



III JOHN

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“Beloved, thou doest faithfully” (v.5)!

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“Open thou mine eyes, that I may [regard with pleasure] wondrous things out of thy law” (Ps.119:18)!

Remember to pray for Spirit-filling to understand and enjoy this study (Lk.11:13)!

Monday—prayerfully read III John, the shortest book in the Bible, twice. Take a verse with you for the day, perhaps v.5.

Tuesday—prayerfully continue to study III John.

1-5. One way to outline the book of III John is according to the following division of verses. Write a summarizing thought for each section.

verses 1-4 _____

verses 5-8 _____

verses 9-11 _____

verses 12 _____

verses 13-14 _____

6. Take a verse with you for the day, one from this letter that particularly blesses you.

Wednesday—prayerfully read III John, and paraphrase two or three verses (or thoughts) which “speak to you” (or bless you).

1-2. _____

3-4. _____

5-6. Third truth, or take a verse with you for the day (to keep percolating). _____

Thursday—continue to enjoy reading III John, and spend a little time answering the following question.

1-5. What do you suppose is included in the “receiving” referred to in v.8? Please try to give two or three possible thoughts (which I think will come to you as you “gaze upon” the expression within the passage). _____

6. Take a verse with you for the day, one from this letter that is “sobering,” perhaps v.9 (which is sobering in the sense that the natural desire of wanting recognition is insidious [“stealthily treacherous or deceitful”] and embarrassing—calling for public rebuke, at least in some cases).

Friday—prayerfully read III John 1-8, and answer the following.

1. Who wrote this letter, and to whom did he write it (v.1)?

2. What two things caused John to rejoice in v.3?

3. In a word, what had Gaius shown “to brethren and to strangers” (vs.5-6)? _____

4. Why especially did these people need help on their journey (vs.6-7)? _____

5. What allows us (even today) to be “fellow-helpers to the truth” (v.8)? _____

6. Take a verse with you for the day, perhaps v.8.

Saturday—prayerfully ponder III John 9-14, and answer the following.

1. What apparently had John done earlier to the church with which Gaius was connected (v.9)? _____
2. Here in v.9, we seem to be seeing another kind of “receiving”—what kind of receiving did not happen in this verse? _____
3. What doctrine was being misapplied by Diotrephes (v.9)? (Answering this question calls for a little bit of “mind-reading” on your part.) _____
4. What truth which was more fully developed as the theme of I John is touched on in v.11? _____

5. Who had good report of the truth in v.12? _____
6. Take a strengthening verse with you for the day, perhaps v.14.

Sunday—prayerfully review III John.

Take a verse with you for the day, perhaps v.4!