

BIBLE READING HELPS FOR JULY 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!

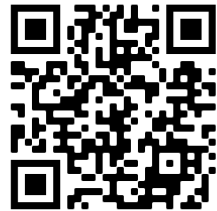
"Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night."

Psalm 1:1-2 (NKJV)

Introduction to Proverbs

Practical wisdom for living is the central concern of the book of Proverbs. Proverbs often contrasts the benefits of seeking wisdom and the pitfalls of living a fool's life. While the wicked stumble in darkness the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn. Proverbs is a collection of Israelite wisdom literature, including an introductory section (ch 1-9) that gives readers a framework for understanding the rest of the book.

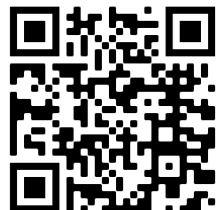
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Introduction to Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes contains reflections of an old man, the "Preacher," as he considered the question of meaning in life. He looked back and saw the futility ("vanity") of chasing after even the good things this life can offer, including wisdom, work, pleasure, and wealth. Even if such things are satisfying for a time, death is certain to end this satisfaction; yet the person who lives in the fear of the Lord can enjoy God's good gifts.

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Introduction to Song of Solomon

According to the most common interpretation, the Song of Solomon is a collection of love poems between a man and a woman, celebrating the relationship God intended for marriage. God established marriage, and Israelite wisdom literature treasures the physical union of marriage as the appropriate expression of human sexuality (Prov. 5:15-20). The Song of Solomon has also been understood as an illustration of the mutual love of Christ and his church.

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Introduction to Isaiah

Isaiah lived during the decline of Israel in the shadow of Assyria. He warned that the sin of the people of Judah would bring God's judgment, yet he also declared that God is sovereign and would use Cyrus the Persian to return them from exile. The book also speaks of a "servant," a "man of sorrows," who would ultimately accomplish God's purposes of salvation (52:13-53:12).

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Week Twenty-Seven

Reading Schedule

✓	Date	Day	Text
	7/5	Sunday	Psalm 98-104
	7/6	Monday	Psalm 105-107
	7/7	Tuesday	Psalm 108-116
	7/8	Wednesday	Psalm 117-119: 72
	7/9	Thursday	Psalm 119:73 - 176
	7/10	Friday	Psalm 120-135
	7/11	Saturday	Psalm 136-142

Memory Verse

“Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began”

2 Timothy 1:9

Discovery Questions

Jesus posed a puzzling question to his doubters during his ministry which he drew from a prophetic statement in Psalm 110? What was it?

List four benefits the Psalmist gives in Psalm 119 for meditating on God’s Word all day long

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Week Twenty-Eight

Reading Schedule

✓	Date	Day	Text
	7/12	Sunday	Psalms 143-150
	7/13	Monday	Proverbs 1-4
	7/14	Tuesday	Proverbs 5-8
	7/15	Wednesday	Proverbs 9-13
	7/16	Thursday	Proverbs 14-17
	7/17	Friday	Proverbs 18-21
	7/18	Saturday	Proverbs 22-24

Memory Verse

“You alone are the LORD; You have made heaven, The heaven of heavens, with all their host, The earth and everything on it, The seas and all that is in them, And You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You.”

Nehemiah 9:6

Discovery Questions

What personification of Christ is older than creation itself?

The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of what?

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Week Twenty-Nine

Reading Schedule

✓	Date	Day	Text
	7/19	Sunday	Proverbs 25-28
	7/20	Monday	Proverbs 29-31
	7/21	Tuesday	Ecclesiastes 1-6
	7/22	Wednesday	Ecclesiastes 7-12
	7/23	Thursday	Song of Solomon 1-8
	7/24	Friday	Isaiah 1-4
	7/25	Saturday	Isaiah 5-8

Memory Verse

“For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.”

Colossians 1:16

Discovery Questions

Wood is to fire what _____ is to conflict?

What does Solomon conclude to be the whole duty of man?

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Week Thirty

Reading Schedule

✓	Date	Day	Text
	7/26	Sunday	Isaiah 9-12
	7/27	Monday	Isaiah 13-16
	7/28	Tuesday	Isaiah 17-21
	7/29	Wednesday	Isaiah 22-25
	7/30	Thursday	Isaiah 26-28
	7/31	Friday	Isaiah 29-31
	8/1	Saturday	Isaiah 29-31

Memory Verse

“The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.”

Proverbs 21:1

Discovery Questions

What five names does Isaiah 9 give the Messiah?

According to Isaiah 19, which country went from cursing to blessing?

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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 July

Faithful Men Book Study

Saturday the 11th @ 6 PM

Members Meeting

Sunday the 12th @ 12 PM

Weekly Gatherings

Sunday Worship Service

Sundays @ 10:30 AM

Pastor's Theology Class

Sundays @ 5:00 PM - ONLINE

Covina Fellowship Group*

Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM

West Covina Fellowship Group*

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

**Meeting locations and times vary and sometimes change. Please see a pastor for information and to enroll.*

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