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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
St. John 1:1

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

STUDY THE BIBLE

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Studying increases word power by enlarging one's vocabulary. But in the study of the Bible be careful with the Bible's use and meaning of words.

The spiritual meaning of a word may not be clear from a dictionary. For example, the word 'field.' Webster's dictionary says a field is: a) an open country; b) a piece of land put to some special use; c) a place where a battle is fought, while the Bible's use of the word field is completely

different. In Matthews 13:38, the field is the world. So then, if the field is the world, that changes certain stories of the Bible.

The story of Cain and Abel, Gen. 4; the story of Esau and Jacob, Gen. 25:29, the story of the prodigal son, Luke 15:25. When Cain killed Abel they were in the field; when Jacob bought the birthright, Esau came in from the field. The prodigal son's brother came from the field. Study these three stories



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knowing that the field does not necessarily mean that they were working, but were into

something worldly.

Now take the simple word 'milk,' that white

liquid from mammals, that feeds their young. Almost everybody knows what milk is. But not so with the Bible. In the Bible, Heb. 5:13, milk is unskillful use of the Word of God.

So the command to study is mandatory, because the Kingdom of God is a Kingdom of Priests. All in the kingdom are priests. II Pet. 2:9-10 and under the Levitical priesthood the people received the law; Heb. 7:11. So it is now the unsaved must receive knowledge from the people of God (Priests).

If the priests are the in-

structors of the law we must study the laws of God. Yes, I said laws; not law. For there are laws under Grace. These three laws are in Romans 8:2. There is the law of life; the law of sin; and the law of death. The royal law is found in James 2:8, and John 13:34.

In our next epic we will explore the difference in the law of God and the law of the Lord.

To study, increase knowledge. It takes thinking to know; it takes knowing to do; it takes study for both.

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A lot more could be done on those two fronts to stimulate affirmative support for fair housing.

To secure voluntary compliance, the Department of Housing and Urban Development has

signed voluntary affirmative marketing agreements with industry trade organizations. Unfortunately, some of these have been seen more as peace treaties than as honest commitments to expand housing opportunities.

HUD's major education effort is an annual April conference on fair housing. But most of the attendees are the con-

verted — the practitioners of fair housing — not the violators.

HUD can and should do a lot more on the education and voluntary

compliance front.

One way it could act positively is to revive the long-dormant plan called New Horizons. This is a program tying

together the education, conciliation, voluntary compliance and program administration requirements of the law.

It is simply not enough

to stress the enforcement side of compliance. Enforcement has to be joined by vigorous promotion of fair housing and changed attitudes.

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