

The Heart Of *Repentance*

A Biblical Study of Repentance

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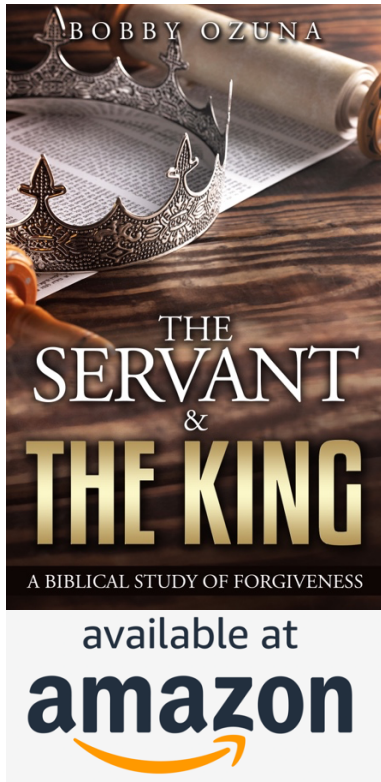
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JEREMIAH, CHAPTER 29, VERSES 11—13 (ESV)

My Hope, Purpose, and Prayer for this Study Guide

It is my *hope* that this study guide finds you in a place where you are ready to move beyond reading the bible, and instead, dive deeper into the Word of God and the gospel message to further establish your relationship and intimacy with the Lord Jesus. I *hope* you use this study guide to instill the habit of daily reading and the studying of the holy scriptures, allowing yourself to discover the freedom from the bondage of sin and the redemption in the grace purchased at the cross.

My *purpose* for this study guide is to provide an outline of prayer, daily reading and a framework to study, for those who are ready to *step out of the boat* and move to a more intimate understanding of the Lord Jesus. It is *purposed* to be used for daily personal growth and development, as well as in a group setting in fellowship and a community with others. The objective is to offer a template for daily reading and studying of the scriptures, with questions designed to encourage you to face struggles with your sin.

I *pray* this study guide is an encouragement and a blessing to your walk with Christ. I *pray* you humble yourself and offer your heart to the Lord to be enlightened, encouraged, inspired, transformed, and renewed in the image of the Lord Jesus. I *pray* you open your heart to the truth, to discover the true freedom that comes from serving and following the Lord Jesus. I *pray* these questions draw you closer to the Lord and bring you to a place of true understanding of the gospel message, and I *pray* you share your story of redemption with others, to be a living testament to the freedom offered in Christ, to a broken world around you.

Your brother in Christ,

—Bobby Ozuna / 2021

How you can use this study guide

This study guide is designed to be a companion to your *personal* study in the Holy Scriptures. It can be used for personal development and part of a small group/family bible study. Have a journal and be prepared to expand on your responses.

Pray:

- Before and after reading the chapter and questions
- Ask the Lord to reveal Himself in the words you read
- Ask the Lord to impart His Wisdom in the words you read

Read:

- Always read the scripture aloud
- You will read the assigned scripture passages multiple times, over multiple days, answering questions for each day
- If possible, use multiple translations to expand on the context of the passages you read
- You can read various translations online if you only have one printed version of the bible

Journal:

- You can use the space provided or to capture your questions, thoughts, and responses or you can use a separate journal
- Capture any scripture passages that really speak to your heart and encourage you
- To follow-up any notes from previous days as you work through each chapter over multiple days

Write

- Follow the daily guideline provided; set aside dedicated time to spend with the Lord
- Use this study guide as a tool for learning how to read and study the bible
- Be completely honest with yourself—and your responses, knowing that you are being completely honest with the Lord

Day - 1

Personal Reflection—Awareness

Pray: Heavenly Father, God of my Praise, I come to You by Your Spirit of Truth and in the name of Your Son, Jesus the Christ. Let Your Spirit guide me to reveal the secret sins of my heart. Bring me to a place to understand the depth of my sin and help me to turn from my sin. Amen.

Reflect: Read and answer the questions below in the space provided.

1) What is sin? What does it mean to *sin* against our Holy God?

2) What is (a) transgression?

3) What is iniquity?

4) Do you know the difference between sin, iniquity, and transgression?

5) Do you know the 10 Commandments? If so/if not, how many can you recite or write from memory?

6) Why do you believe our Heavenly Father gave us the *Commandments*?

Day - 2

Personal Reflection—Awareness

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Reflect: Read and answer the questions below in the space provided.

1) Do you believe we are *born into sin*, or by nature, sinners? Explain your answer.

2) Do you believe when we are *born again*, all our sin struggles disappear and/or go away? Explain your answer.

3) Is it possible to walk with Christ without sin, or without a sin struggle? Explain.

4) Is it possible to be *forgiven, born again*, and yet still struggle with sin? Why or why not? Elaborate on your response.

5) Are we responsible for addressing or dealing with sin(s) or is this solely God's responsibility to take it away? Explain your answer.

Day - 3

Personal Reflection—Awareness

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