lord God, please reply, am so eager to hear from you soon

Blessings, Peter, KENYA

Here in my village in a mountainous region there is a house owned by a tribal chief priest smeared with the blood of a goat on its entrance door that stood far apart from others hamlets - and that to escape death, judgement and hell one need to go inside and pray.

For some time now I have seen people who are aged and far wiser than myself going into this house smeared with blood of a goat on its door even my closest neighbour - Vivian goes there.

I am considering going there too but quickly the thought came to me to ask this question if it completely in agreement with what the Bible teach???. Please can you tell me the steps I could take in my Christian life and PLEASE SEND ME A GOOD BIBLE as presently I have no

"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

– Matthew 1:21

Bible that I can study to know about what God want me to know??

AM SO HUNGRY FOR THE WORD OF GOD SO PLEASE KINDLY SEND ME A BIBLE?

Mrs Kemi Wuwula, NIGERIA

I found you from searching online looking for Bible-related sources to help me learn scripture, and I would like to ask someone of your expertise what is the best way to learn Bible terminology.

I come from a religious background, but when growing up questioned most or entirely everything I was ever taught, and do not affiliate myself with any religious denomination.

In wanting to know the answers to the big questions in life ("Why am I here?", "What happens after I die?", etc.), I've decided to use as the starting point for my search to life answers in the Bible, since for one thing it was what I grew up on and it's what much of my beliefs, views, and attitudes, etc. are centered around (it is also the foundation for some of the world's major religions).

I think in order to know the content of the Bible, the first thing to learn and understand the Bible's terminology (truth, faith, righteousness, etc.).

How can one know the contents of a text without first knowing its terminology?

I would appreciate someone with your expertise offering input to someone like me who is a total layman when it comes to scriptural text as far as

academic education goes (like attending seminaries or synagogues), but who is seeking to "know the truth", on the best way of how to learn scriptural terminology.

A fellow truth seeker, Rory

PLEASE SEND ME A GOOD BIBLE as presently I have no Bible that I can study to know about what God want me to know

Dear In Christ,

Greetings in the name of Jesus. I am Annie Jennifer, Librarian from India. We have Bible school called Book of Life Bible collage. We would like to have your books and Commentaries in Tamil and English for our library. Please you can send to below address and will be helpful for the students.

*Book of Life Bible Collage Near Divine Food
Semiya Company, INDIA*

Kay commented on your post.

“Dr Bob, I’m so grateful your lessons & sermons are available on YouTube. Col. 1:15-20 scripture struck my heart pulling me closer to God through Jesus and “all” he is and has done.

The lesson gave so much scripture reference to help put things together for me. “Meat rather than milk.”

Dr. Utley

I want to start thanking you and Jesus for the ministry that he has given to you. What a blessing it was to stumble across your teaching on 1 John on YouTube. Your love for the Word is apparent, and is a refreshing light in what is becoming a darkening time even within the church.

I too have a love of the Word of God, with an understanding that the Armour of God (which according to my limited understanding is the person of Jesus Christ), has as its first piece the belt of truth, being that which girded everything on the Ro-

“When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

– Luke 2:15-16

man soldier, causes me to believe that it is a love for the truth. There is, however a conflict that I have had for many years and I am hoping that you can bring some order to what I perceive is a confusion that I may have. I have studied at a Christian Bible College, I have studied the core tenants of modern day Theology, I have although seen that many “scholars” have little of the life of God within them, and seem more interested in Greek tenses than they do the kingdom of heaven. As such I have formed an aversion to any systematic study of the scriptures. How do you maintain a balance between the serious study of scripture, and yet maintain a living and vital relationship with the risen Jesus. I am sure that there is a way in the Lord of not having to make a disconnect between the two, but I am not entirely sure how that can be achieved.

I hope my question to you is clear, and I look forward to a response.

Your Brother in Christ, Mark

Brian commented on a link you shared.

“You gave me a copy of your free commentary on CD when we met at the Texas Bi-Vocational conference a few years ago. I use it constantly. I still remember when I was a teenager in Lubbock when you pastored Trinity Baptist.”

Dear Dr. Bob

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ. I am a minister of the gospel in CAPE TOWN IN SOUTH AFRICA. I cannot thank God enough for your ministry. My study of scripture is forever changed because of the study of your teachings. I came across your teachings about six years ago, while I was going through a time of searching for bible study to interpret scripture properly. I have studied most of your commentaries over the years and it caused me to constantly re-evaluate my interpretation of scripture. It has challenged me to investigate every teaching that I’ve listened to and not to just passively accept everything as the word of God.

Bless you Sir. Greetings, Solomon.

“The Tagalog version is excellent using really deep Tagalog words. Amazing!”

Sir

I’m a well wisher of Bible lessons international. I used to read it for gaining deeper understanding of scripture. I just love the way Dr. Bob Utley interprets the bible. I would like to know is there any ongoing project on Malayalam (INDIA) translation. If not I can help you in doing that.

Regards, Thompson

Brother Bob,

I’m glad that you are continuing to write commentaries. May God our Father give you the grace, wisdom and strength, as that will be a help to many more people, especially among the Tamils. There is a large number of professing believers here. Sadly, many or most do not have proper teaching. There is a lot of fervor, zeal and excitement. We are also Tamils. My ministry is mostly in English and now I am preaching in Tamil also whenever there is a need.

Thanks for your fellowship in the gospel.

Boosh Thomas, Bangalore, INDIA

Dr. Utley,

I hope this e-mail finds you well. I just wanted to briefly tell you thank you for your publication of the free bible commentary. I have been enjoying the fruit of your labor over the past few months. I, over the last 6 months or so, have been involved in a struggle where God is beginning to break down the pre-understanding that I bring to the Scriptures. The fruit of this struggle is a great appreciation for the seemingly contradictory and yet complete compatibility of certain truths contained within the word of God. I am so thankful that He is beginning to do this. I wanted you to know that I appreciate the fact that you approach the Biblical text from this viewpoint and teach the word of God for what it is. It is encouraging to know that I am not alone. May God continue to bless you in all you do for Him.

Hidden in Christ, John

Myra Soriano Jalique commented on a link you shared.

“Wow! This is great work! The Tagalog version is excellent using really deep Tagalog words. Amazing! Thanks for sharing the website. God bless you.”

PHILIPPINES

Dear Sir,

I'm very much glad to receive the “Computer Bible Study Library) from your ministry yesterday. This bible study software will enhance my understanding of the God's words and will help me to grow in faith. Me as well as my church community will be blessed through this CDs. Please, pray for the churches in Nepal and the people here so that one day everyone here will be able to know the truth. Your ministry will always be in my prayer. God Bless All!

Sincerely, Samuel Kanauje, NEPAL

I pray to God that He blesses you with more time, energy and wisdom to do even more.

God bless you! Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus! My name is Fekete Csaba, I am a baptist pastor In Romania in two churches. Your commentary is a great blessing for me, almost every time I use it when I prepare for the sermons. I know that I and the Holy Spirit, are in priority. I would like to say thanks for the commentaries, I wish God blessing upon you and your family!

With brotherly love, Csaba Fekete, ROMANIA

Dear Dr. Bob Utley

My name is Rev. Paul Muoki , a student of Divinity at St. Paul's University in KENYA. I am using your material to prepare for my exams. I thanks God that you shared with us. God Bless you.

I know understand the book of Deuteronomy better (Deuto 28)

Dear Dr. Bob Utley,

I am Joseph Conteh, a Sierra Leonean living in FREETOWN SIERRA LEONE. I am a student of the Word of God. I was doing a research on google search engine when I came across your free Bible Commentary. It is a great Bible resource with a clear cut step by step Hermeneutical method of interpretation outlining the author's intent. I am grateful for your work and the time and energy you have spent on this material. May the Lord continue to give you more wisdom, knowledge, understanding and serve Him through writing. I would like to be your Spiritual Son in His Word. God bless you Dr. Utley, I am not a Baptist and I am for now associated with no church so in that regard, I have nothing. Yes, I am that nothing but I have been teaching myself the gospel by listening to your sermons on youtube, freebiblecommentary.org and also reading the gospel on my own. I am also grateful that you have translated some of your teachings in different languages of which AMHARIC (INDIA), my native tongue, is one of them. Dr. Utley, I pray to God that He blesses you with more time, energy and wisdom to do even more. I may sound selfish saying this but I am not being selfish because I know and pray that the best of Dr. Utley has yet to come from within you, Christ. Dr. Utley, I want to be blessed like you. So you might ask me, what are you doing about it? I am praying for it and I ask you and your congregation to pray for me also. God bless you and your loved ones. You have no idea how much your teachings, your translations and your simplicity in teaching the bible have helped learned the word but learned in His word to stand on my two feet. You have ministered me to follow Him not to be a fan. I no longer remain silent but witness to all who would listen and to those who refuse to listen too. Love you in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Your brother, Solomon

Dear Bible Lessons International,

My name is Richard M...and I'm in prison. I have approx. five yrs. left to do.

“He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection. There is absolutely nothing to fear about tomorrow; for God is already there.”

– Psalm 91:4

I've been spending my time reading and studying the word of God. My access to study material “so to speak” is limited. None the less I was blessed to come across a study of 1 and 2 Corinthians...Bob Utley, Professor Hermeneutics Biblical Interpretation. And truly I was blown away with the info that it had...I should say “that it contained.” At this point in my life I'm truly trying to understand the word of God with the help of the Holy Spirit...I don't have any money. Nonetheless I would like to know if you have any material that I could have to help me along the way in my quest to study the word of God. The life that I used to live; I don't want no more. I've been clean now for a year from crack cocaine of 33 yrs, strong drink 36 yrs, smoking cigs since the age of 15. I'm 52 yrs. old now. I hope you can help me.

Richard, Florida

To Bible Lessons International,

I am writing this letter, asking for a request. I am a born again believer, I am also studying the Word. I am incarcerated, but I go to church on Sundays and I study the Word of God. Right now I am studying Colossians. This is why I was asking if you could please send me a Colossians and Ephesians Bible Lessons. These lessons would help me with my Bible study reading. I hope and pray you could help me with this request.

Thank you and God bless. Ray, Dalhart TX

We receive many letters from inmates requesting materials. We send what we can but it is difficult for the inmates to receive them because of government regulations. The binding materials can be used to make weapons! So, we have to go through the Chaplain and sometimes they are not receptive to helping the inmates.



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Our Unique Ministry

I want you to see why this ministry is unique and needed. We publish commentaries which are translated by native Christian speakers in languages where “for profit publishers” will not/cannot do so. Your gifts enable us to do this.

This is one example of the cost – my commentary on Psalms is over 1,000 typed pages. That means the Russian translation cost is over \$25,000. This is just one project for one language. We have more than 20 projects currently active! So, you can see how your gifts are being used.

God’s word is powerful and active. It draws people to Jesus by means of the Spirit and then forms Christlikeness in them.



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