STUDY TOOLS FOR EFFECTIVE SERMON PREPARATION



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INTRODUCTION

- The desire for information should be born out of relationship with God.
- To study the Bible is to discover what it says, not to prove a point.
- For God to share a piece of information with you is to give you a piece of Himself.

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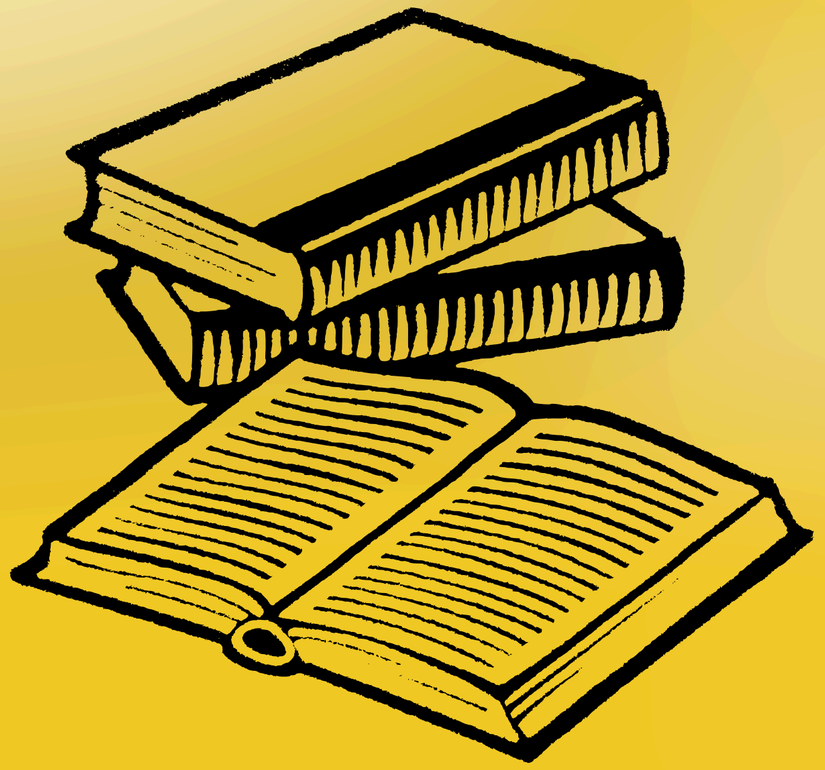
STUDY TOOLS



- **Helpful Websites**: Sermon Central, Bible Gateway, Open Bible, Preaching
- **Bible Software:** Logos Bible Software, Accordance, E-Sword, BibleWorks
- **Artificial Intelligence:** ChatGPT, Sermon AI, Bard, Sermonly

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RECOMMENED BOOKS



- STUDY BIBLE THOMPSON CHAIN REFERENCE
- SCOFIELD STUDY BIBLE
- MACARTUR STUDY BIBLE
- THE COMPLETE JEWISH BIBLE BY DAVID STERN
- LEXICON BY THAYER'S
- W. E. VINES EXPOSITORY OF NEW TESTAMENT WORDS
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WARNING

BE AWARE THAT STUDY TOOLS ARE
THE OPINION OF MEN, NOT THE BIBLE

DON'T RELY ON STUDY TOOLS
TO DO YOUR THINKING FOR YOU

WHAT THE TOOLS GIVE YOU IS INFORMATION.
WHAT THEY DON’T TEACH YOU IS HOW TO STUDY.

Study Methods





- Take a verse and ask yourself as many questions as you can
- Seek to answer each question
- Allow other questions to arise

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Questions to Ask



What does this verse mean?

What is the context of this verse?

What are the keywords or phrases in the verse?

What are the implications of this verse?

How can I apply the verse to my life?

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Examples

GENESIS 1:1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

JOHN 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Examples

JOHN 1:2-3

2 The same was in the beginning
with God.
3 All things were made by him; and
without him was not any thing
made that was made.

HEBREWS 11:3

Through faith we understand
that the worlds were framed
by the word of God, so that
things which are seen were
not made of things which do
appear.

Examples

1 KINGS 8:27

But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?

EXODUS 3:14

And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

Examples

PSALM 138:2

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

Conclusion

Study tools can be a helpful resource,
but they are not the only resource.

Don't become reliant on the tools,
God's spirit will guide your message.

The more you study the more you will learn.



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