**Great Quotes On Bible Reading – By Various Authors**

Just Keep Eating

"Just because I can remember what food tastes like doesn't mean I should stop eating. Just because a guy can retrieve passages in his mind without looking at a book of the Bible doesn't mean he can stop meditating on and reading and speaking it." (Wes Callahan)

Bizarre Alliteracy

"One thing I noticed about evangelicals is that they do not read. They do not read the Bible, they do not read the great Christian thinkers, they have never heard of Aquinas. If they are Presbyterian, they've never read the founders of Presbyterianism. I do not understand that. As a Jew, that's confusing to me. The commandment of study is so deep in Judaism that we immerse ourselves in study. God gave us a brain; aren't we to use it in His service? When I walk into an Evangelical Christian's home and see a total of 30 books, most of them best sellers, I do not understand. I have bookcases of Christian books, and I am a Jew. Why do I have more Christian books than 98 percent of the Christians in America? That is so bizarre to me." (Dennis Prager)

Hearing God

“Let the man who would hear God speak, read Holy Scripture.” (Martin Luther)

Incomparability of the Bible

“When we read Demosthenes or Cicero, Plato, Aristotle or others of that class, I confess that, in a wonderful way, they will attract, charm and impress us, captivating our very minds. But if we pass from them to the reading of the holy Scriptures, they will, whether we like it or not, so transfix us, so cut us to the quick and lodge so deeply within us the tall the might of the rhetoricians and philosophers will be, in comparison with their power, mere smoke. From this it is easy to see that the holy Scriptures have a certain godlike quality of arousing men, because they far outstrip the finest gifts of human effort." (John Calvin)

Power of the Bible

"You Christians have in your keeping a document with enough dynamite in it to blow the whole of civilization to bits; to turn society upside down; to bring peace to this war-torn world. But you read it as if it were just good literature, and nothing else." (Mahatma Gandhi)

Bible Study Heals

“Years ago when I was seriously depressed, the thing that saved my sanity was a dry as dust grappling with Hosea’s prophecy. I spent weeks, morning by morning, making meticulous notes, checking historical allusions in the text, and slowly I began to sense the ground under my feet growing steadily firmer. I knew without any doubt that healing was springing from my struggle to grasp the meaning of the passage. If sufferers have any ability to concentrate, they should do solid, inductive Bible study rather than devotional reading, because in most depressed people, devotional reading is stopped all together or degenerated into something unhealthy and unhelpful." (John White)

Bible Reading Helps Us Live

“And I would like to tell you now quite personally: since I have learnt to read the Bible in this way - and this has not been for so very long - it becomes every day more wonderful to me. I read it in the morning and the evening, often during the day as well, and every day I consider a text which I have chosen for the whole week, and try to sink deeply into it, so as really to hear what it is saying. I know that without this I could not live properly any longer." (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

**The Holy Scriptures (2)**

O that I knew how all thy lights combine,

 And the configurations of their glory!

 Seeing not only how each verse doth shine,

But all the constellations of the story.

This verse marks that, and both do make a motion

 Unto a third, that ten leaves off doth lie:

 Then as dispersed herbs do watch a potion,

These three make up some Christian’s destiny:

Such are thy secrets, which my life makes good,

 And comments on thee: for in ev'rything

 Thy words do find me out, and parallels bring,

And in another make me understood.

 Stars are poor books, and oftentimes do miss:

 This book of stars lights to eternal bliss.

* George Herbert