

Scripture Memorization for Adults

WHY?

- Yahuah's words shall reside in our heart: Devariym (Deuteronomy) 6:6-7, 11:18
- That we may hear, learn and do all of the words of the Torah: Devariym (Deuteronomy) 31:12-13
- So we don't forget Yahuah's commandments, judgements & statutes: Devariym (Deuteronomy) 8:11
- That we may teach your children and grandchildren: Devariym (Deuteronomy) 4:9
- Yahuah's word makes us wise unto salvation: Timotheus Sheniy (2 Timothy) 3:15

HOW?

- Memorize the location (Book, Chapter & Verse #) of the scripture.
- If you are finding it difficult to memorize certain verses in the Cepher, you might try reading those verses in a different translation, such as the NASB. Both are word-for-word translations and read similarly.
- To get started, recite the verse out loud until you can quote it from memory.
- Then, review your memory verses on a frequency that works for you. Again, recite those you are committing to memory out loud until you can quote them from memory. Repeat this process until you know the verse by heart.
- If the verse is more than a few words, you can break it into parts. For example, take Mattithyahu (Mathews) 16:27: "For the Son of Adam shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then He shall reward every man according to his works". Break it into two parts: "For the Son of Adam shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels". Once you have that memorized, add "and then He shall reward every man according to his works".
- Highlighting the verses in your Bible will make them easier to find.
- Writing the verses down may also aid you in remembering them.

REVIEW:

As your list of memorized scripture starts to grow, it is helpful to periodically have a review day where you quote all of your memorized scripture, from Bere'shiyth (Genesis) to Chazon (Revelation), out loud. This may take one or more days depending on the number of verses and how much time you want to spend. This can be a great Shabbat activity.

WHAT?

Here are some memorization themes to help you get started ...

COMMON VERSES: Memorizing verses you are already familiar with may help you quickly get a number of verses under your belt.

VERSES BY THE RUACH: During the times when you are reading the scriptures and/or praying, be sensitive to the Ruach leading you to scriptures Yah wants you to know.

VERSES BY TOPIC: Memorize scripture on subjects that interest you. Having the Cepher App on your phone or tablet can be a good resource in this endeavor.

VERSES BY BOOK: Are there books of scripture that are of particular interest to you, or, one(s) that you would like to know better? Memorizing scripture in these books can help give you a better overall understanding of the author's intent.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

When discussing scripture with others, you may find yourself becoming more confident about participating when you are able to quote relevant scripture(s) rather than just giving an opinion.

Don't expect you will find every verse of scripture you will want to memorize by reading through the Cepher once. It is characteristic of Yah to give new verses to memorize on subsequent readings.

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