

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

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PSALMS

BIBLE BLURB (from @biblesummary)

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.

Ps79: O God, the nations have invaded and shed blood like water. How long, O LORD? Save us for your name's sake. Make your vengeance known!

Ps80: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel! How long will you be angry? Restore us, O God. Watch over the vine that you planted. Restore us, O God.

Ps81: Sing aloud to God our strength. I hear a voice: "I am the LORD. Oh, that my people would listen to me! I would subdue their enemies."

Ps82: God judges among the gods: "How long will you judge unjustly? Defend the weak. You are all gods, but you shall die." Arise, O God!

Ps83: O God, do not keep silent! Your enemies make plans against your people. Edom, Moab, Amalek and Philistia. Let them be put to shame.

Ps84: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD! A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. For the LORD is a sun and shield.

Ps85: O LORD, you forgave the iniquity of your people. Restore us again! Surely his salvation is at hand. Love and faithfulness will meet.

Ps86: Hear, O LORD, and answer me. Save your servant! You alone are God. I will glorify your name forever. Show me a sign of your favour.

Ps87: Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God. The LORD will write in the register of the peoples: "This one was born in Zion."

Ps88: O LORD, day and night I cry out to you. You have put me in the darkest depths. Do the dead rise up to praise you? I am in despair.

Ps89: I will sing of the mercies of the LORD. You said, "I will establish the throne of David forever." O Lord, where is your love of old?

Ps90: Lord, you have been our dwelling place. All our days pass away under your wrath. Return, O LORD! Have compassion on your servants!

Ps91: I will say of the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress." His faithfulness will be your shield. He will command his angels to guard you.

Ps92: It is good to give thanks to the LORD. How great are your works! Your enemies shall perish. The righteous flourish in your courts.

Ps93: The LORD reigns! Your throne is established from of old. The LORD is mightier than the sea. Holiness adorns your house forever.

Ps94: O LORD, God of vengeance, shine forth! How long will the wicked exult? The LORD will not reject his people. He will repay the corrupt.

Ps95: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! He is the King above all gods. Oh come, let us worship and bow down! Do not harden your hearts.

Ps96: Sing to the LORD! Declare his glory among the nations. Worship the LORD in holy splendour. He will judge the world in righteousness.

Ps97: The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice! Fire goes before him. The heavens declare his righteousness. Give thanks to his holy name!

Ps98: Sing to the LORD! He has remembered his steadfast love. Make a joyful noise before the King. He will judge the world in righteousness.

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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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.

Rom8: The law of the Spirit has set you free. We are children of God and co-heirs with Christ. Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Rom9: I grieve for my kinsmen. But not all Israel are Israel. God has mercy on whom he wills. Israel did not pursue righteousness by faith.

Rom10: Everyone who calls on the Lord will be saved. How will they hear if no one preaches? Moses says of Israel, "I will make you jealous."

Rom11: Even now there is a remnant of Israel. You Gentiles have been grafted into the tree. All Israel will be saved. Glory to God forever!

Rom12: Present your bodies as a living sacrifice to God. We are one body in Christ. Love one another as brothers. Overcome evil with good.

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).