

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

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PSALMS

BIBLE BLURB (from @biblesummary)

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!

Ps136: Give thanks to the LORD, his love endures; who spread out the earth, his love endures; who led Israel out of Egypt, his love endures.

Ps137: By the rivers of Babylon, we wept when we remembered Zion. How can we sing the LORD's song? O Babylon, happy the one who repays you!

Ps138: I give you thanks, O LORD! All the kings of the earth will praise you. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life.

Ps139: O LORD, you have known me. Where can I go from your Spirit? You knit me together in my mother's womb. Search me and know my heart.

Ps140: Rescue me, O LORD, from evildoers; protect me from the violent. You are my God, my salvation. The LORD executes justice for the poor.

Ps141: O LORD, may my prayer be as incense. Do not turn my heart to evil. Let the righteous rebuke me. Keep me from the traps of the wicked.

Ps142: I cry out to the LORD! When my spirit is faint, you know my path. Save me from my persecutors! You will deal bountifully with me.

Ps143: Hear my prayer, O LORD! My enemy has crushed my life. My soul thirsts for you. Teach me the way I should go. Destroy my adversaries.

Ps144: Blessed be the LORD, who trains my hands for war. O LORD, reach down and rescue me! May there be no cry of distress in our streets.

Ps145: I will exalt you, my God and King. All you have made will praise you. The LORD is faithful. He is near to all who call upon him.

Ps146: Praise the LORD, O my soul! Do not trust in mortal men. The LORD executes justice for the oppressed. He watches over the fatherless.

Ps147: It is good to sing praises to our God! He counts the stars. He lifts up the humble. Praise the LORD! He declares his word to Israel.

Ps148: Praise the LORD from the heavens! Praise him, sun and moon! Praise the LORD from the earth! Young and old together, praise the LORD!

Ps149: Praise the LORD! Let Israel rejoice in their maker. The LORD takes delight in his people. Let swords be in their hands for judgement.

Ps150: Praise the LORD! Praise him with trumpet and strings! Praise him with loud cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

PROVERBS

The book of Proverbs is a collection of sayings that were used in ancient Israel to teach God's people how to live right. For the most part, these sayings go back to Solomon, but others are traced back to Agur and King Lemuel.

Like the psalms, all the proverbs are written in poetic form. A typical proverb takes the form of a short verse in which the first half states the theme and the second half echoes it. What makes the Bible's proverbs so popular is that they make such powerful statements with very few words. This makes them easy to memorize and apply to daily life.

One of the main teachings in Proverbs is that all wisdom is a gift from God. This wisdom supplies practical advice for everyday living, in the home, in society, in politics, at school, and at work. The book of Proverbs also teaches the importance of fairness, humility, loyalty, and concern for the poor and needy.

Because most proverbs are so brief, and make their point in one verse, many are often not connected to those around them. In some parts of the book, however, a common theme can be found.

OUTLINE

- I. Introduction: How Proverbs Can Be Used (1:1-7)
- II. Parental Advice on the Importance of Seeking Wisdom and Not Being Foolish (1:8-7:27)
- III. In Praise of Wisdom (8:1-35)
- IV. Wisdom's Feast (9:1-18)
- V. Solomon's Wise Sayings (10:1-24:34)
- VI. More of Solomon's Wise Sayings (25:1-29:27)
- VII. The Sayings of Agur (30:1-33)
- VIII. What King Lemuel's Mother Taught Him (31:1-31)

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Prv1: The proverbs of Solomon. My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. Wisdom calls aloud. The complacency of fools destroys them.

Prv2: My son, apply your heart to understanding. For the LORD gives wisdom. It will save you from the way of evil, and from the adulteress.

Prv3: My son, trust in the LORD with all your heart. Do not despise his discipline. Wisdom is a tree of life. Do not quarrel without cause.

Prv4: Listen, my sons: Get wisdom. The path of the righteous is like the morning sun. Guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

1 CORINTHIANS

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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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.

1Cor9: You are the seal of my apostleship. Do we not have the right to material support? But I made myself a servant to all for the gospel.

1Cor10: Do not desire evil as our fathers did. God will make you able to endure temptation. Flee from idolatry. Do all to the glory of God.

1Cor11: The head of a woman is her husband. I hear that some go hungry when you meet! With the bread and cup you proclaim the Lord's death.

1Cor12: Now there are various spiritual gifts, but one Spirit. If the whole body were an eye, how would it hear? You are the body of Christ.

1Cor13: Without love I am nothing. Love is patient, does not boast, endures all things. Tongues will cease, but faith, hope and love remain.

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).