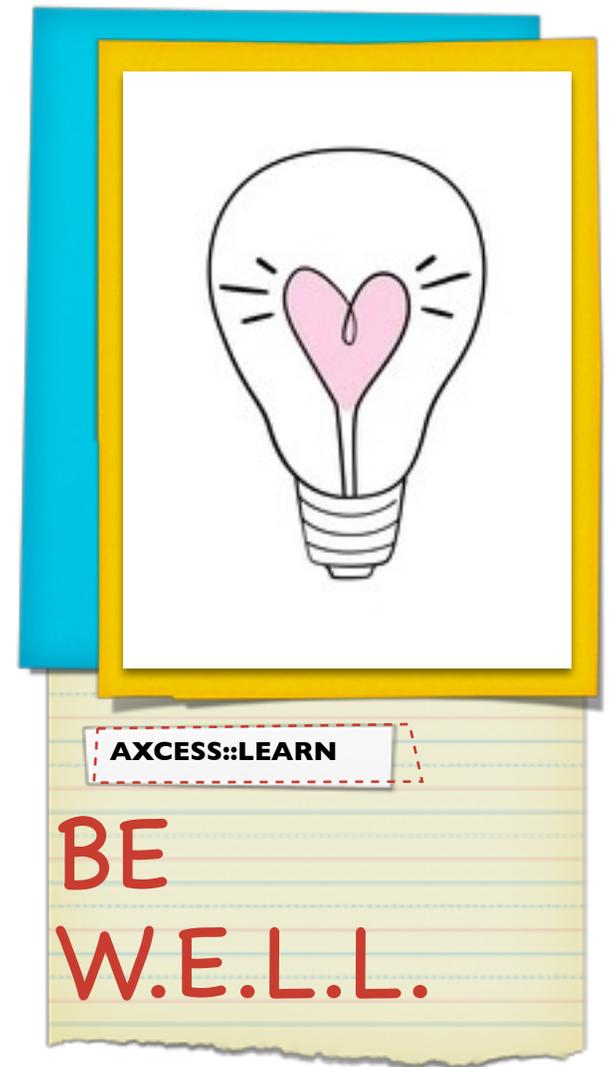




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**** Approaching Scripture through the Hebrew mindset and context can help us to appreciate more fully and to properly interpret what the passage is actually intending to communicate.*

^^study notes adapted from The Complete Jewish Study Bible, MacArthur Study Bible, & Torah Class



W is for WORSHIPPING

Psalms 150:6 / John 4:23-24 / *Exodus 20:1-11

>< Psalm - We were created to worship our Creator... it was built into His design when He fashioned mankind in His image. We are meant to bring honour to Him and to glorify Him!

>< John - The word “spirit” here doesn’t refer to the *Ruach HaKodesh* (Holy Spirit)...but it refers to the human spirit. Yeshua is making a point that a person must worship not simply by external conformity to religious rituals and places (outwardly) but inwardly (“in spirit”) with the proper heart attitude.

Our worship of God must be consistent with the revelation of God in Scripture. If we have no knowledge of God...there is no worship in truth.

What would worshipping in spirit without truth look like? Or worshipping in truth without spirit? It’s gotta be both!

>< Exodus :: A closer look at YHWH’s 10 Words

—1) God identified Himself by His proper Name and what He had done for His people.

—2) Worship and serve only YHWH

—3) If we profess to be believers in Father God and His Son, Yeshua...but then we act, think, and speak in a profane manner, we misrepresent God and His character. In doing so we dishonour and disrespect Him.

—4) We ought to be worshipping God every day...but we are instructed to cease from our work, to rest and enjoy worshipping our Creator. Be fully satisfied in Him!

E is for EXPECTANT

1 John 5:14-15 / Hebrews 11:1 / Psalm 62:5-6

>< 1 John - This is not talking about the “prosperity gospel.” How do we know that what we are asking is in accord with His will? It’s all laid out in the Scriptures.

When we know more about who God is and what His plans are...then we can be ever expectant...trusting, hoping an having faith in His faithfulness.

>< Hebrews - Can you trust where God is leading? Do you trust that He has a plan? Don’t expect the worst based on your fears and doubts...Live with expectation based on God’s truth and His promises. He is the same yesterday, today and forever! He does not change!

>< Psalm - If you are having difficulty knowing what to expect and in worshipping God...get started in Psalms! It is filled with heart-felt worship that keeps coming back to the truths of Who God is and remembering what He has done. Most chapters are short in length, but packed with inspiration, revelation, declaration and truth.

L is for LEARNING

Psalms 25:4-5 / Jeremiah 6:16 / Matthew 11:29 / John 14:26

>< Psa / Jer / Matt - How can we know YHWH’s ways? The “good way” is found in the ancient paths. The ancient paths refer to YHWH’s Word, His ways, His Torah that He revealed to Moses. The Torah is where the good way is. Every other path ultimately leads to destruction. Learn Torah, learn His ways and keep on the path He has already placed before you.

God’s Word was manifested in the flesh in the person of His Son, Yeshua. When we look at these passages we can gain a greater appreciation of what Yeshua was saying in John 14:6 when He said, “I AM the WAY, and the TRUTH, and the LIFE. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

>< John - How can we walk in the way of Yeshua if we can’t physically see Him today? Just as God’s Word was manifested in the person of Yeshua...His Word is now manifested through the *Ruach HaKodesh* (the Holy Spirit).

L is for LIGHT

Genesis 1:1-5 / Ephesians 5:8-10 / John 8:12 / 2 Corinthians 4:6 / Matthew 5:14

>< Genesis - The Hebrew word for light used here is *owr* meaning “illumination, enlightenment” and is closely associated with life and joy and goodness. The Hebrew word *choshek* is used for darkness, expresses a sense of blindness, misery, falsehoods and ignorance. It means “something that leads to death and destruction.”

>< Eph / John / 2 Cor / Matt - From the very beginning God has been concerned with revelation, illumination and enlightenment. He is all about His Name, His glory and making Himself known to His creation. He presents Himself as Father and Yeshua as His Son...and those who believe and WORSHIP Him, TRUST Him, LEARN from Him, and WALK IN OBEDIENCE to Him are His family.

NOTES

If you want to LIVE WELL...remember to BE WELL

Be Ever::Worshipping

Be Ever::Expectant

Be Ever::Learning

Be Ever::Light

**Ask a bout the ancient paths,
ask which one is the good way,
and walk in it!**

**Keep in step with the Ruach HaKodesh
and stay on the path
God has placed before you.**

Passages to consider::

Romans 12:1-2

1 - I exhort you, therefore, brothers, in view of God’s mercies, to offer yourselves as a sacrifice, living and set apart for God. This will please Him; it is the logical “Temple worship” for you.

2 - In other words, do not let yourselves be conformed to the standards of the *’olah hazeh* (this age, this world with its supernatural values and customs). Instead, keep letting yourselves be transformed by the renewing of your minds; so that you will know what God wants and will agree that what He wants is good, satisfying and able to succeed.

1 John 2:3-6

3 - The way we can be sure we know Him is if we are obeying His commands.

4 - Anyone who says “I know Him,” but isn’t obeying His commands is a liar—the truth is not in him.

5 - But if someone keeps doing what He says, then truly love for God has been brought to its goal in him. This is how we are sure we are united with Him.

6 - A person who claims to be continuing in union with Him ought to conduct his life the way He did.