

The Holy Scriptures

Matthew 21:42- Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes? (KJV)

The Holy Scriptures are accessible for persons seeking nourishment for the soul. Searching and studying the Scriptures is best done in the context of God's Church. The Church provides the perspective for viewing and understanding the Scriptures. The Scriptures are an integral part of the daily liturgical life of the Church. The Church has preserved, protected and proclaimed the Scriptures for centuries.

Mark 12:24- And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God? (KJV)

The Scriptures offer nourishment to address the soul's deep and constant hunger. Believers find guidance in the Scriptures to travel the path to God's Kingdom. The Scriptures are imbued with the authority and blessing of God's Holy Church. The Scriptures enrich and influence the shape of the liturgical life of the Church. Personal study of the Scriptures is enriching when in accord with the Church.

Luke 24:27- And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. (KJV)

Teachings of the Holy Fathers and Mothers give perspective to view the Scriptures. Listening, reading and studying the Scriptures is an investment in God's Kingdom. Studying the Scriptures is a way to ward off attacks and to combat evils in life. Believers are fortified against attacks of evil when strengthened by the Scriptures. Evil is ever present in daily life seeking to derail the believer's life in Jesus Christ.

John 5:39- Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. (KJV)

The Scriptures have been protected for centuries by the Church at great sacrifice. Great effort is expended by the Church to proclaim and protect the Scriptures. The Lord working through the Scriptures has resulted in innumerable miracles. Peace and joy derive from studying the Scriptures according to Church teachings. Personal study of the Scriptures results in immeasurable benefits for believers.

Acts 17:2- And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, (KJV)

The Scriptures enable believers to learn more about the path to eternal life. Believers are educated about the Holy Prophets when reading the Scriptures. The relationship with God is strengthened and enriched by studying Scriptures. God's love and care for each person is manifested in the Holy Scriptures. The Holy Scriptures are a treasure of learning for all the days of earthly life. Immeasurable joy comes from seriously reading and studying the Scriptures.

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