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Mr Jacob Halsey



Re: Your Letter to Bethel

Dear Brother Halsey:

We are replying to your letter of August 18, 2021, in which you raise a question based on your personal study. We are pleased to reply.

First, we warmly commend you for your diligent efforts in personal study. Nevertheless, we feel sure you will understand that we are simply not able to analyse and answer all questions resulting from an individual's research. (Isa. 48:17) When doing personal study, we are encouraged to try and discern the practical application we can make to our own life. (Proverbs 3:2) You may find it helpful to review the "Questions From Readers" article found on page 32 of *The Watchtower of* October 15, 2011.

Naturally, while studying the Bible and our publications, questions may come to mind. However, if we remember that Jehovah is using "the faithful and discreet slave" to feed His servants during this time of the end, we can be assured that any statements made by that slave are trustworthy and harmonize with Bible teachings. (Matthew 24:45-47) Likewise, it is reasonable to expect that as the light of truth gets progressively brighter, some adjustments in understanding may be published.—Proverbs 4:18.

We hope these brief comments are helpful to you as you continue to find opportunity to "preach the word of God" in your locality. (Colossians 1:25) Of course, if you require further assistance, please feel free to speak with one of your local elders.—Isaiah 32:1, 2.

Please accept our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

Christian Congregation. of Jekovan's Witnesses