

BIBLE READING HELPS FOR JUNE 2020

# *Anchored* IN THE WORD



# Reading the Word Together

Following the plan provided in the *Anchored in the Word* booklets will allow you to read through the entire Bible in 2020. Since you'll be reading along with others in our church, it will be easier to discuss what you are reading with other believers. Sharing your insights and questions will greatly encourage others to dive into God's life-giving Word.

Here's what you will find inside:

- A weekly section to keep track of your Bible reading, record insights, and review the weekly memory verse.
- Introductions to each Biblical book that will be read during the month.
- A brief overview of how to do more in-depth Bible study.
- A listing of church events for the month.
- Blank note pages to record key blessings & lessons

Nothing will impact your life like consistently reading and reflecting on God's Word. You will grow in your knowledge of God and His ways. You will find strength and insight for each day. There is abundant hope and help in God's Word for you!

"Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night."

Psalm 1:1-2 (NKJV)

## Introduction to Esther

The book of Esther never mentions God's name, yet God clearly orchestrated all of its events. Throughout the book we see God's sovereign hand preserving His people, showing that everything is under His control.

Esther, a Jew living among the exiles in Persia, became queen of the empire in about 480 B.C. Haman, a Persian official, sought to eradicate the Jewish minority, but God had prepared Esther "for such a time as this" (4:14) to save his covenant people.

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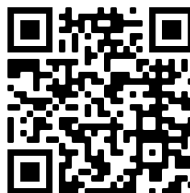


## Introduction to Job

Considered both a theological and a literary masterpiece, the book of Job is an honest portrayal of God allowing a good man to suffer. The test of Job's faith, allowed by God in response to a challenge from Satan, revealed God's loving sovereignty and the supremacy of divine wisdom over human wisdom (personified by Job's friends).

Believing that God is good despite the apparent evidence to the contrary, Job rested in faith alone. In the depths of agony he could still proclaim, "I know that my Redeemer lives" (19:25). In the end God silenced all discussion with the truth that he alone is wise (ch 38-41). Yet he vindicated Job's trust in him (ch 42), proving that genuine faith cannot be destroyed.

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## Introduction to Psalms

The book of Psalms is filled with the songs and prayers offered to God by the nation of Israel. Their expressions of praise, faith, sorrow, and frustration cover the range of human emotions. Some of the Psalms dwell on the treasure of wisdom and God's Word. Others reveal the troubled heart of a mourner. Still others explode with praise to God and invite others to join in song. This diversity is unified by one element: they are centered upon the one and only living God. This Creator God is King of all the earth and a refuge to all who trust in him. Many of the Psalms are attributed to King David.

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# Week Twenty-Three

## Reading Schedule

✓	Date	Day	Text
	6/7	Sunday	Nehemiah 7-8
	6/8	Monday	Nehemiah 9-10
	6/9	Tuesday	Nehemiah 11-13
	6/10	Wednesday	Esther 1-3
	6/11	Thursday	Esther 4-7
	6/12	Friday	Esther 8-10
	6/13	Saturday	Job 1-5

## Memory Verse

“Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;”

Philippians 1:6

## Discovery Questions

*What corporate worship traditions do we still practice in church today that took place during Ezra’s sermon in Nehemiah 7-8?*

*Which Jewish celebration originated from the time of Esther?*

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# Week Twenty-Four

## Reading Schedule

✓	Date	Day	Text
	6/14	Sunday	Job 6-10
	6/15	Monday	Job 11-15
	6/16	Tuesday	Job 16-21
	6/17	Wednesday	Job 22-28
	6/18	Thursday	Job 29-33
	6/19	Friday	Job 34-37
	6/20	Saturday	Job 38-42

## Memory Verse

“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

1 Corinthians 10:13

## Discovery Questions

*What did Job’s friend, Bildad blame for Job’s problems?*

*Which one of Job’s four friends spoke last and why?*

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# Week Twenty-Five

## Reading Schedule

✓	Date	Day	Text
	6/21	Sunday	Psalm 1-9
	6/22	Monday	Psalm 10-17
	6/23	Tuesday	Psalm 18-22
	6/24	Wednesday	Psalm 23-31
	6/25	Thursday	Psalm 32-37
	6/26	Friday	Psalm 38-44
	6/27	Saturday	Psalm 45-51

## Memory Verse

“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.  
Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.”  
Colossians 3:18-19

## Discovery Questions

*What thought from Psalm 44 is repeated in Romans 8?*

*From which of these Psalms for this week did Jesus quote from while on the cross?*

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# Week Twenty-Six

## Reading Schedule

✓	Date	Day	Text
	6/28	Sunday	Psalms 52-59
	6/29	Monday	Psalms 60-67
	6/30	Tuesday	Psalms 68-71
	7/1	Wednesday	Psalms 72-77
	7/2	Thursday	Psalms 78-81
	7/3	Friday	Psalms 82-89
	7/4	Saturday	Psalms 90-97

## Memory Verse

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Colossians 3:18-19

## Discovery Questions

*What statement about sin from Psalm 53 is repeated in Romans 3?*

*What statement about the resurrection from Psalm 68 is repeated in Ephesians 4?*

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# Appendix A - The Inductive Study Method

## Observation – What do I see?

Start by reading the passage once through to get the big picture. Then read it again slower: noticing punctuation, identifying grammar, and observing how thoughts connect. Let the scene develop in your mind.

Now, “zoom out” in stages to get the **context**

- Immediate context – What is going on?
- Surrounding context – What happened before and after?
- Larger context – What is this book all about?

Next, consider how the **literary style** might be contributing

- Historical narrative – Factual retellings of events
- Law – God’s commands to His covenant people
- Poetry – Scripture written in verse
- Wisdom – Principles from generations of godly people
- Prophecy – Revelation from God about the future
- Argument – Ideas built upon each other to make a whole

Finally, “**interview**” the passage with these questions:

- Who? – What is significant to know about each person?
- What? – What is happening? What is being said or done?
- Where? – Lookup every location you encounter!
- When? – When did this occur? In other Scripture?
- Why? – Look for reasons and explanations. Connect them!
- How? – Are methods described or instructions given?

## **Interpretation – What does it mean?**

When interpreting Scripture, always keep in mind that “meaning” is not our subjective thoughts read into the text, but God’s objective truth read out of the text. Using the analogy of a puzzle, try applying the “four C’s” of accurate interpretation:

- *Content* – Do I have all the pieces? Observation is critical
- *Context* – Where does this piece belong in the big picture?
- Literary context – what type of literature is this?
- Historical context – what events surround this text?
- Cultural context – what were the “norms” then?
- Geographic context – does location matter?
- Theological context – what did they know of God?
- *Comparison* – Where does this piece fit with the others?
- The greatest interpreter of Scripture is Scripture
- *Consultation* – Does this piece really fit here?
- Commentaries are great consultation resources

And never forget the golden rule of interpretation:

*“When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense...or it will be nonsense.”*

## **Application – How does it affect me?**

To find out how the principles you’ve discovered might apply to you, it helps to restate them as a question to yourself like this:

*“How does that fact that [...principle from the Bible...] affect me?”*

Then ask yourself what action you should take based on what you now know. Seek God’s will in prayer for this. Permit the Holy Spirit to answer these questions for you and open your eyes to God’s perspective.

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## Events in June

*No meetings are currently Scheduled for June due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Check our church's website for updates.*

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