

## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE

But don't let its size frighten you. When you know your Bible, you'll discover that it's filled with stories of adventure and romance, heroes and villains, courage and cowardice, powerful leaders and ordinary people – just like you.

You will also find that the Bible has the answers to life's most important questions.

The Bible is the most translated, most printed, best-selling book of all time. It is actually a library of 66 "books," 39 in the Old Testament (the Holy book of the ancient people of Israel) and 27 in the New Testament (written by followers of Jesus). The New Testament tells about the life and teachings of Jesus and his followers.

It was written over a 1500 year span, by over 40 authors, from every walk of life. It was written on 3 continents and in 3 languages. It was written on hundreds of controversial subjects—yet with harmony and continuity. It is truly unique!

### HOW TO LOOK UP A VERSE IN THE BIBLE

For example: look up John 3:16.

- 1 Turn in your Bible to John, using the Table of Contents to help you find this.
- 2 Turn through the pages of John until you find the beginning of chapter 3.
- 3 In chapter 3, look for a smaller number 16. You should read "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

## THE GREATEST THEMES IN THE BIBLE

### GOD'S LOVE

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

[Christ speaking] "I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly" [that it might be full and meaningful]" John 10:10

### SIN AND ITS PENALTY

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

### GOD'S REMEDY FOR SIN

"But God demonstrated his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:6-8

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me.'" John 14:6

### OUR RESPONSE

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

"As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name." John 1:12

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## WHERE TO LOOK IN THE BIBLE WHEN YOU...

**Need Assurance.** John 5:24; John 6:37; John 10:26; Romans 8; 1 John 5:11-13

**Need Rest and Peace.** Psalm 95:1-7; Matthew 11:25-30

**Worry.** Psalm 34:10; Psalm 37:4; Psalm 46; Psalm 84:11; Matthew 6:19-34; 2 Corinthians 9:8; Philippians 4:8; Philippians 19; 1 Peter 5:7

**Need Peace of Mind.** Isaiah 26:3; John 14:27; Philippians 4:6-8; Romans 5:1; Colossians 3:15



**You Can't Sleep.** Psalm 4; Psalm 56; Psalm 130

**Are Discouraged.** Psalm 34; Psalm 42; Psalm 43; John 14:1; 1 John 5:14; Hebrews 4:16

**Are Disappointed.** Psalm 43:5; Psalm 55:22; Psalm 126:6; 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

**Are Depressed.** 1 Samuel 16:14, 23; 1 Kings 19:4-5; Psalm 31; John 14:27; 16:33; Philippians 4

**Feel Defeated.** 2 Chronicles 32:8; Romans 8:37; 1 Corinthians 15:57; 2 Corinthians 2:14; 2 Timothy 2:19; 1 John 5:4; Revelation 3:5; Revelation 21:7

**God Seems Far Away.** Psalm 10; Psalm 25; Psalm 125; Psalm 138; Luke 10

**The World Seems Bigger Than God.** Psalm 90

**Are Lonely.** Psalm 23; Psalm 27:10; Isaiah 41:10; Matthew 28:20; Luke 8; Hebrews 13:5; 1 Peter 4

**Are Fearful.** Psalm 23; 27; Psalm 91; Isaiah 41:10; Joshua 1:9; John 14:27; John 16:33

**Need Confidence.** Ephesians 3:11-12; Philippians 1:6; Philippians 4:13; Hebrews 10:35

**Want Courage.** Joshua 1:1-9; Psalm 18:2; Psalm 27:3; Proverbs 3:26; Proverbs 14:26; Isaiah 30:15; 43:2; Hebrews 13:5-6

**Feel Your Faith Is Weak.** Psalm 5:11; Psalm 126; Psalm 146; Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11; Hebrews 12:2; James 1:3-6; 1 Peter 1:7

**Need Strength.** Deuteronomy 33:25; Psalm 27:14; Psalm 28:7; Isaiah 40:29; Isaiah 31; Isaiah 41:10; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Philippians 4:13

**Are Facing a Crisis.** Proverbs 8; Isaiah 55; Job 28:12-28

**Are in Danger.** Psalm 23; Psalm 34; Psalm 91; Psalm 124; Psalm 125; Isaiah 32:2; Isaiah 54:17; Romans 14:8; Philippians 4; Ephesians 6; Hebrews 13:5

**Are Suffering.** Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 1:5; Philippians 1:2; Philippians 3:10; 2 Timothy 2:12; 1 Peter 2:19; 1 Peter 4:12, 13 and 16; 1 Peter 5:10

**Are in Sickness.** Psalm 6:39; Psalm 41:67; Psalm 103:3; Isaiah 26; Matthew 4:23; Matthew 8; Matthew 9; James 5:15-16

**Feel Sorrowful.** Psalm 46; Isaiah 53:4; Matthew 23; John 14; John 16:22; Revelation 21:4

**Need Comfort.** Psalm 23; Lamentations 3:22, 23; Matthew 5:4; Matthew 11:28-30; John 14:16, 18; Romans 8; Romans 15:4; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

**Are Faced with Death.** Psalm 23; Psalm 116:15; Lamentations 3:32-33; Romans 14:8; 1 Corinthians 15; 2 Corinthians 5:1; Philippians 1:21; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:28; 2 Timothy 4:7-8; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 21; Revelation 22

**Have Experienced Severe Losses.** Colossians 1; 1 Peter 1

**Are Faced with Temptation.** Psalm 15; Psalm 19; Psalm 139; Matthew 4; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13; Hebrews 2:18; James 1:2-3, 12-14; 1 Peter 1:6; 2 Peter 2:9; Jude 24

**Need to Obey.** 1 Samuel 15:22; Psalm 111:10; Psalm 119:2; Matthew 6:24; John 14:15, 21; James 2:10; 1 John 3:22

**Need to Grow Spiritually.** Ephesians 3:17-19; Colossians 1:9-11; Colossians 2:6; Colossians 3:16; 1 Timothy 4:15; 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 1:5-8; 2 Peter 3:18

**Have People Fail You.** Psalm 27; Matthew 5

**Grow Bitter or Critical.** 1 Corinthians 13; Philippians 4:8

**Bear a Grudge.** Luke 6; Luke 11; 2 Corinthians 4; Ephesians 4

**Have Quarreled.** Matthew 18; Ephesians 4; James 4

**Have Become Lax and Indifferent.** Matthew 25; Revelation 3

**Are Jealous.** Psalm 49; James 3

**Are Impatient.** Psalm 40; Psalm 90; Hebrews 12

**Are Bored.** 2 Kings 5; Job 38; Psalm 103; Psalm 104; Ephesians 3; Psalm 16:8

**Have Sinned and Need Forgiveness.** Psalm 51; Psalm 32:5; Isaiah 55:7; Proverbs 28:13; Matthew 23; Luke 14:11-32; Luke 15; Philemon; James 5:15-16; 1 John 1:9

**Find It Difficult to Forgive Others.** Matthew 5:44-47; Matthew 6:12, 14; Mark 11:25; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13

**Are Out for a Good Time.** Matthew 15:1-20; 2 Corinthians 3; Galatians 5

**Leave Home to Travel.** Psalm 25; Psalm 119; Psalm 121; Proverbs 3; Proverbs 4

**Need Guidance.** Psalm 32:8; Isaiah 30:21; Isaiah 58:11; Luke 1:79; John 16:13

**Need to Know God's Will for Your Life.** Proverbs 3:1-6

**Need Guidelines for Living.** Matthew 5-7; Romans 12

**Need Rules of Conduct.** Exodus 20:1-17; Proverbs

**Think of Investments.** Mark 10:17-31

**Business is Poor.** Psalm 37; Psalm 92; Ecclesiastes 5

**Starting a New Job.** Psalm 1; Proverbs 16; Philippians 3:7-21



**Are Planning Your Budget.** Mark 4; Luke 19

**Are Making a New Home.** Psalm 127; Proverbs 17; Ephesians 5; Colossians 3; 1 Peter 3:1-17; 1 John 4

**Are Concerned with National Life.**

Deuteronomy 8; Psalm 85; Psalm 118; Psalm 124; Isaiah 41:8-20; Micah 4; Micah 6:6-16

**Are Ungrateful.** Psalm 33:12-22; Psalm 100; 1 Timothy 6; James 2:1-17