



Sermon Outlines by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.*

**Give Heed to Reading (1 Timothy 4:13)**

**I. Introduction:**

1. A couple of weeks ago, the number of electronic books (Kindle, Nook, etc.) exceeded the sales numbers of printed books. **Text**- "till I come" means "while you wait."
2. That people are reading is good – that most of the book sales are among adults is not good!
3. **Romans 10:13-15** For "whoever **calls** on the name of the LORD shall be saved." How then shall they **call on Him** in whom they have **not believed**? And how shall they **believe in Him** of whom they have not **heard**? And how shall **they hear without a preacher**? And how shall **they preach** unless **they are sent**?"

**THOUGHT: How shall anyone read the Bible without first learning to read?**

4. **Revelation 1:3** (Read, Heed, Need) **cf Deuteronomy 4:5-8**

**II. Discussion:**

**A. Read (Greek *anaginosko* - recognize, know accurately, read)**

1. **Jesus chided the Jews** for their obvious lack of exposure to the Scriptures ("dark ages"?):
  - a) **Matthew 12:3-4, 5** - about David and priests exemptions
  - b) **Matthew 19:4-5** - about creation of marriage

- c) **Matthew 21:15-16** - about people's excitement over Him
- d) **Matthew 21:42-44** - about rejection of Jesus
- e) **Matthew 22:31-32** - about life after death
- f) **Matthew 24:15-16** - about Jerusalem's destruction
- g) **John 19:19-22** - Pilate's misrepresentation over the cross was for all the Jews to read

2. **Reading Scriptures is "lifeblood" of salvation:**

- a) **Acts 8:28-32** - Need Gospel for guidance
- b) **Ephesians 3:1-7** cf **Ephesians 3:44** - Read words of revelation
- c) **2 Corinthians 1:13** - Scriptures written to be read
- d) **2 Corinthians 3:1-3** - Christians are epistles, also
- e) **Colossians 4:16**; **1 Thessalonians 5:27** - Christians should cause Scripture to be read by other

B. **Heed (Understand what is being said!)**

- 1. **Nehemiah 8:6, 8** "So they **read distinctly** from the book, in the Law of God; and they **gave the sense**, and **helped them to understand** the reading."
- 2. **Acts 8:28-30** "And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go near and overtake this chariot.' So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, '**Do you understand what you are reading?**'"
- 3. **1 Timothy 4:13**

C. **Need (Don't walk away empty-headed!)**

- 1. "**give attention**" = "keep on putting your mind upon"
- 2. "**the reading**" = focusing on the letters/ words **Acts 13:15**
- 3. "**to exhortation,**" "**to doctrine**" follow "the reading"

### III. Conclusion:

1. ***What else is it unimportant to read and understand: traffic signs? Prescriptions? Textbooks?*** "He that has ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit says" has application as if He said, "he that has eyes to read, let him read:" **Mark 16:16.**