

Learning from Holy Scripture: Engaging with the Word of God Written

Prayer for Illumination for Day 2, [in Dr. Jonathan Gibson's Be Thou My Vision: A Liturgy for Daily Worship (Crossway, 2021)]

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(the collect for the Second Sunday of Advent, as it first appeared in 1549 in The Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England) [spelling modernized]

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Introduction

BACKGROUND:

Collects

Thomas Cranmer and The Book of Common Prayer

The Scriptural Ground of the Collect: Romans 15:4

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

The crafting of the collect from this verse:

all holy Scriptures whatever was written in former days

Patience and comfort old translation of the Greek, now *endurance* or *perseverance*, and *encouragement*

Blessed hope of everlasting life... we might have hope

FIVE WAYS TO ENGAGE WITH SCRIPTURE IN ORDER TO LEARN:

HEAR

The God who speaks

READ

MARK (STUDY)

LEARN (MEMORIZE)

INWARDLY DIGEST (MEDITATE)

CONCLUSION:

Why we need to learn from Scripture:
II Timothy 3: 15-17