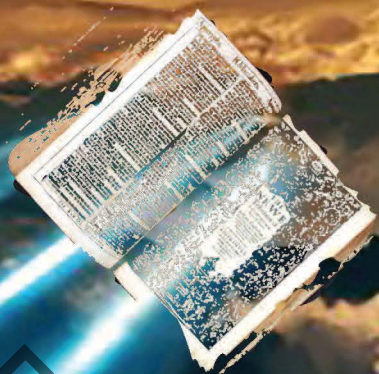


# THE BIBLE SOURCE BOOK



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## *About the Book*

I have been in the Pastorate for 50 years and have put together a research library of several thousand books that have helped me in my efforts to “rightly divide the truth.” At this point in my life I need to begin to pare down my library. I have several shelves in my library that contain books that have been very helpful to me throughout my ministry. One of my favorite books was written by Dr. Stephen Swihart. The original title was The Victor Bible Sourcebook which was published in 1977. I contacted the publisher and they said they no longer owned the rights to book. I wrote to the author and asked if I could publish the book. He wrote back saying, “you may do as your with my book.” Because it was such a help to me as a young man I am publishing the book under the title The Bible Sourcebook.

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*Part 1*

How to  
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# 1

## Personal Qualifications

Since the Bible is not an open book to everyone, not all readers, as intelligent as they may be, really understand it. To some people the Scriptures are mere words, but to others these words burst with life. What accounts for the difference?

### Upward Qualifications

*Conversion:* To begin, the Bible is unique because we cannot really understand its contents until we first know its Author, God. Only through a personal acknowledgment of our sinful state and an absolute reliance upon Jesus Christ's work on Calvary can we be in a position to genuinely understand this divine message. Conversion is necessary in order to read the Bible with profit.

*Spirituality:* Even believers often have difficulty reading the Scriptures fruitfully. Why is this so, seeing they have been converted? The answer is really quite simple. The words of God are not like the words of men. Men's words can be understood with a man's mind, but God's words require a spiritual mind in order to grasp them. That is, a believer must read with a deep sensitivity to the voice of the Spirit (John 16:13; 1 John 2:20, 27). The believer must be on intimate talking terms with God Himself before he can expect to hear His voice and understand as he reads the Word of God.

**Maturity:** There are two types of words in the Scriptures—milk words (1 Peter 1:23) and meat words (Heb. 5:11-6:2). The milk words are readily understood; the meat words, however, require a level of spiritual development on the part of the believer. Not every verse of the Bible and not every book of the Bible is as simple as every other verse or book, as in any study. In math, for instance, addition and subtraction are not difficult; but calculus is another story. It takes time to be able to understand and use calculus. In like manner, only growth and maturity will bring an understanding and enjoyment of certain portions of God's Word.

### **Outward Qualifications**

God always measures our rightness with Him by our rightness with people. In other words, in order to grasp the Bible's intended meaning, we must have right relationships—both vertically and horizontally. No Christian can rightly divide God's Word who harbors sin in his heart toward his fellow man—saved or lost. The sins of resentment, bitterness, unforgiveness, impatience, negativism, temper, unfaithfulness, and insubordination automatically close the door to reading God's Book (see Matt. 5:23-24).

### **Inward Qualifications**

In a real sense both the "upward" and "outward" qualifications may be said to be inward qualifications. But we have another specific matter in view—namely the proper attitude for effective Bible reading and study. It is imperative that we approach God's Word with right motives.

**Wrong Motives:** Some persons search the Scriptures in a quest for knowledge, information, and facts. They zealously pursue intellectual data. Others delve into God's Word because it is expected of them to do so. They merely plunge into the Bible out of obligation or guilt or pressure. Still others look to God's Word because of a Sunday School lesson they must teach or a sermon they must preach. These are all wrong motives.

**Right Motives:** A true searching of the Scriptures has a very personal base: **obedienceto God**. The psalmist gives us the right manner for approaching the Scriptures. "Thy Word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee" (119: 11).

Ezra, too, gives us an illustration of a right way to approach God's Word. "Ezra had prepared his heart [this constitutes the upward and outward qualifications] to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it [this is the inward qualification], and to teach in Israel statutes and ordinances" (Ezra 7: 10). Note carefully that Ezra prepared his heart to **practice** God's Word, not to teach it (as is so often done today). Right motives beget right priorities—obedience to God's Word always precedes teaching God's will.

Joshua, too, knew this lesson in correct motives. Notice:

Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success (Joshua 1:7-8, NASB).

Joshua was not to seek prosperity. He was to meditate upon and obey God's words. Prosperity and success would follow, but only after the motives were properly aligned. How desperately this lesson needs to be learned by many of our so-called teachers today!

# 2

## The Importance of Tools

Everyone needs tools. A housewife needs them for cleaning and a plumber needs tools for his trade. A student's tools are his books. Successful Bible reading and study require certain basic aids and the person who doesn't use them will have great difficulty in anchoring himself in the foundational truths or in scaling the utmost heights.

*The Dictionary:* Here is a simple truth, but one which so many seem to *miss*-You can't understand God's message if you don't know the meaning of the words He uses! For instance, these words appear in the King James Bible:

Abaddon, Ablution, Adjure, Anathema, Apothecary, Appertained, Artificer, Asp, Asswage, Austere, Averse, Aul, Axletrees, Bastards, Beeves, Bulwarks, Buttocks, Cankered, Carbuncles, Chafed, Chalcedony, Chamois, Chastise, Chide, Churl, Cieled, Circumspect, Clave, Clemency, Comeliness, and Cormorant.

Can you define all of them? If you can't, then you are normal. You need a dictionary, but not just any dictionary will do. Put simply, you need a *Bible dictionary*. The one in chapter 20 of this book will do for the milk reader, but in a very short time you will want (and need) a more substantial volume. Recommended: *The New Bible Dictionary*, J. D. Douglas, ed. (Eerdmans, 1962) and *The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary*, M. Tenney, ed. (Zondervan, 1969).

**The Concordance:** There are two types of concordances—the *alphabetical* concordance and the *topical* concordance. The former will list *words* and tell you their location in the Bible. The latter will list Bible *concepts* and tell you their scriptural address. Both are indispensable tools for the Bible reader. We have included a 343-word topical concordance in this volume. Eventually, however, you should consider more complete publications, for example, *The New Compact Topical Bible* (Zondervan, 1972), or *The New Topical Textbook* (Revell, 1970). For an alphabetical concordance, you will want either *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* (Abingdon, 1958) or *Young's Analytical Concordance* (Eerdmans, 1955).

**Basic Study Aids:** Solomon said "Of making many books there is no end" (Eccl. 12: 12). This can be very helpful, but it can also be rather confusing. Which books ought *you* to buy? Below is a topical index of recommended books for Christians. Good Christian literature is an eternal investment.

### STUDY

*Search the Scriptures* (InterVarsity, rev. ed.); *How to Search the Scriptures*, Lloyd Perry and R. Culver (Baker, 1967); *Effective Bible Study*, H. Vos (Zondervan, 1956).

### BASIC DOCTRINES

*Bible Doctrines*, Mark Cambron (Zondervan, 1954); *Lectures in Systematic Theology*, H. C. Thiessen (Eerdmans, 1949); *Summary of Christian Doctrine*, L. Berkhof (Eerdmans, 1939).

### BIBLE HELPS

*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* (Abingdon, 1958); *The New Compact Topical Bible*, Gary C. Wharton, ed. (Zondervan, 1972); *Treasury of Scripture Knowledge* (Revell, 1973); *The New Compact Bible Dictionary*, T. A. Bryant, editor (Zondervan, 1967).

### CHRISTIAN GROWTH

*Godliness Through Discipline*, J.E. Adams (Presbyterian & Re-

formed); *Cafrary Road*, Roy Hession (Christian Literature Crusade, 1964); *The Spiritual Man*, W. Nee (Christian Fellowship Publishers); *Sit, Walk, Stand* and *The Normal Christian Worker*, W. Nee (Christian Literature Crusade).

### CHURCH HISTORY

*A History of the Christian Church*, W. Walker (Charles Scribner's Sons, 1970); *History of Christian Education*, C. B. Eavey (Moody Press, 1964); *The New International Dictionary of the Christian Church*, J. D. Douglas, ed. (Zondervan); *Who Was Who In Church History*, E. Moyer (A Pivot Family Reader).

### CHURCH RENEWAL

*Sharpening the Focus of the Church*, Gene Getz (Moody Press, 1974); *Call to Discipleship*, Juan C. Ortiz (Logos); *Disciple*, J. C. Ortiz (Creation House); *Christ in Session*, Bob Mumford (Box 22341, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33315); *Making Disciples*, Charles Simpson (New Wine Magazine, P.O. Box 22888, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33315).

### COUNSELING

*Competent to Counsel*, J. E. Adams (Presbyterian and Reformed); *The Christian Counselor's Manual*, J. E. Adams (Baker, 1974); *Encyclopedia of Psychological Problems*, C. M. Narramore (Zondervan, 1966).

### FAMILY LIFE

*Christian Living in the Home*, J. E. Adams (Presbyterian and Reformed); *The Christian Family*, L. Christenson (Bethany, 1970); *Dare to Discipline*, J. Dobson (Regal, 1972); *Heaven Help the Home*, Howard G. Hendricks (Victor Books, 1973); *How to Make Your Marriage Exciting*, Charles & Frances Hunter (Regal, 1972); *A Handbook to Marriage*, T. Bovet (Doubleday, 1969); *The Family That Makes It* (Victor Books, 1971).

### NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY SERIES

*Everyman's Bible Commentary* (Moody Press; may be pur-

chased individually); Tyndale New Testament Commentaries (Tyndale; purchased individually); New Testament Commentary Series, W. Hendriksen (incomplete-Baker, purchased individually); The New International Commentary on the New Testament (incomplete-purchased individually).

#### NEW TESTAMENT GREEK: BIBLE-BOOK STUDIES IN ENGLISH

Word Studies in the Greek New Testament, K. S. Wuest (Eerdmans); Word Pictures in the New Testament, A. T. Robertson (Broadman, 1943); Word Studies in the New Testament, M. Vincent (Eerdmans, 1957).

#### OLD TESTAMENT COMMENTARIES

Old Testament Commentaries, C. F. Keil & F. Delitzsch (Eerdmans, 1971); Barnes' Notes on the Old Testament, A. Barnes (Baker).

#### ORIGINAL LANGUAGE WORD STUDIES IN ENGLISH

An Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, W. E. Vine (Revell); The New Bible Dictionary, J. D. Douglas, ed. (Eerdmans, 1962); Synonyms of the Old Testament, R. B. Girdlestone (Eerdmans, 1948); New Testament Words, W. Barclay (Westminster, 1974).

#### BIBLE SURVEYS

The Bible-Book by Book, G. C. Luck (Moody Press, 1955); Explore the Book, J. S. Baxter (Zondervan); Eerdmans' Handbook to the Bible, David Alexander and Patricia Alexander (Eerdmans, 1973); Unger's Bible Handbook, M. F. Unger (Moody Press, 1966); Halley's Bible Handbook, H. H. Halley (Zondervan, 1959).

### 3

## Various Methods of Bible Study

### Hearing

A vital source of Bible knowledge is hearing God's Word proclaimed from the pulpit and in Sunday School. Daily instruction during the week is available from several sources, for instance, television, radio, records, tapes, conventions, conferences, seminars, evening classes, and community Bible studies. Make the most of such opportunities to be hearers daily.

### Reading

The next resource for fruitful Bible study is reading the Scriptures. How dreadfully weak are believers at reading! God requires more of Christians than being spoon-fed by teachers. We must learn to feed ourselves! There is no shortcut method for reaping God's harvest. You must *hear* (passive participation in God's Word), and you must *read* (active participation in God's Word). Here are four profitable suggestions for your Bible reading:

1. *Use a translation you can understand*, and one you can trust for accuracy. The following Bibles are well-qualified: *New American Standard Bible*, *The Amplified Bible*, and *New International Version*.

2. *Be systematic*. Don't jump around in your reading. Be deliberate. Read through a book or a series of books.

3. *Take notes.* Jot down discoveries as you read along, and then file them topically in a larger file system.

4. *Be consistent.* Read the Bible daily, even if it is only for a few minutes.

### Study

There is a difference, obviously, between merely reading the Bible and studying it. In reading the Scriptures, we remove the surface gems, but in studying we drill for the deeper nuggets. Christians ought to be familiar with both experiences. There are several ways you can study your Bible:

*Surveying the Bible:* This is not a book-by-book survey of the Scriptures. It is much more. When the whole Bible is surveyed, the intent is to discover main themes and key structures which permeate the whole Bible. For example, the unifying principle of the covenants, the administrative dealings of God in dispensations, and the sacrificial motifs of salvation through Jesus Christ are foundational to a proper grasp of the scriptural message. In other words, in studying the Word of God it is wise to start with the telescopic (the all-embracing, the general, the simple) and work your way down to the microscopic (the specific and complex). Several good books along this vein are: *The Divine Covenants* by A. W. Pink (Baker, 1973); *The Unfolding Drama of Redemption* by W. Scroggie (Zondervan, 1970); *The Structure of Biblical Authority* by M. Kline (Eerdmans, 1972); and *The Books and the Parchments* by F. F. Bruce (Revell, rev. ed.).

*Surveying Bible Books:* The purpose here is to learn each book's central message, its various supporting themes, its natural divisions, its author, its recipients, its date, etc. In brief, the *who, what, where, when, why,* and *how* are learned in this form of study. In penetrating a book, we also need to find personal applications: doctrines to learn, errors to avoid, obligations to perform, examples to follow, promises to experience, and prayers to repeat. Some good Bible surveys are listed in chapter 2.

*Biblical Theology:* This is the study of a topic as it is revealed progressively throughout the Scriptures. For example, the theme of sacrifices has its origins in Genesis 3:21. The culmination of this theme appears in the book of Revelation. Between these two points is a mounting record of data. Tracing this theme is the specialized study of biblical theology. Another term for this discipline is *contextual studies*, which is a study of a topic in its specific historical and theological context so that we discover God's will for a specific point in time. Several profitable books in this area are: *The Theology of the Older Testament* by J.B. Payne (Zondervan, 1962) and *A Theology of the New Testament* by G. E. Ladd (Eerdmans, 1974).

*Systematic Theology:* While biblical theology works historically or progressively, systematic theology works topically and panoramically. In the former method the emphasis is placed on how a doctrine evolves. In the latter, the focus is placed on the whole teaching of Scripture as it logically presents itself. If you turned to Part II: Basic Bible Doctrines, you would find a clear example of systematic theology. For instance, under the heading "Holy Spirit" are seven major divisions. These seven points express the major truths regarding the person and work of the Holy Spirit throughout the Bible. For recommended reading, see chapter 2, under the heading: "Basic Doctrines."

### **Memorizing**

The only way to hide God's Word in your heart is to memorize it. Jesus memorized the Scriptures (Matt. 4: 1-10); how much more must we do so (Col. 3: 16).

### **Meditating**

How to fulfill the biblical injunction to renew their minds often perplexes Christians, but the answer comes in meditating on the Word of God (Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 4:17-24; Col. 3:10). Andrew Murray brilliantly described meditation as "Holding the Word of God in your heart until it has affected every phase of your life." We must meditate, but first we must put something into our minds to

meditate upon! Therefore, let us hear God's Word; let us read God's Word; let us study God's Word; let us memorize God's Word; and let us meditate on it. Only in this process do the Scriptures become genuinely profitable to us!

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# 4 | A Reading Plan

The order in which this schedule lists the books is not how they occur in the Bible. It is a chronological arrangement. The poetic and prophetic books of the Old Testament are inserted in the historical books at about the point in the narrative where they are thought to have been written. In the same way, the epistles of the New Testament are inserted in the narrative of the book of Acts. While there is some difference of opinion as to details, the chronological arrangement used here is acceptable to many leading conservative Bible scholars.

## JANUARY

1/Genesis 1-2	14/Genesis 43-46
2/Genesis 3-5	15/Genesis 47-50
3/Genesis 6-9	16/Job 1-4
4/Genesis 10-11	17/Job 5-7
5/Genesis 12-15	18/Job 8-10
6/Genesis 16-19	19/Job 11-13
7/Genesis 20-22	20/Job 14-17
8/Genesis 23-26	21/Job 18-20
9/Genesis 27-29	22/Job 21-24
10/Genesis 30-32	23/Job 25-27
11/Genesis 33-36	24/Job 28-31
12/Genesis 37-39	25/Job 32-34
13/Genesis 40-42	26/Job 35-37

27/Job 38-42  
 28/Exodus 1-4  
 29/Exodus 5-7

30/Exodus 8-10  
 31/Exodus 11-13

## FEBRUARY

1/Exodus 14-17  
 2/Exodus 18-20  
 3/Exodus 21-24  
 4/Exodus 25-27  
 5/Exodus 28-31  
 6/Exodus 32-34  
 7/Exodus 35-37  
 8/Exodus 38-40  
 9/Leviticus 1-4  
 10/Leviticus 5-7  
 11/Leviticus 8-10  
 12/Leviticus 11-13  
 13/Leviticus 14-16  
 14/Leviticus 17-19

15/Leviticus 20-23  
 16/Leviticus 24-27  
 17/Numbers 1-3  
 18/Numbers 4-6  
 19/Numbers 7-10  
 20/Numbers 11-14  
 21/Numbers 15-17  
 22/Numbers 18-20  
 23/Numbers 21-24  
 24/Numbers 25-27  
 25/Numbers 28-30  
 26/Numbers 31-33  
 27/Numbers 34-36  
 28/Deuteronomy 1-3

## MARCH

1/Deuteronomy 4-6  
 2/Deuteronomy 7-9  
 3/Deuteronomy 10-12  
 4/Deuteronomy 13-16  
 5/Deuteronomy 17-19  
 6/Deuteronomy 20-22  
 7/Deuteronomy 23-25  
 8/Deuteronomy 26-28  
 9/Deuteronomy 29-31  
 10/Deuteronomy 32-34  
 11/Joshua 1-3  
 12/Joshua 4-6  
 13/Joshua 7-9  
 14/Joshua 10-12  
 15/Joshua 13-15  
 16/Joshua 16-18

17/Joshua 19-21  
 18/Joshua 22-24  
 19/Judges 1-4  
 20/Judges 5-8  
 21/Judges 9-12  
 22/Judges 13-15  
 23/Judges 16-18  
 24/Judges 19-21  
 25/Ruth 1-4  
 26/1 Samuel 1-3  
 27/1 Samuel 4-7  
 28/1 Samuel 8-10  
 29/1 Samuel 11-13  
 30/1 Samuel 14-16  
 31/1 Samuel 17-20

**APRIL**

1/1 Samuel 21-24	16/Psalms 16-18
2/1 Samuel 25-28	17/Psalms 19-21
3/1 Samuel 29-31	18/Psalms 22-24
4/2 Samuel 1-4	19/Psalms 25-27
5/2 Samuel 5-8	20/Psalms 28-30
6/2 Samuel 9-12	21/Psalms 31-33
7/2 Samuel 13-15	22/Psalms 34-36
8/2 Samuel 16-18	23/Psalms 37-39
9/2 Samuel 19-21	24/Psalms 40-42
10/2 Samuel 22-24	25/Psalms 43-45
11/Psalms 1-3	26/Psalms 46-48
12/Psalms 4-6	27/Psalms 49-51
13/Psalms 7-9	28/Psalms 52-54
14/Psalms 10-12	29/Psalms 55-57
15/Psalms 13-15	30/Psalms 58-60

**MAY**

1/Psalms 61-63	17/Psalms 109-111
2/Psalms 64-66	18/Psalms 112-114
3/Psalms 67-69	19/Psalms 115-118
4/Psalms 70-72	20/Psalms 119
5/Psalms 73-75	21/Psalms 120-123
6/Psalms 76-78	22/Psalms 124-126
7/Psalms 79-81	23/Psalms 127-129
8/Psalms 82-84	24/Psalms 130-132
9/Psalms 85-87	25/Psalms 133-135
10/Psalms 88-90	26/Psalms 136-138
11/Psalms 91-93	27/Psalms 139-141
12/Psalms 94-96	28/Psalms 142-144
13/Psalms 97-99	29/Psalms 145-147
14/Psalms 100-102	30/Psalms 148-150
15/Psalms 103-105	31/1 Kings 1-4
16/Psalms 106-108	

**JUNE**

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|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1/Proverbs 1-3        | 17/1 Kings 8-10                  |
| 2/Proverbs 4-7        | 18/1 Kings 11-13                 |
| 3/Proverbs 8-11       | 19/1 Kings 14-16                 |
| 4/Proverbs 12-14      | 20/1 Kings 17-19                 |
| 5/Proverbs 15-18      | 21/1 Kings 20-22                 |
| 6/Proverbs 19-21      | 22/2 Kings 1-3                   |
| 7/Proverbs 22-24      | 23/2 Kings 4-6                   |
| 8/Proverbs 25-28      | 24/2 Kings 7-10                  |
| 9/Proverbs 29-31      | 25/2 Kings 11-14:20              |
| 10/Ecclesiastes 1-3   | 26/Joel 1-3                      |
| 11/Ecclesiastes 4-6   | 27/2 Kings 14:21-25<br>Jonah 1-4 |
| 12/Ecclesiastes 7-9   | 28/2 Kings 14:26-29<br>Amos 1-3  |
| 13/Ecclesiastes 10-12 | 29/Amos 4-6                      |
| 14/Songs 1-4          | 30/Amos 7-9                      |
| 15/Songs 5-8          |                                  |
| 16/1 Kings 5-7        |                                  |

**JULY**

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1/2 Kings 15-17 | 17/Isaiah 31-33 |
| 2/Hosea 1-4     | 18/Isaiah 34-36 |
| 3/Hosea 5-7     | 19/Isaiah 37-39 |
| 4/Hosea 8-10    | 20/Isaiah 40-42 |
| 5/Hosea 11-14   | 21/Isaiah 43-45 |
| 6/2 Kings 18-19 | 22/Isaiah 46-48 |
| 7/Isaiah 1-3    | 23/Isaiah 49-51 |
| 8/Isaiah 4-6    | 24/Isaiah 52-54 |
| 9/Isaiah 7-9    | 25/Isaiah 55-57 |
| 10/Isaiah 10-12 | 26/Isaiah 58-60 |
| 11/Isaiah 13-15 | 27/Isaiah 61-63 |
| 12/Isaiah 16-18 | 28/Isaiah 64-66 |
| 13/Isaiah 19-21 | 29/Micah 1-4    |
| 14/Isaiah 22-24 | 30/Micah 5-7    |
| 15/Isaiah 25-27 | 31/Nahum 1-3    |
| 16/Isaiah 28-30 |                 |

**AUGUST**

1/2 Kings 20-21

2/Zephaniah 1-3

3/Habakkuk 1-3

4/2 Kings 22-25

5/Obadiah

Jeremiah 1-2

6/Jeremiah 3-5

7/Jeremiah 6-8

8/Jeremiah 9-12

9/Jeremiah 13-16

10/Jeremiah 17-20

11/Jeremiah 21-23

12/Jeremiah 24-26

13/Jeremiah 27-29

14/Jeremiah 30-32

15/Jeremiah 33-36

16/Jeremiah 37-39

17/Jeremiah 40-42

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20/Jeremiah 50-52

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23/1 Chronicles 4-6

24/1 Chronicles 7-9

25/1 Chronicles 10-13

26/1 Chronicles 14-16

27/1 Chronicles 17-19

28/1 Chronicles 20-23

29/1 Chronicles 24-26

30/1 Chronicles 27-29

31/2 Chronicles 1-3

**SEPTEMBER**

1/2 Chronicles 4-6

2/2 Chronicles 7-9

3/2 Chronicles 10-13

4/2 Chronicles 14-16

5/2 Chronicles 17-19

6/2 Chronicles 20-22

7/2 Chronicles 23-25

8/2 Chronicles 26-29

9/2 Chronicles 30-32

10/2 Chronicles 33-36

11/Ezekiel 1-3

12/Ezekiel 4-7

13/Ezekiel 8-11

14/Ezekiel 12-14

15/Ezekiel 15-18

16/Ezekiel 19-21

17/Ezekiel 22-24

18/Ezekiel 25-27

19/Ezekiel 28-30

20/Ezekiel 31-33

21/Ezekiel 34-36

22/Ezekiel 37-39

23/Ezekiel 40-42

24/Ezekiel 43-45

25/Ezekiel 46-48

26/Daniel 1-3

27/Daniel 4-6

28/Daniel 7-9

29/Daniel 10-12

30/Esther 1-3

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### OCTOBER

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1/Esther 4- 7     | 16/Matthew 5- 7  |
| 2/Esther 8-10     | 17/Matthew 8- 11 |
| 3/Ezra 1-4        | 18/Matthew 12-15 |
| 4/Haggai 1-2      | 19/Matthew 16-19 |
| Zechariah 1-2     | 20/Matthew 20-22 |
| 5/Zechariah 3-6   | 21/Matthew 23-25 |
| 6/Zechariah 7-10  | 22/Matthew 26-28 |
| 7/Zechariah 11-14 | 23/Mark 1-3      |
| 8/Ezra 5- 7       | 24/Mark 4-6      |
| 9/Ezra 8-10       | 25/Mark 7-10     |
| 10/Nehemiah 1-3   | 26/Mark 11-13    |
| 11/Nehemiah 4-6   | 27/Mark 14-16    |
| 12/Nehemiah 7-9   | 28/Luke 1-3      |
| 13/Nehemiah 10-13 | 29/Luke 4-6      |
| 14/Malachi 1-4    | 30/Luke 7-9      |
| 15/Matthew 1-4    | 31/Luke 10-13    |

### NOVEMBER

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| 1/Luke 14-17     | 18/Galatians 4-6       |
| 2/Luke 18-21     | 19/Acts 15-18:11       |
| 3/Luke 22-24     | 20/1 Thessalonians 1-5 |
| 4/John 1-3       | 21/2 Thessalonians 1-3 |
| 5/John 4-6       | Acts 18:12-19:10       |
| 6/John 7-10      | 22/1 Corinthians 1-4   |
| 7/John 11-13     | 23/1 Corinthians 5-8   |
| 8/John 14-17     | 24/1 Corinthians 9-12  |
| 9/John 18-21     | 25/1 Corinthians 13-16 |
| 10/Acts 1-2      | 26/Acts 19:11-20:1     |
| 11/Acts 3-5      | 2 Corinthians 1-3      |
| 12/Acts 6-9      | 27/2 Corinthians 4-6   |
| 13/Acts 10-12    | 28/2 Corinthians 7-9   |
| 14/Acts 13-14    | 29/2 Corinthians 10-13 |
| 15/James 1-2     | 30/Acts 20:2           |
| 16/James 3-5     | Romans 1-4             |
| 17/Galatians 1-3 |                        |

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| 1/Romans 5-8             | 17/2 Peter 1-3          |
| 2/Romans 9-11            | 18/1 Timothy 1-3        |
| 3/Romans 12-16           | 19/ 1 Timothy 4-6       |
| 4/Acts 20:3-22:30        | 20/Titus 1-3            |
| 5/Acts 23-25             | 21/2 Timothy 1-4        |
| 6/Acts 26-28             | 22/1 John 1-2           |
| 7/Ephesians 1-3          | 23/1 John 3-5           |
| 8/Ephesians 4-6          | 24/2 John, 3 John, Jude |
| 9/Philippians 1-4        | 25/Revelation 1-3       |
| 10/Colossians 1-4        | 26/Revelation 4-6       |
| 11/Hebrews 1-4           | 27/Revelation 7-9       |
| 12/Hebrews 5-7           | 28/Revelation 10-12     |
| 13/Hebrews 8-10          | 29/Revelation 13-15     |
| 14/Hebrews 11-13         | 30/Revelation 16-18     |
| 15/Philemon, 1 Peter 1-2 | 31/Revelation 19-22     |
| 16/1 Peter 3-5           |                         |

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# 5

## Where to Turn in Your Bible

### When:

Afraid	Ps. 34:4; Matt. 10:28; 2 Tim. 1:7
Anxious	Ps. 46; Matt. 6: 19-34; Phil. 4:6-8
Backsliding	Ps. 51; 1 John 1:4-10
Bereaved	Matt. 5:4; 2 Cor. 1:3-4; 5:1-8
Defeated	Rom. 8:31-39; 2 Cor. 2:14; 4:8-18
Depressed	Pss. 34; 139; Rom. 8; 1 Cor. 10: 1-13
Disaster threatens	Pss. 91; 118:5-6; Luke 8:22-25
Discouraged	Pss. 23; 42:6-11; Matt. 5: 1-12, 19-34
Doubting	Matt. 8:26; 21:22; Heb. 11; James 1
Facing a crisis	Ps. 121; Matt. 6: 19-34; Heb. 4: 16
Friends fail	Ps. 41 :9-13; Luke 17:3-4; Rom. 12: 14
Lonely	Ps. 23; Heb. 12:1-2, 13:1-6
Peace is needed	John 14:1-4; 16:33; Phil. 4:6-9
Protection is needed	Pss. 27:1-6; 91; Rom. 8:28-39
Sorrowful	Ps. 51; John 14; 2 Cor. 1:3-4
Tempted	Ps. 1; 1 Cor. 10: 12-14; James 4:7
Traveling	Ps. 127
Troubled	Pss. 16; 31; John 14:1-6, 13-14, 27
Weary	Ps. 90; Matt. 11 :28-30; 1 Cor. 15
Worried	Matt. 6:19-34; 1 Peter 5:6-8

**Where to Turn in Your Bible for:**

Angelic protection	Ps. 91: 11; Matt. 18: 10; Heb. 1: 14
Assurance of salvation	Rom. 8: 16; 1 John 5: 13
Baptism in Spirit	Matt. 3: 11; Luke 24: 49; Acts 1: 5, 8
Beatitudes	Matt. 5: 1-12; Luke 6: 20-49
Crucifixion of Christ	Matt. 27: 27-50; Mark 15: 16-41
Forgiveness of sins	Ps. 51; 1 John 1: 4-2: 2
Fruit of the Spirit	Gal. 5: 22-23; John 15: 1-8, 16
Guidance	Prov. 3: 5-6; Isa. 58: 11
Healing	Ex. 15: 26; 3 John 2; James 5: 14-16
Lord's prayer	Matt. 6: 9-13; Luke 11: 1-4; John 17
Love chapter	1 Cor. 13
Maturity from trials	Rom. 5: 3-5; James 1: 2-4
Rapture	1 Cor. 15: 51-57; 1 Thes. 4: 13-18
Rest of soul	Matt. 11: 28-30; Heb. 3: 7-4: 8
Sermon on the mount	Matt. 5-7; Luke 6: 20-49
Shepherd's psalm	Ps. 23
Sound mind	Luke 21: 12-15; 2 Tim. 1: 7; James 1: 5
Temptation deliverance	1 Cor. 10: 13; 2 Peter 2: 9
Ten Commandments	Ex. 20
Victory over all things	2 Cor. 2: 14; Rom. 8: 31-39

## 6 | The Roman Road

One of the greatest joys in life is introducing someone to Jesus Christ and to salvation. Many never experience this joy because they don't know how to begin.

Can you lead someone through the appropriate Scriptures of salvation? If you cannot, then you need an aid such as THE ROMAN ROAD. To use this tool effectively you will need three items: a small piece of colored tape, a pen, and the Bible you plan to use.

Turn in your Bible to the Book of Romans, chapter three and verse twenty-three (3:23). Now, take the piece of tape and affix it to the outer edge of the page so that it neatly folds over onto the other side of the page. This marker will always tell you where to start on THE ROMAN ROAD.

Next, take your pen and circle the number "23" in Romans, chapter 3. This additional accent makes it easy to begin your salvation journey through Romans.

Somewhere beside verse 23 write "5:12." This indicates that once you have shared the information contained in this verse with a prospective Christian you are ready to go to the next verse-5:12. Here, circle the number "12" and write "6:23." Turn there (6:23), circle again, and write "5:8." Turn to 5:8, circle and write "10:9-10." Turn to 10:9-10, circle, and write "10:13." This is the final verse, and now you have God's road map of salvation in the Book of Romans!

See how simple it can be! Why not begin by sharing it with a Christian friend. This experience will increase your understanding and build your confidence. Then use THE ROMAN ROAD to point your lost friends to Christ, to salvation, and to heaven itself!

SAMPLE  
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