

# Preparation for the Study of YHWH's Word

The purpose of any study is to find more and more of YHWH's truth from His Word, the Tanach and the Apostolic Writings, known to most people as the Bible.

Paul reminds us that we need to be transformed or changed, so that we can discern (prove/test/check) what is the good and pleasing will of YHWH. We do this by the renewing of our minds. How do we renew our minds ? By doing the four things I have listed below.

## **Rom 12:2**

*And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you prove what is that good and well-pleasing and perfect desire of Elohim.*

Before I begin any study, I am ask my audience to do four things.

Firstly, pray to only receive YHWH's (the Creator) truth, and to not be deceived by any false information.

Secondly, I challenge my audience to choose to have an open, teachable mind. To do this, I ask them to mentally put on the table near them, any ideas they may have about the topic covered. By doing this, they are allowing the ideas presented, to come into their mind for consideration. There is an old saying "If you love something, set it free. If it comes back, it's yours; if not, it never was". So if at the end of this topic, individuals decide that none of it is worthwhile, they can take back all of their previous ideas and continue their life as it was. If they decide that some or all of what is presented is useful and helpful to them, they can take those ideas into their belief system and use them to develop their belief system further. This is what having an open, teachable mind means !

Thirdly, **please don't believe what I have written** ! It is vital that you do your own research. In the Apostolic Writings, the apostle Paul tells the Thessalonians in his first letter to them, in chapter 5, verse 21, to "test all things".

## **1 Thes 5:21**

***Test all things***

Acts 17:11 describes what the Bereans did when Paul taught them – they checked (searched) the scriptures (The Tanach) daily, to see if what he said was correct.

**Acts 17:11**

*These (the Bereans) were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and **searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.***

Fourthly, please remember why we are doing this study. In 2 Tim 2:15, Paul reminds Timothy (and us) :

**2 Tim 2:15**

***Study to show yourself approved unto YHWH, a workman that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.***