

# aboriginal BIBLE ACADEMY

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With the recent observance of Easter early in April and remembering the amazing sacrifice the Lamb of God provided for us, I was reminded of an article I came across Several years ago that offered an interesting insight on Psalm 23 and the declaration, “He anoints my head with oil”. Like the author of that article, I typically always thought of that statement within Psalm 23 as being primarily figurative, harkening to the practice of priests being symbolically “anointed” for ministry and I was never aware of this parallel.

Apparently, **“Sheep can get their head caught in briars and die trying to get untangled. There are horrid little flies that like to torment sheep by laying eggs in their nostrils which turn into worms and drive the sheep to beat their head against a rock, sometimes to death.**

***Their ears and eyes are also susceptible to tormenting insects. So, the shepherd anoints their whole head with oil. Then there is peace. That oil forms a barrier of protection against the natural evil that tries to destroy the sheep.”***

You can't escape the obvious connection being made here. That protective “anointing oil” for us today is the Word of God. His Word is something that we must apply to our heads, hearts and lives continually.

His Word protects and makes it possible for all of us to fix our heart, mind, and eyes on Him today and always!

Psalm 119:50 declares, **“This is my comfort in my affliction, that Your word has revived me.”**

This is the imperative that drives us here at Aboriginal Bible Academy. We strive to equip the believer (be they a pastor or the person in the pew) to become not just a lover of the Word but a doer also, being transformed and used as an instrument in God's hands to not only be comforted themselves but to become administrators of comfort through His Word to others.



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# Resource Feature (Contact our office for more information)

Would you like to ...

**KNOW GOD'S PERSPECTIVE  
ON PRAISE AND WORSHIP?**

**EXPERIENCE PRAISE AND  
WORSHIP?**

When you asked Christ into your heart and life, you were born in God's family. He had already shown His love to you by sending Jesus to die in your stead. He continues to show you His love by answering your prayers and meeting your needs.

You in turn have responded by accepting what He offered you and by thanking Him for His many blessings. But your heart is reaching out to do more. You want to express your love further. As you grow in your Christian life, your desire to worship the Lord grows—and that desire must be fulfilled.

To understand what Christian worship is, we must learn it from God's Word. This course provides the opportunity to understand and to practice this vital

means of expression toward God. The course teaches about God's power, presence, and intervention as we open our hearts to Him. Study it to bring a new dimension into your faith and walk with the Lord

*The Christian Life Series is an 18 course study, divided into three units of six courses each, to help students grow in their relationship with Christ, interact with the Word of God, and better understand God's purposes for their life.*



  
CHRISTIAN LIFE SERIES



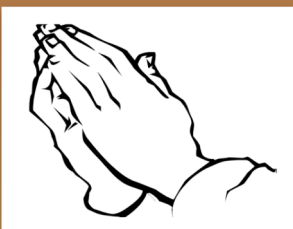
**Christian Worship**  
is Course 4 in Unit 2

Learn more  
about our  
discipleship  
RESOURCES  
from our  
Website



## What's Ahead?

**PLEASE  
REMEMBER  
to PRAY for  
ABA!**



We continue to work towards more robust online offerings of our training and equipping resources. Navigating the realities of internet infrastructure within our more remote locations can be a challenge but we are making headway and are on the cusp of launching a couple of distant learning sites.

It's exciting to see how God makes a way despite distance, challenges with technology and current COVID travel restrictions.

We remain committed to reaching every Indigenous believer with the tools and resources that are crucial for effective ministry preparation.



# Your Giving - Valued, needed and so easy to do!

Back in the spring of 2018 we launched a fundraising campaign called **2020 Vision**. It was a simple initiative encouraging individuals, families as well as churches to commit to support Aboriginal Bible Academy at \$20 a month. The idea was that if just 20 people gave \$20 per month, it would amount to almost \$5,000 raised towards the training and equipping of Indigenous leaders across the country. The initiative garnered some good traction and many of you responded favourably. Thank you!

The fact is, many of you over the past 10+ years have been wonderfully faithful supporters of this ministry, either through quarterly, bi-monthly or monthly giving, while still many others of you have given periodically over that same time period. Words cannot fully express the deep appreciation we have for you and your sacrificial efforts shown in such a tangible way.

***There are several ways in which you can give!***

Giving can be done from our website at <https://www.aboriginalbibleacademy.ca/pages/support>.

If you have a Tithe.ly account, your gift can happen right from the app on your phone. Just type "Aboriginal Bible Academy" in the search bar and you'll be taken to our pay portal.

If you are familiar with the charities organization Canada Helps, feel free to navigate to their website (<https://www.canadahelps.org>) and search for "Aboriginal Bible Academy".

And finally, for those of you who may have a Paypal account, a little-known fact is PayPal has a charitable arm in Canada called **PayPal Giving Fund Canada**. If you were to go to their website, <https://www.paypal.com/ca/fundraiser/hub> and type in "Aboriginal Bible Academy" you would have the opportunity to give, through your paypal account, a charitable gift. The great news with this method is that **PayPal will not take any fees from this online transaction**. Every dollar you donate will reach us!

***Cast your bread  
upon the waters,  
For you will find  
it after many  
days.  
Ecclesiastes 11:1***

## Partner With Us!

**YES!**

I want to support ABA in the ongoing development of Aboriginal Leadership across Canada!

*(Receipts are provided for donations of \$10 or more)*

**HERE IS MY MONTHLY GIFT IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

(See reverse for cheque & credit card processing details)

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