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#### INTRODUCTION

There is a great and constantly growing interest in the study of the English Bible in these days. But very much of the so-called study of the English Bible is unintelligent and not fitted to produce the most satisfactory results. The author of this book already has a book entitled "How to Study the Bible for Greatest Profit," but that book is intended for those who have much time to put into thorough Bible study.

The present book is intended, first of all, to impress men with the Importance and Value of Bible Study; secondly, to show busy men and women how to get the most out of their Bible Study; thirdly, to set forth the fundamental prin-

ciples of correct Biblical Interpretation.

The book really consists of four sermons delivered to the members of my own church and congregation in Los Angeles. There were not a few children in the congregation, but they were all interested, long as the sermons were, and seemed to grasp the main points of the sermons. So I am confident the book will be helpful even to those who have but little education. Some in the congregation who are themselves in educational work, both secular and religious, have expressed their

appreciation of the help received from the sermons.

If one desires to go into the subject more thoroughly it is suggested that he secure the author's book already mentioned, "How to Study the Bible for Greatest Profit." This book will probably be followed soon by one upon the most fruitful methods of thorough Bible Study.

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#### CHAPTER I

#### THE IMPORTANCE AND VALUE OF BIBLE STUDY

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his scason; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."—Psalm 1:1-3.

Our subject this morning is "The Importance and Value of Bible Study." You will find the text in Psalm 1:1-3—"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

There has, perhaps, never been an age that set such great store by study as that in which we now live. The unfortunate thing about it is that so