

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

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PSALMS

BIBLE BLURB (from @biblesummary)

Ps116: I love the LORD, for he heard my cry. When I was brought low, he saved me. What can I give for all his goodness? I will keep my vows.

Ps117: Praise the LORD! For great is his love towards us.

Ps118: Give thanks to the LORD; for his love endures forever! The nations surrounded me; I cut them off! The LORD has become my salvation.

Ps119: Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD. Teach me your decrees. I love your commands. Deliver me according to your promise.

Ps120: In my distress I cry to the LORD. Deliver me from a deceitful tongue. Woe to me! Too long have I lived among those who hate peace.

Ps121: I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the LORD. He who keeps you will not slumber. The LORD will keep you from all evil.

Ps122: I was glad when they said, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" The tribes go up to give thanks. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Ps123: As the eyes of servants look to their master, so our eyes look to the LORD. Have mercy on us! For we have endured much contempt.

Ps124: If the LORD had not been on our side, attackers would have swallowed us alive. We have escaped. Our help is in the name of the LORD.

Ps125: Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved. Do good, O LORD, to those who are good. Peace be upon Israel.

Ps126: When the LORD brought back the captives, we were like dreamers. He has done great things. Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy.

Ps127: Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.

Ps128: Blessed are all who fear the LORD. You will eat the fruit of your labour. May the LORD bless you from Zion all the days of your life.

Ps129: They have greatly oppressed me from my youth. But the LORD has cut the cords of the wicked. May all who hate Zion be put to shame!

Ps130: I cry to you, O LORD! If you kept a record of sins, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness. O Israel, hope in the LORD!

Ps131: My heart is not proud, O LORD. I have quietened my soul, like a weaned child with its mother. O Israel, put your hope in the LORD.

Ps132: Remember, O LORD, how David vowed, "I will find a place for the LORD." The LORD has chosen Zion: "This is my resting place forever."

Ps133: How good it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil upon the head. There the LORD commanded his blessing.

Ps134: Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD! Lift up your hands to the sanctuary. May the LORD bless you from Zion.

Ps135: Praise the LORD! He is above all gods. He struck down many nations. Their idols are but silver and gold. O Israel, bless the LORD!

1 CORINTHIANS

Although this letter is called the First Letter to the Corinthians, it is not really the first one that Paul wrote to this church. We know this because he mentions in this letter that he had written one before. The Christians in Corinth had also written to him, and part of First Corinthians contains Paul's answers to questions they had asked.

Corinth is a large port city in southern Greece. Paul began his work there in a Jewish meeting place, but he had to move next door to the home of a Gentile who had become a follower of Jesus. Most of the followers in Corinth were poor people, though some of them were wealthy, and one was even the city treasurer. While he was in Corinth, Paul worked as a tentmaker to earn a living.

Paul was especially concerned about the way the Corinthian Christians were always arguing and dividing themselves into groups and about the way they treated one another. These are two of Paul's main concerns as he writes this letter. But he also wants to answer the questions they asked him about marriage and food offered to idols. Paul encourages them to worship God the right way and to be firm in their belief that God has given them victory over death.

Love, Paul tells them, is even more important than faith or hope. All of the problems in the church could be solved, if all the members would love one another, as Christians should.

OUTLINE

- I. Paul's Greeting and Prayer (1:1-9)
- II. A Call for Unity (1:10-4:21)
- III. Problems in Relationships (5:1-7:40)
- IV. Honoring God Instead of Idols (8:1-11:1)
- V. Guidance for Worship and Church Life (11:2-14:40)
- VI. Christ's Victory Over Death (15:1-58)
- VII. An Offering for the Poor (16:1-4)
- VIII. Paul's Travel Plans (16:5-12)
- IX. Personal Concerns and Greetings (16:13-24)

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1Cor2: I knew nothing among you except Christ crucified. We speak the wisdom of God. Through the Spirit we know what God has freely given.

1Cor3: You are still infants. One follows Paul, another Apollos. We are co-workers with God. Christ is the foundation. You are God's temple.

1Cor4: Think of us as stewards of the mysteries of God. You are kings already? We are fools for Christ. I admonish you as my dear children.

1Cor5: You boast about the sexual immorality among you. You should deliver that man to Satan. But I am not judging those outside the church.

1Cor6: Do you take one another to court? Why not rather be wronged? Your body is not for sexual immorality, it is a temple of the Spirit.

1Cor7: It is good to stay unmarried, but better to marry than to burn with lust. Each should live as God has called. I want you to be free.

1Cor8: About food offered to idols: An idol is nothing. There is only one God. But if food makes my brother stumble I will never eat meat.

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).