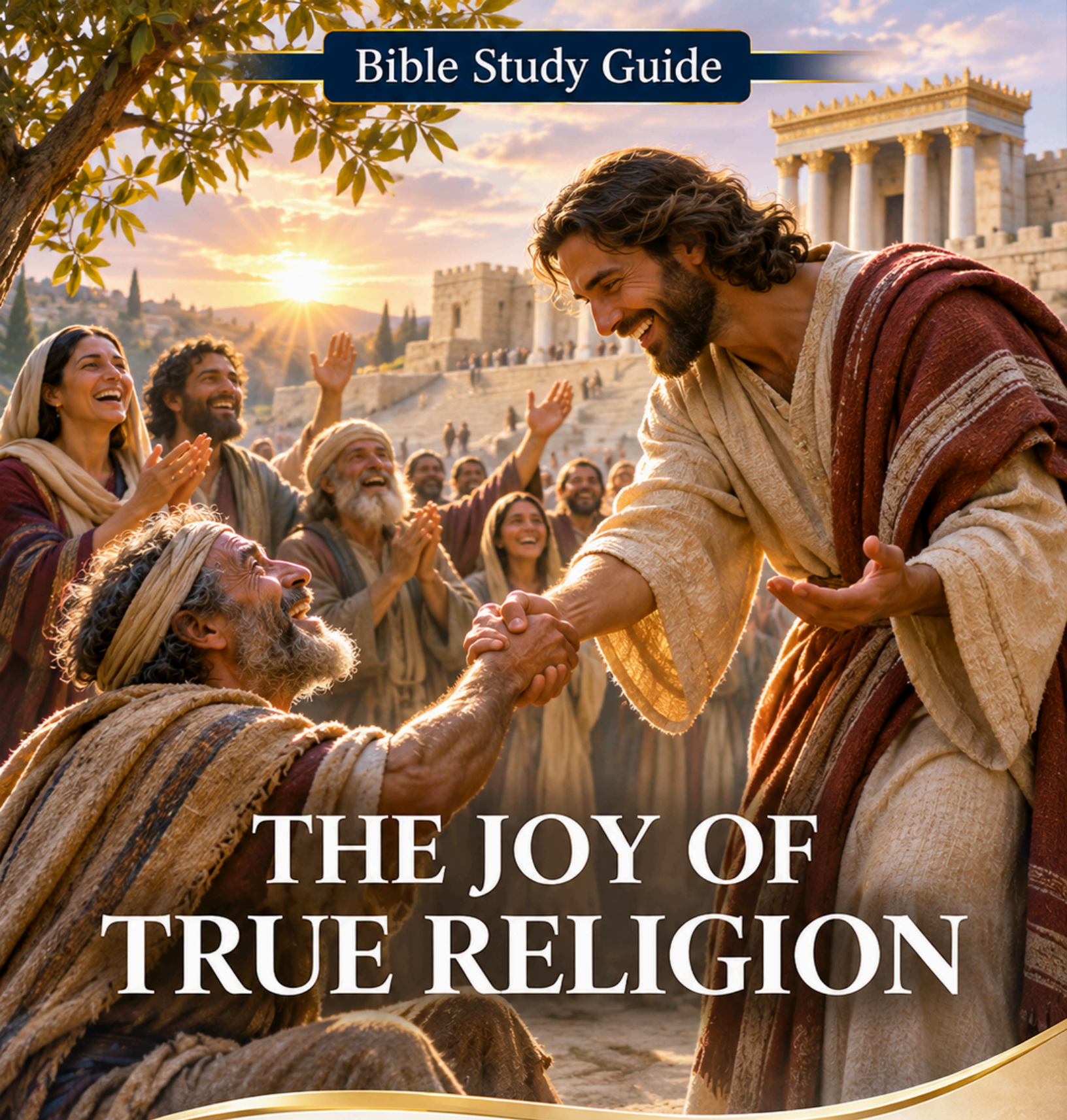
Bible Study Guide



THE JOY OF TRUE RELIGION

A Bible Study on Genuine Worship, Mercy, and the Joy of Obedience

Introduction

At the Last Supper, Jesus rose from the table, took a towel, and washed His disciples' feet. The One whom they called Lord performed a servant's work. True religion is not merely a ceremony to attend or a truth to defend. It is the life of Christ received into the soul and made visible through joyful, humble service.

Fill in the blanks from the KJV text, then read the brief explanation.

Bible Study Questions

1 **Who is blessed according to the psalmist?** (Psalm 34:8)

"O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that _____ in him."

The goodness of God is experienced through personal trust, not simply discussed from a distance.

2 **What does Jesus desire for His followers?** (John 15:11)

"that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be _____."

Christ's joy grows out of abiding in His love, even amid hardship.

3 **What does the first angel call people to do toward God?** (Revelation 14:7)

"Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and _____ to him; for the hour of his judgment is come..."

The everlasting gospel calls people to honor the Creator through both worship and lives that reflect Him.

4 **What did God do with the seventh day at creation?** (Genesis 2:3)

"And God blessed the seventh day, and _____ it:"

God set the Sabbath apart before the entrance of sin as a memorial of His creative work.

5 **What marks the patience of the saints?** (Revelation 14:12)

“here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the _____.”

Loyalty to God's commandments and faith in Jesus belong together.

6 **What is written in the foreheads of the Lamb's followers?** (Revelation 14:1)

“And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's _____ written in their foreheads.”

The Father's name points to their allegiance and to His character revealed in their lives.

7 **What happens as believers behold the Lord's glory?** (2 Corinthians 3:18)

“are changed into the same _____ from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

The Spirit transforms those who look to Christ in faith.

8 **What do we lack apart from receiving the Son of man?** (John 6:53)

“Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no _____ in you.”

Jesus uses eating and drinking to describe receiving His life by faith. His words illuminate the spiritual meaning.

9 **What did Jesus say about His words?** (John 6:63)

“the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are _____.”

We receive Christ's teaching by faith; the outward symbol cannot replace the spiritual reality.

10 **What did Jesus describe as His meat?** (John 4:34)

"My meat is to do the _____ of him that sent me, and to finish his work."

Spiritual nourishment is experienced in doing the Father's will.

11 **What does the Lord's Supper proclaim until Christ comes?** (1 Corinthians 11:26)

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the _____ till he come."

The communion symbols point to the saving death of Jesus and anticipate His return; they do not replace a living relationship with Him.

12 **Who satisfies the deepest hunger of the soul?** (John 6:35)

"I am the _____: he that cometh to me shall never hunger;"

Christ sustains spiritual life as bread sustains physical life.

13 **What did Jesus take when He laid aside His garments?** (John 13:4-5)

"He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a _____, and girded himself... and began to wash the disciples' feet..."

The Master chose a servant's work. His followers are called to practice humility in concrete ways.

14 **What example did Jesus give His disciples?** (John 13:14)

"If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's _____."

The ordinance of humility teaches practical service and self-abasement.

15 **Why did the Son of man come?** (Mark 10:45)

"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to _____, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Christ's greatness is revealed in service and sacrifice.

16 **Who should receive glory for the believer's good works?** (Matthew 5:16)

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your _____ which is in heaven."

Christlike service directs attention to God's character rather than our religious achievements.

17 **How should each person use the gift received from God?** (1 Peter 4:10)

"even so minister the same one to _____, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

Gifts received from Christ are entrusted to us for the benefit of other people.

18 **What does the Lord require of us?** (Micah 6:8)

"to do justly, and to love _____, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

True religion joins justice, mercy and humble fellowship with God.

Appeal

Will you receive Christ as your spiritual food and let His joy and servant spirit become visible in your everyday life?

Commitment

I choose to abide in Jesus, feed on His Word, and glorify my Father through joyful, humble service.

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