

graceWORKS ! GOING DEEPER¹ The Papou Study Bible is a daily study provided by me to



help folks explore the depth and joy of the “conneXion” life of God. It’s my personal study, and is not intended as a doctrinal statement or statement of any church or denomination or congregation. It’s also my belief that “grace” works, and the servant of God should always want to go deeper. Multi-tasking as usual, I’m also calling this the “Papou Study Bible.” I’m writing it as if I were speaking to my girls who love me and any descendant they have that love their Papou too. And to anyone who wants to consider me a spiritual Dad or “Papou.” I want them to be able to study the Bible with Papou (grandpa in Greek) after I’m gone---and if they don’t, I’ll haunt them. The Scriptures say it’s noble to “search the Scriptures daily” to verify truth like the ancient Bereans did (Acts 17:11). My folks came from Berea. My incredible Dad (and your grandfather and great grandfather, guys), Vasil Charles Valekis taught me to do this like he did---every day until I die. He taught me and everyone I know to go to church no matter what and to put God first. While Mama (Maria Pagona Stratakis Valekis) never really did this, she made sure we listened to Daddy on this one. She would have hit us with a spatula or frying pan or worse if we didn’t. This is a simple sharing my “daily search.” And I’d like to think it is a continuation of God’s life through my Dad through me. Both my “Dads” by the way. And a way to honor him, mama and our loving “Dad”---God. And for all of us to be together, in Spirit, even when we I join them in heaven. I like to use

the Blue Letter literal, very “visual,” Greek translation a lot to help “visualize” these truths

the beautiful way Greek enables you to view. And I like to share this with folks serving in an elder capacity, or any capacity, to grow them, challenge them, and stretch them. But especially share it with anyone I’ve ever brought to Christ and family members who truly love me. And when you study these, I’ll make sure to connect with you from heaven. *Ever an orthodox Greek, Jim Valekis*

Christ IN You Series

Colossians 1:27 (King James Version)

²⁷To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is *Christ in you*, the hope of glory

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Micah 6 Part 4²



As I listen to my Bible app on my phone and hear other concepts, I’m continually amazed at how much of the phrases in this book find their way into Jesus’ mouth and ministry. I’ve always believed that Jesus received a lot of His “marching orders” from the Scripture. I think a fascinating study would be to see how much of the Old Testament was the source of even of the stories and parables He told. He wove them into His teaching as if they were brute facts. And they are! Enjoy today’s study!

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Micah 6 New International Version

Instead of sacrifices, this is what God wants! We will pick up again on verse 8 today.

⁸ He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
 And what does the LORD require of you?
 To act justly and to love mercy
 and to walk humbly (or prudently) with your God.

Let's look it up in the original language and more literal translation.

CLV
 He has told ³you, humanity, what is good; ⁴What is Yahweh requiring from you Save to do right judgment and love⁵ kindness, And to walk meekly⁶ with your Elohim?

מִשְׁפָּט	אִם - עֲשׂוּת	כִּי	מִמֶּךָ	דָּרַשׁ	יְהוָה	טוֹב וּמָה	מָה	אָדָם	לְךָ	הֵגִיד	6:8	
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judgment	to-do-of	if	that	from-you	requiring	Yahweh	and-what?	good	what?	human	to-you	he- ⁶ told

פ :	עַם - אֲלֵיךָ	לָקַח	וְהִצַּנֵּעַ	חֶסֶד	וְאָהַבְתָּ	
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	Elohim-of-you	with	to-go-of	and-to- ⁵ be-meek	kindness	and-to-love-of

It's a bit difficult for me deal with Hebrew since I have never learned the "logic" of the language, but I will attempt to sift out of this some relevant concepts and analyze them, phrase by phrase.

Hebrew	Translation
<p>"from-you requiring Yahweh and-what?"</p> <p>WORD FOR REQUIRING:</p> <p>H1875 darash daw-rash'properly, to tread or frequent; usually to follow (for pursuit or search); by implication, to seek or ask; specifically to worship.</p>	<p>And what does the LORD require of you?</p> <p>Comment: The translators chose the word "require" for the word darash. But it also has the connotation of "seek or ask." What does the Lord seek from you or ask? Or if you key off the other concepts of the word (like "tread or frequent") that the word</p>

	<p>also means, I guess it could mean how does the Lord want you to tread, or walk, or live? Or what does the Lord want you to follow, pursue, or search? Or what is He following you or searching you for? How does He want you to worship.</p>
<p>“good . . . what? human³ to-you He-told, Elohim of you”</p>	<p>He has shown you, mortal, what is good. Comment: Another take on the word “adam” is: The word אָדָם (pronounced: adam) is connected with the two other Hebrew words דָּם (dam) “blood” and אֲדָמָה (adamah) “earth/ground”. How Adam Got His Name? - Biblical Hebrew Insights (eteacherbiblical.com)</p>
<p>Judgment to do of WORD FOR JUDGMENT H4941 mishpat mish-pawt' from H8199 – TO JUDGE properly, a verdict (favorable or unfavorable)</p>	<p>To act justly</p>

³ The word translated “human” is “Adam.” Here’s what the Baker Evangelical Dictionary says about it. "Adam" is both the proper name of the first human and a designation for humankind. God himself gave this appellation to Adam and Eve (Gen 5:1-2). The color red lies behind the Hebrew root adam [; 'a]. This may reflect the red soil from which he was made.

Adam was formed from the ground (Gen 2:7). Word play between "Adam" and "ground" (adama [h'm'd]a) is unmistakable. It is important that Adam is identified with humankind rather than any particular nationality. The country from which the dust was taken is not specified. Rabbis believed it came from all over the earth so no one could say, "My father is greater than yours."

The word "formed" suggests the careful work of a potter making an exquisite art-piece. Into this earthen vessel God breathed the breath of life (Gen 2:7). These words describe vivid intimacy between God and man not shared by animals.

Adam was made a little lower than "angels" (or "God") at his creation and "crowned with glory and honor" (Psalm 8:5). (Rabbis speculated the glory of Adam's heel outshone the sun.) He was commissioned as a vassal king to rule over God's creation. The words "subdue, " "rule, " "under his feet" (Gen 1:28 ; Psalm 8:6) suggest kingship over nature but not over his fellow man. From: **Adam Definition and Meaning - Bible Dictionary (biblestudytools.com)**

<p>pronounced judicially, especially a sentence or formal decree (human or (participant's) divine law, individual or collective), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly, justice, including a participant's right or privilege (statutory or customary), or even a style.</p>	
<p>Elohim-of-you with to-go-of and to-be-meek WORD FOR MEEK: H6800 tsana` tsaw-nah' a primitive root; to humiliate.</p>	<p>to walk humbly (or prudently) with your God</p>
<p>Kindness and to-love-of WORD FOR KINDNESS H2617 checed kheh'-sed</p> <p>from H2616 properly, perhaps to bow (the neck only in courtesy to an equal), i.e. to be kind; also (by euphem., but rarely) to reprove.</p> <p>Compare H2603 properly, to bend or stoop in kindness to an inferior; to favor, bestow; causatively to implore (i.e. move to favor by petition</p> <p>kindness; by implication (towards God) piety: rarely (by opposition) reproof, or (subject.) beauty.</p> <p>WORD FOR LOVE H160 'ahabah a-hab-aw</p>	<p>To act justly and to love mercy</p>

feminine of H158 and meaning the same - affection (in a good or a bad sense) . . .LOVE	
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Here's what the NIV says about this verse.

"This most memorable statement in the OT defining a proper relationship with God."

It has a greater discussion that we'll pick up on next time!