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John Wesley's Notes On The Entire Bible



Synopsis

John Wesley - (1703-1791), preacher, theologian and founder of the Methodist Church. The Wesley family was made famous by the two brothers, John and Charles, who worked together in the rise of Methodism in the British Isles during the 18th century. They were among the ten children surviving infancy born to Samuel Wesley (1662 - 1735), Anglican rector of Epworth, Lincolnshire, and Susanna Annesley Wesley, daughter of Samuel Annesley, a dissenting minister. John Wesley was born June 28, 1703, died Mar. 2, 1791, and was the principal founder of the Methodist movement. His mother was important in his emotional and educational development. John's education continued at Charterhouse School and at Oxford, where he studied at Christ Church and was elected (1726) fellow of Lincoln College. He was ordained in 1728. After a brief absence (1727 - 29) to help his father at Epworth, John returned to Oxford to discover that his brother Charles had founded a Holy Club composed of young men interested in spiritual growth. John quickly became a leading participant of this group, which was dubbed the Methodists. His Oxford days introduced him not only to the rich tradition of classical literature and philosophy but also to spiritual classics like Thomas a Kempis's *Imitation of Christ*, Jeremy Taylor's *Holy Living and Dying*, and William Law's *Serious Call*. In 1735 both Wesleys accompanied James Oglethorpe to the new colony of Georgia, where John's attempts to apply his then high-church views aroused hostility. Discouraged, he returned (1737) to England; he was rescued from this discouragement by the influence of the Moravian preacher Peter Boehler. At a small religious meeting in Aldersgate Street, London, on May 24, 1738, John Wesley had an experience in which his "heart was strangely warmed." After this spiritual conversion, which centered on the realization of salvation by faith in Christ alone, he devoted his life to evangelism. Beginning in 1739 he established Methodist societies throughout the country. He traveled and preached constantly, especially in the London-Bristol-Newcastle triangle, with frequent forays into Wales, Ireland, and Scotland. He encountered much opposition and persecution, which later subsided. Late in life Wesley married Mary Vazeille, a widow. He continued throughout his life a regimen of personal discipline and ordered living. He died at 88, still preaching, still traveling, and still a clergyman of the Church of England. In 1784, however, he had given the Methodist societies a legal constitution, and in the same year he ordained Thomas Coke for ministry in the United States; this action signaled an independent course for Methodism.

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Navigating this entire work for notes on a particular book or section of the Bible is nearly impossible since there are no navigational aids or table of contents. The formatting is also non-existent. The only way to access the content of this book is to read it from the beginning to the end. That would be fine for some books but not for a reference work on the Bible. It is highly unlikely that the creator of this content tested this on a Kindle device or tried to use it themselves on this device. A complete waste of money which I'm going to attempt to recoup from the company. I also purchased another "Kindle" book from this same company and it suffers from the same problem. I hate to bash a company - especially one putting out such a valuable resource but the product is so unusable that I can't recommend this in good conscience to anyone else.

the only reason i didnt give this 5 stars is because there is no table of contents which makes it

extremely difficult to navigate. With that said Wesley's notes are so profoundly good that it is worth the struggle to get around. A little creativity with Kindle bookmarks and notes will help

Wesley was an amazing man who walked the talk. Like Luther, Christ, Aquinas, and Augustine, he has influenced the world like few others and he was never a political nor military leader. He was a simple itinerant preacher that rode on horseback over 270 thousand miles to reach people and deliver the Gospel. He was also very smart. Read the notes as you read the Bible and you will get and insight into this most pious man.

I found John Wesley's Notes on the Entire Bible fascinating reading if all I wanted to do was sit and read it through from beginning to end; but if I wanted to look up some notes on specific Bible passages I found the e-version of his Notes almost impossible to use. So it receives 5 stars for content, and 0 stars for usability, therefore 3 stars.

I should have read the other reviews first but it was cheap. You cannot search nor is there a table of contents or any index. Unless you are planning on reading the Bible in order from Genesis along with the notes or have lots of patience in trial and error navigation then it is truly worthless.

My only complaint is that there is no way to navigate from one area to another. My interest are not to page straight thru this type of book. I like to be able to easily go to any particular scripture I am studying to see what the author has to say about it. That is not easy to do with these "Notes". The "Notes" themselves are excellent!

John Wesley brings the bible closer to the common person. Simple explanations and lots to mull over. The Bible has stood the test of time. It has proven to be a good philosophy to follow even for persons that are not believers. However, as a believer it brings God so much closer to you. John shares his insight on the Bible in a wonderful way. I enjoyed using it. You use it not just read it.

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