

3) ACTS IS A PATTERN FOR CONVERSION. Every child of God needs to know the conversions in the book of Acts. Do you? The Jews on Pentecost (Acts 2), the Samaritans (Acts 8), Saul (Acts 9,22,26), Cornelius (Acts 10,11), Lydia and the Philippian Jailer (Acts 16), the Corinthians (Acts 18) and the Ephesians (Acts 19). Each of these lay a blueprint as to how conversion works.

4) ACTS TWO IS THE CENTRAL CHAPTER OF THE BIBLE. Every account and every chapter before it looks to the events of it. Every account and every chapter after it looks back to it. This, in no way, discounts the incredibly important work of Jesus. By His own words He said, *“I will build my church”* (Matt. 16:18) and within the confines of this great book of Acts are the words, *“the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood”* (Acts 20:28). For the first time in Acts 2, the Lord’s Church was spoken of as being in existence.

5) ACTS, ON ITS OWN, CAN TEACH GOD’S PLAN FOR SAVING MAN. What a remarkable book! If only we were in possession of this book, we could tell others about the love, grace, and mercy of God. We could tell of His entire plan for saving man, and show the grave mistakes of putting off obedience. For this reason, any and all time used in studying this book is well-spent! Remember, *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”* (Acts 4:12).

So, how familiar are you with the book of Acts? When is the last time you devoted a period of study to its inspired pages? Perhaps it has been too long. Today would be a great time to start!

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“FACTS ABOUT ACTS”

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The book of Acts is a grand book! Within its 28 chapters are found voluminous amounts of lessons and examples. In this short article we will examine a few facts about Acts.

1) ACTS IS AUTHORED BY LUKE. “Theophilus” is mentioned in both Acts 1:1 and Luke 1:3. He ties these books together. He appears to have been a Roman or Greek disciple who made quite an impact. Since Luke wrote this great book, we then can understand when the word “we” is used in Acts, it includes Luke.

2) ACTS IS THE GREAT COMMISSION IN ACTION. In word it says, *“All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen”* (Matt. 28:18-20). In deed, the Gospel was first delivered to the Jews in Acts 2-9. From there, the Gentiles would become part of God’s plan (Acts 10 and following). This is seen in the last words of Jesus, *“ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth”* (Acts 1:8).

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BIBLE READING QUESTIONS

Read I Kings 3:1-15.

Answer the following questions based upon your reading.

- 1) Who did Solomon marry according to I Kings 3:1?

- 2) “Only the people _____ in high places, because there was no _____ built unto the name of the LORD, _____ those days” (I Kings 3:2).
- 3) How many burnt offerings did Solomon make (I Kgs. 3:4)?

- 4) “In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a _____ by _____: and God said, _____ what I shall _____ thee” (I Kings 3:5).
- 5) What did Solomon say he did not know according to I Kings 3:7? _____

- 6) “Give therefore thy servant an understanding _____ to _____ thy people, that I may discern _____ good and bad: for _____ is able to judge this thy so great a people” (I Kings 3:9)?
- 7) What was the Lord’s attitude toward this request (I Kgs. 3:10)? _____
- 8) What else did the Lord give Solomon (I Kings 3:13)?

TOPIC OF THE WEEK: ANXIOUSNESS/WORRY **FOR THE DAYS OF JANUARY 8-12, 2024**

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024

Definition of anxiousness/worry: *the state of being greatly worried; mental distress or uneasiness because of fear of danger or misfortune; anxiety*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

Old Testament passages dealing with anxiousness/worry
Psalm 4:8; Proverbs 12:25; Proverbs 15:13; Proverbs 17:22

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024

New Testament passages dealing with anxiousness/worry
Matthew 6:25-34; Lk. 12:11-12; Philippians 4:6; I Peter 5:6-7

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

Bible story displaying anxiousness/worry
Luke 10:38-42 (The anxiousness of Martha)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

How can we root out anxiousness in our lives?
What happens if we cannot rid ourselves of anxiousness?

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