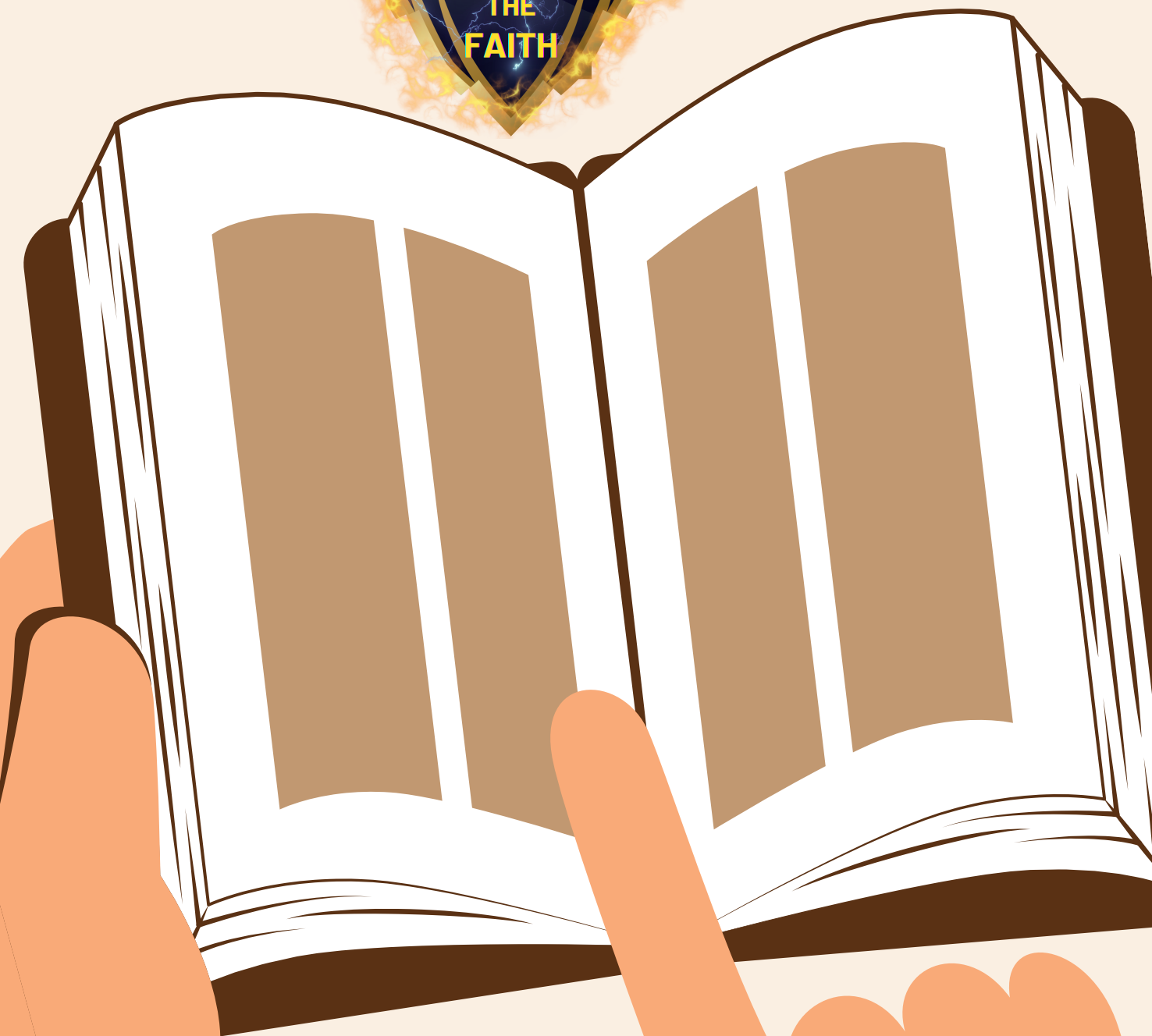
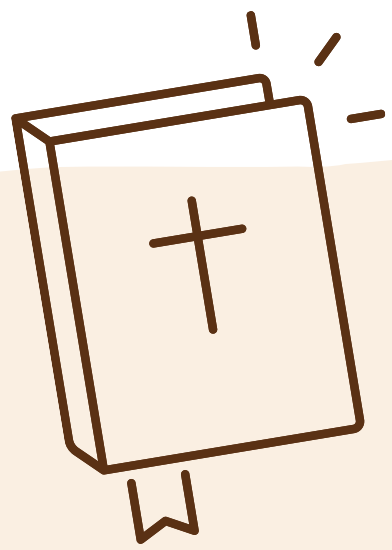


The Wise Increase In Learning

True Meaning of "*I never knew you.*"

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Opening Verse

For learning about wisdom and instruction,
for understanding words of insight,

3 for gaining instruction in wise dealing,
righteousness, justice, and equity;

4 to teach shrewdness to the simple,
knowledge and prudence to the young—

5 **let the wise, too, hear and gain in learning**
and the discerning acquire skill,

6 to understand a proverb and a figure,
the words of the wise and their riddles.

7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.



Proverbs 1:2-7

LEARN



An Intelligent person gains knowledge.

An **intelligent mind** acquires knowledge,
and the ear of the **wise seeks knowledge**.

Proverbs 18:15

Using a Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible and other resources to help us grow in knowledge about the word of God is **WISE!**

Fools DESPISE or DISRESPECT Wisdom

Proverbs 1:7

EXAMPLE 1

Resources

Thayer's Lexicon

Cultural Backgrounds
Study Bible

23 And then will I profess unto them, **I never
knew you**: depart from me, ye that work
iniquity.

Matthew 7:23 KJV

CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS STUDY BIBLE

WE SEE THAT THE WORDS I NEVER KNEW YOU WAS A COMMON FORM OF REJECTION USED IN HEBREW CULTURE. A RABBI WOULD SAY THESE WORDS TO A DISOBEDIENT DISCIPLE AND PUT THEM ON A TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT BAN.

Did you know this information if you are not Hebrew?

If not then it's wise to study Hebrew culture which can help bring context.

the afterlife. Many mainstream Jews felt that most Jews would be saved, but some, like Jesus, warned that most people would be lost (e.g., the later apocalyptic author of 4 Ezra 7:45 – 61; 8:1 – 3).

7:15 *sheep's clothing... wolves.* Wolves coming disguised as sheep was a common image (even in one of Aesop's fables), though it is also graphic hyperbole: wolves do not wear clothing, and it was impossible to transform one's skin (Jer 13:23). Wolves were the most obvious and common predators of sheep, killing sheep to feed themselves; their image was often used to represent humans who would harm others. Judeans and Galileans were well aware that some prophets were false; indeed, on multiple occasions, in the decades following Jesus' ministry, alleged prophets led followers to destruction at the hands of Rome's armies.

7:16 See note on Jas 3:12.

7:21 – 22 Although Greek and Jewish accounts sometimes delegated judgment to an exalted human, the ultimate judge in Jewish belief was God. Some Jewish exorcists invoked Solomon's name to try to expel demons (Josephus, *Antiquities* 8:47), but the sense here may exalt Jesus more: Jewish people more often could speak of acting (e.g., 1Sa 17:45; Ps 118:11 – 12) or prophesying (e.g., Dt 18:22; 1 Esdras 6:1) in the name of God.

7:23 *I never knew you.* This was a recognized formula of repudiation and rejection.



THAYER'S GREEK LEXICON

WE SEE THAT INIQUITY MEANS VIOLATING LAW OR TO DO WICKEDNESS. THESE DISCIPLES DISREGARDED THEIR RABBI'S COMMANDS.

JESUS OUR MASTER, WILL SAY "DEPART FROM ME," TO THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN HIM BUT DID NOT OBEY OR DISREGARDED HIS COMMANDS.

ἀνομία, -ας, ἡ, (ἄνομος);

1. properly, the condition of one without law — either because ignorant of it, or because violating it.

2. contempt and violation of law, iniquity, wickedness: Matthew 23:28; Matthew 24:12; 2 Thessalonians 2:8 (T Tr text WH text; cf. ἁμαρτία, 1, p. 30f), 2 Thessalonians 2:7; Titus 2:14; 1 John 3:4. opposed to ἡ δικαιοσύνη, 2 Corinthians 6:14; Hebrews 1:9 [not Tdf.] (Xenophon, mem. 1, 2, 24 ἀνομία μᾶλλον ἢ δικαιοσύνη χρώμενοι); and to ἡ δικαιοσύνη and ὁ ἁγιασμός, Romans 6:19 (τῇ ἀνομία εἰς τὴν ἀνομίαν to iniquity — personified — in order to work iniquity); ποιεῖν τὴν ἀνομίαν to do iniquity, act wickedly, Matthew 13:41; 1 John 3:4; in the same sense, ἐργάζεσθαι τὴν ἀν., Matthew 7:23; plural αἱ ἀνομίαι manifestations of disregard for law, iniquities, evil deeds: Romans 4:7 (Psalm 31:1 (Ps. 32:1)); Hebrews 8:12 [R G L]; Hebrews 10:17. (In Greek writings from [Herodotus 1, 96] Thucydides down; often in the Sept.)

[Synonym: cf. Trench, § lxvi.; Tittmann 1:48; Ellicott on Titus 2:14.]

Example For Our Culture 1

The word
“straight” has
multiple
different
meanings.



straight

/strāt/

adjective

adjective: **straight**; comparative adjective: **straighter**; superlative adjective: **straightest**

1. extending or moving uniformly in one direction only; without a curve or bend.
"a long, straight road"

Similar:

unswerving

undeviating

linear

direct

as straight as an arrow



- (of hair) not curly or wavy.
- (of a garment) not flared or fitted closely to the body.
"a straight skirt"
- (of an aim, blow, or course) going direct to the intended target.
"a straight punch to the face"
- **GEOMETRY**
(of a line) lying on the shortest path between any two of its points.
- (of an arch) flat-topped.

2. properly positioned so as to be level, upright, or symmetrical.
"he made sure his tie was straight"

Similar:

level

even

true

in line

aligned

square

plumb



- in proper order or condition.
"it'll take a long time to get the place straight"

Similar:

in order

tidy

neat and tidy

neat

in apple-pie order

orderly



Example For Our Culture 2

3. not evasive; honest.

"a straight answer"

Similar:

honest

direct

frank

candid

truthful

sincere

forthright



- simple; straightforward.
"a straight choice between nuclear power and penury"
- (of a look) bold and steady.
"he gave her a straight, no-nonsense look"
- (of thinking) clear, logical, and unemotional.

Similar:

logical

rational

clear

lucid

sound

coherent

unemotional



- (especially of drama) serious as opposed to comic or musical.
"a straight play"

4. in continuous succession.

"he scored his fourth straight win"

Similar:

successive

in succession

consecutive

in a row

one after the other



- supporting all the principles and candidates of one political party.
"he generally voted a **straight ticket**"

Example For Our Culture 3

5. (of an alcoholic drink) undiluted; neat.
"straight brandy"

Similar:

undiluted

neat

unmixed

unadulterated

pure

unblended



6. (of a person) heterosexual.
"I was confused, I didn't know if I was gay or straight"

Similar:

heterosexual

hetero

het



7. **INFORMAL**

(of a person) conventional or respectable.
"he looked pretty straight in his work clothes"

Similar:

respectable

upright

upstanding

honorable

honest

on the level



- not under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Example For Our Culture 4

adverb

adverb: **straight**

1. in a straight line; directly.

"he was gazing straight at her"

Similar:

right

directly

squarely

full

plumb

smack

bang

slap bang



- with no delay or diversion; directly or immediately.

"after dinner we went straight back to our hotel"

Similar:

directly

right

by a direct route

without deviating

in a beeline



- **ARCHAIC**

at once; immediately.

"I'll fetch up the bath to you straight"

2. in or into a level, even, or upright position.

"he pulled his clothes straight"

Example For Our Culture 5

3. correctly; clearly.

"I'm so tired I can hardly think straight"

Similar:

logically

rationally

clearly

lucidly

coherently

cogently



• honestly and directly; in a straightforward manner.

"I told her straight—the kid's right"

Similar:

frankly

directly

straight out

candidly

honestly

forthrightly



4. without a break; continuously.

"he remembered working sixteen hours straight"

noun

noun: **straight**; plural noun: **straights**

1. a part of something that is not curved or bent, especially a section of a racetrack.

"he pulled away in the straight to win by half a second"

• **ARCHAIC**

a form or position that is not curved or bent.

"the rod flew back to the straight"

2. **INFORMAL**

a heterosexual person.

3. **INFORMAL**

a conventional or respectable person.

4. (in poker) a continuous sequence of five cards.

Black Culture

**This is funny but it is true!
Understanding culture can
help bring the true context
and meaning of words.**

BLK PPL SLANG

You straight = Do you wanna box ?!!

You straight = You are ok.

You straight = How have you been

You straight = Did you get enough

You straight = You're welcome

You straight = Do you have a problem?

You straight = No need to say sorry

You straight = You need some money?



Ending Message

Please **DO NOT** be foolish or ignorant by despising education, knowledge, or resources that can help you grow and get a better understanding of the Bible.

21 but **test everything**; hold fast to **what is good**;

1 Thessalonians 5:21

