

INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

“Acts 17:11” and “2 Timothy 2:15”

CLASS #5 | Significant Words, Repeated Words, Phrases and Themes

REPEATED WORDS, PHRASES AND THEMES

As you study your Bible, you will find that there will be many repeated words, phrases and themes. This is because God wants to emphasize important concepts. Do you realize that there are only a few major themes in the Bible, but that God illustrates them in a variety of ways? Notice how many different ways God communicates the reality of walking in the Spirit; i.e. abiding in the vine, entering into His rest, growing in grace, walking by faith, resurrection life and being ministers of the new covenant. Why does God communicate this way? He knows that in order for us to learn deep, new spiritual concepts, we must be taught from many different perspectives over and over again. This is the reason that God gives us four similar accounts of Jesus’ life and ministry in the gospels. In 2 Peter we see a constant reminder of the things spoken before.

(2 Peter 3:1) Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds **by way of reminder**),

A. The book of Judges is a good example of God recording the victories and failures of the Children of Israel to make a point that would be etched in our minds. We see that at least seven times Israel goes through what is called by commentators “the cycle of sin” (see Judges 2:11-23). The cycle is as follows:

- 1) The Children of Israel **sin**
- 2) God judges them and raises up a nation to put them into **bondage**
- 3) The people **cry out** to the Lord in their misery
- 4) God is moved with compassion and raises up a **deliverer**, called a judge
- 5) The judge by the Holy Spirit, organizes an army and **defeats** the enemy nation
- 6) The result of the victory is **peace** for Israel
- 7) The judge dies and the people **return to their sin**

B. In the book of Acts, Paul’s conversion is stated three different times. (Acts 9, 22 and 26)

C. In the book of Galatians, Paul, wanting to state an emphatic point about going back to legalism, repeats a heavy warning.

(Gal 1:8) But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

(Gal 1:9) **As we have said before**, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

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D. At times simple words will be repeated for added emphasis.

(Gen 12:1) Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family and from your father's house, to a land that **I will** show you.

(Gen 12:2) **I will** make you a great nation; **I will** bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.

(Gen 12:3) **I will** bless those who bless you, and **I will** curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

(Isa 14:13) For you have said in your heart: '**I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God; **I will** also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;

14 **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds, **I will** be like the Most High.'

E. Many phrases are repeated for impact:

Genesis 1; "And God saw that it was good"

Revelation 2-3; "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches"

Gen. 6:9; "Noah, Noah"

Gen. 22:11; "Abraham, Abraham"

Ex. 3:4; "Moses, Moses"

1 Sam. 3:10; "Samuel, Samuel"

Acts 9:4; "Saul, Saul"

IDENTIFYING SIGNIFICANT AND REPEATED WORDS

NOTICING SIGNIFICANT WORDS:

Contrast..... **much more (Romans 5:15, 17, 20)**

unlikeness between things compared

but (Ephesians 2:4)

even though (2 Corinthians 4:16)

yet (Romans 8:37)

although (James 3:4)

then (Romans 8:8)

otherwise (Romans 11:6)

nevertheless (Luke 5:5;22:42)

however (Acts 4:4;1 Cor 2:6)

Comparison..... **just as... so also (Romans 6:4)**

likeness between things

so also (1 Corinthians 15:48)

too (Acts 17:6)

also (2 Corinthians 1:5)

as (1 Peter 2:5)

likewise (Romans 6:11)

and (Galatians 4:23)

like (Revelation 1:14)

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- Correlatives**..... **so.... as (Romans 5:21)**
a shared relationship as so also (Matthew 24:37)
for... as (1 Thessalonians 5:2-3)
- Reason**..... **that (2 Corinthians 1:9; 4:9-10)**
purpose, cause, explanation or excuse because (John 20:29)
because of (Heb 3:19; 4:6)
for this reason (Hebrews 9:15)
for this purpose (1 John 3:8)
for (Titus 2:11)
since (2 Corinthians 4:1)
- Result**..... **therefore (Romans 5:1,12 &18)**
consequences of an action or event so then (Romans 8:8)
thus (1 Thessalonians 4:17)
then (Acts 2:38)
- Condition**..... **if... then (Ex. 19:5; Lev. 26:18; 1 Kings 6:12; 11:38)**
a state of being or existence, but if (Gal 5:18; 1 John 1:7)
state of affairs circumstances if (Colossians 3:1)
- Temporal or time connectors**..... **since (Hebrews 4:1)**
time related to this present world until (Galatians 4:19)
when (Colossians 3:4)
before (Colossians 1:17)
after (Romans 3:11)
while (Romans 5:8)
now (Matthew 6:30)
- Geographical connectors** **where (Colossians 3:1)**
there (Matthew 18:20)

Observing Different Parts of Speech through the Word

Pronouns - A word used to substitute for a noun. Look carefully at Bible characters and the different names for God, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus Christ; Ex. I, He, Him, We, Us, Our, etc.

(Gen 1:26) Then God said, “Let **Us** make man in **Our** image, according to **Our** likeness;

(2 Sam 7:14) “**I** will be **his** Father, and **he** shall be **My** son.

(Heb 1:5b) And again: “**I** will be to **Him** a Father, And **He** shall be to **Me** a Son”?

Proper Nouns - A specific name for a particular person, titles or place.

(Isa 9:6) For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called **Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

(Heb 4:16) Let us therefore come boldly to the **throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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Verbs - Action words of which can end in either "ed" or "ing". Spend time observing the verb tenses; is it past, present or future tense usage?

(Rom 8:30) Moreover whom He **predestined**, these He also **called**; whom He called, these He also **justified**; and whom He justified, these He also **glorified**.

(Mat 4:19) Then He said to them, "**Follow Me**, and I **will make** you fishers of men."

(John 7:37) On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "**If** anyone **thirsts**, let him **come** to Me and **drink**."

(John 7:38) "He who **believes** in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will **flow** rivers of living water."

Adverbs - Modifies verbs in a verse, usually ending in "ly"

(Eph 3:20) Now to Him who is able to do **exceedingly abundantly** above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

(Micah 6:8) He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do **justly**, To love mercy, And to walk **humbly** with your God?

Adjectives - Note words in the text that describes or modifies a noun.

(1 Pet 2:9) But you are a **chosen** generation, a **royal** priesthood, a **holy** nation, His own **special** people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His **marvelous** light;

(Eph 3:8) To me, who am **less than the least** of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the **unsearchable** riches of Christ,

Prepositions - "Directional" words. Use in relation to a box; "in", "out", "upon", "under", "through"

(2 Cor 5:17) Therefore, if anyone is **in** Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

(John 14:17 NKJV) "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells **with** you and will be **in** you."

(Acts 1:8 NKJV) "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come **upon** you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

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REPEATED WORDS AND PHRASES: Classroom Assignment; Eph 1:3-14

- 1. Circle all the names and pronouns of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**
- 2. Box or underline repeated words and phrases and connect with lines and arrows.**
- 3. Notice particularly who we are in Christ and what He's done for us.**

Eph 1: 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence,

9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,

10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth; in Him.

11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

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Homework Assignment #7; 2 Cor 3:1-18

1. Circle all significant words

2. Make an "observation comparison sheet" with three columns;

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE NEW COVENANT	SIGNIFICANT CONNECTING WORD	CHARACTERISTICS OF THE OLD COVENANT

2 Cor 3:1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or do we need, as some others, epistles of commendation to you or letters of commendation from you?

2 You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men;

3 clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.

4 And we have such trust through Christ toward God.

5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God,

6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

7 But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away,

8 how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?

9 For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory.

10 For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels.

11 For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious.

12 Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech;

13 unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away.

14 But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ.

15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart.

16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.