



## WISDOM FROM BIBLE STUDENTS PAST

E.A. Elam, *Elam's Notes*, 1927, P. 19

DRL Note: Please find in this brief quote THE vital goal of teaching the Bible.

After all our study of the Bible, all we have learned and yet may learn of it, and after all our efforts to teach it to others, our own salvation depends altogether upon our PRACTICING it. “To him therefore that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin,” (James 4.17).

The ones who arranged these lessons place before us one grand “aim”—namely: “To discover, through a study of the teaching of Jesus and His apostles, the Christian way of living in our day.” This is the great purpose in studying the teaching of Him who spake as “never man spake.” But it must be remembered that “the Christian way of living in our day” is the same “Christian way of living” as it was in the days of the apostles. There has been no change. Christianity is the teaching of Christ, and Christian living is hearing and doing his “sayings.” Apart from His teaching there can be no Christian living. “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world” (Matthew 28.20).

No one, then, has ever really taught the Bible who has not fully impressed the absolute necessity of implicit obedience to it.