

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

7/30 – Ps 59-61, Acts 28:16-31
7/31 – Ps 62-64, Rom 1
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8/3 – Ps 70-72, Rom 4
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PSALMS

BIBLE BLURB (from @biblesummary)

Ps59: Deliver me from my enemies, O God. Each evening they return, howling like dogs. Destroy them in wrath! You, O God, are my fortress.

Ps60: O God, you have rejected us, broken us. Now restore us! God has promised: "Judah is my sceptre." O grant us help against the enemy!

Ps61: Hear my cry, O God! Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. Prolong the life of the king. So I will ever sing praise to your name.

Ps62: My soul waits for God alone. He alone is my rock and my salvation. Trust in him at all times, O people. Power and love belong to God.

Ps63: O God, you are my God. My soul thirsts for you. Your love is better than life. My lips will sing your praise. Liars will be silenced.

Ps64: Hear me, O God! Hide me from the plots of the wicked, who ambush the blameless. God will bring them to ruin. Let the upright be glad!

Ps65: Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion. By awesome deeds you answer us. You silence the roaring seas. You crown the year with abundance.

Ps66: Shout for joy to God! Come and see what he has done. He has not let our feet slip. I will make an offering. God has heard my prayer.

Ps67: May God be gracious to us, and make his face to shine upon us. Let the peoples praise you, O God! The earth has yielded its increase.

Ps68: Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered! Kings and armies flee. Our God is a God who saves. Sing to him, O kingdoms of the earth!

Ps69: Save me, O God! I endure scorn for your sake. Rescue me from the mire. My foes are all known to you. Let your salvation protect me!

Ps70: Make haste to help me, O God! May those who seek my life be put to shame. May all who seek you rejoice. O LORD, do not delay.

Ps71: In you, O LORD, I take refuge. Do not forsake me when my strength fails. I will tell of your righteousness. I will praise you, O God.

Ps72: Give the king your justice, O God. May he defend the cause of the poor. May all kings fall down before him. Blessed be the LORD!

Ps73: Surely God is good to the pure in heart. I envied the wicked until I saw their end. They are swept away. God is my portion forever.

Ps74: O God, why have you rejected us? Foes have defiled your sanctuary. How long will they mock? You are king from of old. Rise up, O God!

Ps75: We give thanks to you, O God. "I say to the boastful, 'Do not boast.'" God is the judge. The wicked will drain the dregs of his cup.

Ps76: God is known in Judah. You are glorious, more majestic than the mountains. The earth feared and was still when God arose to judgement.

Ps77: In the day of trouble I sought the LORD. Has he withdrawn his compassion? You are the God of wonders. Your path led through the sea.

Ps78: God worked miracles in Egypt. He brought his people to the holy land. They rebelled and he rejected them. He chose David to tend them.

ACTS

OUTLINE

- I. Telling the Good News in Jerusalem (1:1-8:3)
- II. The Good News in Judea and Samaria (8:4-12:25)
- III. Paul's First Journey to Tell the Good News (13:1-14:28)
- IV. An Important Decision in Jerusalem (15:1-35)

- V. Paul's Second Journey to Tell the Good News (15:36-18:22)
- VI. Paul's Third Journey to Tell the Good News (18:23-21:16)
- VII. Paul's Arrest in Jerusalem (21:17-23:22)
- VIII. Paul is Taken to Caesarea (23:23-26:23)
- IX. Paul is Taken to Rome (27:1-28:31)

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Acts28: On Malta Paul healed all who had diseases. We came to Rome. Paul lived under house arrest. He proclaimed the kingdom of God to all.

ROMANS

Paul wrote this letter to introduce himself and his message to the church at Rome. He had never been to this important city, although he knew the names of many Christians there and hoped to visit them soon. Paul tells them that he is an apostle, chosen to preach the good news. And the message he proclaims "is God's powerful way of saving all people who have faith, whether they are Jews or Gentiles."

Paul reminds his readers, "All of us have sinned and fallen short of God's glory." But how can we be made acceptable to God? This is the main question that Paul answers in this letter. He begins by showing how everyone has failed to do what God requires. The Jews have not obeyed the Law of Moses, and the Gentiles have refused even to think about God, although God has spoken to them in many different ways.

OUTLINE

- I. Paul and His Message of Good News (1:1-17)
- II. Everyone is Guilty (1:18-3:20)
- III. God's Way of Accepting People (3:21-4:25)
- IV. A new Life for God's People (5:1-8:39)
- V. What About the People of Israel (9:1-11:36)
- VI. How to Live the New Life of Love (12:1-15:13)
- VII. Paul's Plans and Personal Greetings (15:14-16:27)

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Rom1: Paul, to the saints in Rome. I am eager to preach the gospel to you. The unrighteous have no excuse. God gave them up to their lusts.

Rom2: In judging you condemn yourself. The doers of the law will be justified. Do you boast in the law but break it? A Jew is one inwardly.

Rom3: The Jews were given the oracles of God. But no one is justified by the law. All have sinned and are justified through faith in Jesus.

Rom4: Abraham was counted righteous by faith before he was circumcised. He is the father of all who believe. The promise depends on faith.

Rom5: Therefore we rejoice in hope. While we were sinners, Christ died for us. As sin came through one man, so grace abounds through Christ.

Rom6: We were baptised into Christ's death. So consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God. Offer yourselves to God for righteousness.

Rom7: You have died to the law. Is the law sin? No, sin produced death in me. I do not do what I want to do. My flesh serves the law of sin.

Getting to Know God Through His Book - 4 Questions - Ask...

Insight—what does the passage say? Paraphrase the main point(s) and the commands to follow, promises to claim, examples to follow (or avoid), etc.

Question—what don't I understand? Need to know more about? How does this passage make me feel?

Praise—what does this passage teach me about God? Turn what the passage says into praise for the Lord's goodness, power, holiness, wisdom, etc.

Apply—what is God saying to me from this passage? Confess how you have not followed it. Pray, asking God to help you obey. Get quiet and ask God to speak to you.

Journal—write out your prayers, thoughts, responses to God and His Word

HOW TO PRAY

Scripture is God speaking to us. Prayer is us speaking to and listening to God. Jesus gave us the model in the Lord's Prayer (Mt 6). Keep your relationship fresh with the Lord by both reading and praying - two way communication. Remember to look up like Jesus did when He prayed.

1. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name – focus on God, adore, praise, thank Him – long to see His glory and honor.
2. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done – ask for what you know will please Him, pray back the Scripture – that is His will.
3. Give us this day our daily bread – ask for your needs and others to be met.
4. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us – ask for forgiveness, from God, and from others you may have hurt. Ask God to help you forgive and restore others too. Ask Him to get rid of bitterness and have love & compassion for those who have hurt you.
5. And lead us not into temptation – ask God to take over your day, protect you and others from evil.
6. For thine is the kingdom, power & glory – end by re-focusing on God, His kingdom, power, and glory!
7. Listen – ask God to speak to you by His Spirit – always test what you hear by His Word.
8. Pray the Blind Bartimaeus Prayer (Mark 10) – Tell God what you feel, what you want, and ask God what you should do to get what you want (if what you want is right).