

“THROUGH THE BIBLE”

Union Chapel M.B. Church

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**“TAKING SERIOUSLY WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS”**

**(A View Point to Adopt)**

OBJECTIVE: To accept God’s estimate of our true spiritual condition. To seek to become a determined Christian who understands the **NEED** to be influenced by the Word of God, and a follower/believer of God-given principles.

**(Psalm 1, James 1:22-25, Deu. 8:2-3, Matt. 4:4 AMP)**

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*But Jesus replied, “It is written and forever remains written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God’...”*

**Psalm 1:6**

- **The Lord knows what we are doing... (v.6a).**
  - Accept God’s estimate (*judgement*) of our spiritual condition.
  - The Bible is our “growing together guide”. It provides for our learning the process of spiritual Christian maturity and growth (**James 1:2-4**).
- P.S. [According to our PASTOR, “...until we are committed to submit to this process, we will have a difficult time being an **OVERCOMER**...”].*
- THE “DIFFICULT TIME” IS KNOWN AS **ADVERSITY**. WHO IS BEHIND ADVERSITY? It is GOD!!! When “the Lord allows adversity, it is always to HIS glory and our blessing!” How will **you** respond?*

**Deu. 8:2-3**

- **REMEMBER THE MESSAGE: It’s a “Test” for You!**  
**HEARING IS NOT ENOUGH, NOR IS READING ENOUGH! WE MUST BECOME ENGAGED!** (The *Holy Spirit* helps us to *maximize* our understanding and retention). **IS GOD REALLY ENOUGH? IS HIS WORD REALLY SUFFICIENT?**  
**(Please note): GOD MATTERS!**
- To become a “doer” is a permanent change. (The *Holy Spirit* will help us to **translate** biblical insight into “godly living” by GOD’S grace!).