

# ANCHORED

*in the Word*

**July - September 2024**

Year 1 / Quarter 3

Dear friend,

*Anchored in the Word* is a resource to help you read the Bible more consistently and fruitfully. Following this guide will lead you to read thoughtfully through the entire Bible over the course of three years. There are selections to read five days per week. One day per week is devoted to the New Testament, three to the Old, and one to the Psalms.

For each day of the quarter this guide includes a passage to read, a one sentence summary of the day's reading, and a question to help you notice the text. The guide is divided by weeks with a blank page to take notes each week. As you consider the provided questions, think carefully about how the truths in these passages apply to your life.

- What does this teach me about God? Reflect on what the passage reveals about God's character, will, and ways.
- How can I apply this to my life? Think about practical ways the passage's teachings can be lived out in your daily life.
- Is there a command to obey or an example to follow? Look for direct instructions or examples set by biblical figures.
- What does this teach me about human nature or the world? Consider insights the passage offers about humanity and the world around you.
- Is there a promise to claim? Identify promises in the passage and reflect on their relevance to your life.
- How does this passage challenge or encourage me?
- What prayer points emerge from this reading? Use insights from the passage to guide your prayer life.
- How can I share this with others? Think about ways to discuss or demonstrate the lessons learned with those around you.

Remember to pray before, during and in response to reading. May God bless you as you read His Word! The goal is to let the Scripture speak into your life, guiding and transforming you according to its truth.

All quotations are the from the Legacy Standard Bible (LSB) which you can read online at [read.lsbible.org](http://read.lsbible.org) or in many Bible apps.

# Week 27 (July 1-5)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*Make sure that your way of life is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you," (Hebrews 13:5)*

### **HEBREWS 12-13**

*God disciplines us as His children, encourages us to live holy lives, and offers practical advice for Christian conduct.*

How does the concept of God's discipline relate to our personal growth in faith?

### **EXODUS 30**

*Instructions for making the altar of incense, the census tax, the bronze basin, the anointing oil, and the incense are given.*

Why do you think specific instructions were given for these items, and how might they enhance worship?

### **EXODUS 31-32**

*God appoints skilled workers for the tabernacle; Israel makes the golden calf, leading to Moses' intercession and God's punishment.*

What can we learn about leadership and accountability from the events surrounding the golden calf?

### **EXODUS 33:1-34:9**

*God commands Israel to continue to the Land, Moses intercedes for the people, and God reveals His glory & renews the covenant.*

What does Moses' intercession teach us about the role of a mediator between God and His people?

### **PSALM 106:1-14**

*Praise for God's enduring love, recounting Israel's rebellion and God's continued mercy and salvation.*

What insights can we gain about human nature and divine patience from Israel's repeated disobedience and God's mercy?



# Week 28 (July 8-12)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*And He is before all things, And in Him all things hold together.  
(Colossians 1:17)*

### **COLOSSIANS 1-2**

*Paul emphasizes Christ's supremacy, our reconciliation through Him, and warns against deceptive philosophies.*

How does understanding Christ's supremacy impact the way we live our daily lives?

### **EXODUS 34:10-35:19**

*God renews His covenant with Israel, giving laws about worship and work, and instructs the construction of the tabernacle.*

What is the significance of God renewing His covenant and the detailed instructions for worship?

### **EXODUS 35:20-36:38**

*The Israelites willingly bring offerings for the tabernacle, and skilled craftsmen begin the work as instructed by God.*

What motivates the Israelites to contribute so generously, and what can we learn from their example?

### **EXODUS 37:1-38:7**

*Bezalel makes the ark, the table, the lampstand, the altar of incense, and the altar of burnt offering according to God's instructions.*

How do the detailed craftsmanship and materials used for the tabernacle items reflect the importance of worship?

### **PSALM 106:15-29**

*The psalm recounts Israel's continued rebellion, including the worship of the golden calf & other sins, contrasting with God's mercy.*

What lessons can we draw from Israel's repeated failures and God's ongoing patience and mercy?



# Week 29 (July 15-19)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving; (Colossians 4:2)*

### **COLOSSIANS 3-4**

*Paul instructs believers on holy living, household relationships, and encourages prayer and wise conduct toward outsiders.*

How does Paul describe the characteristics of a life transformed by Christ?

### **EXODUS 38:8-39:21**

*Craftsmen complete various parts of the tabernacle, including the basin, courtyard, and priestly garments.*

What is the significance of the detailed craftsmanship in the construction of the tabernacle and its furnishings?

### **EXODUS 39:22-40:38**

*The tabernacle is completed, Moses inspects the work, and God's glory fills the tabernacle as He dwells among His people.*

What does the completion of the tabernacle and God's indwelling signify about His relationship with Israel?

### **LEVITICUS 1-2**

*Instructions are given for burnt offerings and grain offerings as ways to approach God and maintain fellowship with Him.*

What do the specific instructions for offerings reveal about the nature of worship and atonement in Israel?

### **PSALM 106:30-48**

*The psalmist recalls Israel's continued disobedience, God's judgments, and His enduring mercy and covenant faithfulness.*

How does this psalm illustrate the balance between divine justice and mercy in God's dealings with His people?





# Week 30 (July 22-26)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*Let them give thanks to Yahweh for His lovingkindness, And for His wondrous deeds to the sons of men! (Psalm 107:8)*

### **LUKE 1:1-38**

*Luke describes the announcement of John the Baptist's birth and the angel Gabriel's message to Mary about Jesus' miraculous conception.*

What do the angelic announcements reveal about God's plan and the roles of John the Baptist and Jesus?

### **LEVITICUS 3-4**

*Instructions for peace offerings and sin offerings, highlighting how unintentional sins are to be atoned for.*

Why are different offerings required for various types of sins and what does this teach about the nature of sin and atonement?

### **LEVITICUS 5-6**

*Guidelines for guilt offerings and restitution for sins, emphasizing the need for confession and compensation.*

What is the significance of requiring restitution in addition to the guilt offering for certain sins?

### **LEVITICUS 7**

*Further instructions on offerings, including regulations for peace offerings, and the priests' portions.*

How do the specific regulations for offerings reflect the holiness and justice of God?

### **PSALMS 107:1-19**

*A psalm of thanksgiving for God's deliverance from various distresses, illustrating His steadfast love and mercy.*

What are some of the ways God's deliverance and mercy are described, and how should we respond to them?



# Week 31 (July 29 – August 2)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*For I am Yahweh who brought you up from the land of Egypt to be your God; thus you shall be holy, for I am holy. (Leviticus 11:45)*

### **LUKE 1:39–2:14**

*Mary visits Elizabeth, both women praise God, and Jesus is born in Bethlehem, heralded by angels as the Savior.*

How do the responses of Mary, Elizabeth, and the angels highlight the significance of Jesus' birth?

### **LEVITICUS 8**

*Moses consecrates Aaron and his sons as priests through detailed rituals, establishing their roles in Israel's worship.*

What do the consecration rituals signify about the nature and responsibilities of the priesthood?

### **LEVITICUS 9-10**

*Aaron and his sons begin their priestly duties, but Nadab and Abihu's unauthorized offerings lead to their death by God's judgment.*

What lessons can be learned from the contrasting outcomes of the priests' obedience and disobedience?

### **LEVITICUS 11**

*God provides laws about clean and unclean animals, distinguishing what the Israelites may eat and touch.*

How do Joseph's actions towards his brothers further test their character, and what does this reveal about his intentions?

### **PSALM 107:20-43**

*The psalm continues with praise for God's deliverance, recounting various ways He rescues and blesses His people.*

How does the psalmist describe God's deliverance and blessings, and what response does this elicit from the people?



# Week 32 (August 5-9)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom;  
Good insight belongs to all those who do His commandments;  
His praise stands forever. (Psalm 111:10)*

### **LUKE 2:15-3:20**

*Shepherds visit Jesus, Jesus is presented at the temple, and John the Baptist begins his ministry, calling for repentance.*

How do the responses of the shepherds and John the Baptist's message illustrate the significance of Jesus' arrival?

### **LEVITICUS 12:1-13:46**

*Instructions are given for purification after childbirth and diagnosing skin diseases, emphasizing ritual cleanliness and health.*

What is the significance of the purification rituals and procedures for diagnosing skin diseases in maintaining health & holiness?

### **LEVITICUS 13:47-14:32**

*Regulations are provided for dealing with contaminated clothing and the purification of those healed from skin diseases.*

How do these regulations underscore the importance of cleanliness and the process of restoration in the community?

### **LEVITICUS 14:33-15:33**

*Laws about cleansing houses with mold and regulations for bodily discharges highlight the need for purity and health.*

What do the laws regarding mold and bodily discharges teach about the relationship between physical health and spiritual cleanliness?

### **PSALM 110-111**

*Psalm 110 proclaims the Messiah's eternal priesthood & kingship, while Psalm 111 praises God's mighty works & enduring righteousness.*

How do these psalms reflect different aspects of God's sovereignty and the response of His people to His greatness?



# Week 33 (August 12-16)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*How great is Your goodness, Which You have stored up for those who fear You, Which You have worked for those who take refuge in You, Before the sons of men! (Psalm 31:19)*

### **LUKE 3:21-4:44**

*Jesus is baptized, tempted in the wilderness, begins His ministry, and demonstrates His authority through teaching and miracles.*

What significance do Jesus' baptism, temptation, and early ministry activities hold in revealing His identity and mission?

### **LEVITICUS 16**

*Detailed instructions are given for the Day of Atonement, when the high priest makes atonement for the sins of Israel.*

Why is the Day of Atonement central to Israel's worship, and what does it symbolize about sin and forgiveness?

### **LEVITICUS 17-18**

*God gives laws regarding the sanctity of blood and regulations on sexual conduct to maintain Israel's holiness.*

What do these laws reveal about the importance of moral purity in the life of God's people?

### **LEVITICUS 19**

*God commands the Israelites to be holy, providing various laws that cover social justice, worship, and daily conduct.*

How do the diverse laws in this chapter demonstrate the comprehensive nature of holiness in Israel's life?

### **PSALM 31**

*David expresses trust in God amidst distress, seeking deliverance and praising God's faithfulness and protection.*

How does David's expression of trust and plea for deliverance reflect his relationship with God during times of trouble?





# Week 34 (August 19-23)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*But He Himself would often slip away to the desolate regions and pray.  
(Luke 5:16)*

### **LUKE 5**

*Jesus calls His first disciples, performs miracles of healing, and teaches about forgiveness and repentance.*

How do Jesus' miracles and the calling of His disciples illustrate the nature and purpose of His ministry?

### **LEVITICUS 20-21**

*God outlines punishments for various sins and provides rules for the holiness and conduct of the priests.*

What do the severe penalties and strict priestly regulations indicate about the importance of holiness in Israel?

### **LEVITICUS 22**

*Instructions are given to maintain the purity of offerings and ensure the priests' integrity in their service.*

How do the regulations about offerings and priestly conduct emphasize the sanctity of worship?

### **LEVITICUS 23**

*God establishes the appointed festivals, including the Sabbath, Passover, and others, as times of sacred assembly and worship.*

What is the significance of the appointed festivals in the religious life and identity of Israel?

### **PSALM 122-123**

*Psalm 122 is a song of ascent, expressing joy in going to Jerusalem, while Psalm 123 is a plea for God's mercy.*

How do these psalms reflect the themes of worship, community, and dependence on God?



# Week 35 (August 26-30)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to the ungrateful and evil. (Luke 6:35)*

### ☐ **LUKE 6**

*Jesus teaches about love, mercy, and the Sabbath, and selects His apostles, challenging societal norms and religious practices.*

How do Jesus' teachings and actions in this chapter redefine righteousness and the essence of following Him?

### ☐ **LEVITICUS 24:1-25:17**

*God gives laws about the lampstand, the bread of the Presence, blasphemy, and the Sabbath year and Jubilee.*

What is the significance of the Sabbath year and Jubilee in promoting social and economic justice?

### ☐ **LEVITICUS 25:18-55**

*Further details are provided about the Jubilee, including the redemption of property and the treatment of servants.*

How does the Jubilee year reflect God's concern for equity and restoration within the community?

### ☐ **LEVITICUS 26**

*Blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience are outlined, emphasizing the covenant relationship between God and Israel.*

What do the promised blessings and curses reveal about the consequences of Israel's faithfulness or unfaithfulness to God?

### ☐ **PSALM 145**

*A psalm of praise, celebrating God's greatness, compassion, and faithfulness to all His creation.*

How does the psalmist describe God's character, and what impact does this have on the believer's worship and trust in Him?



# Week 36 (September 2-6)

## VERSES OF THE WEEK

*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)*

### **LUKE 7**

*Jesus heals a centurion's servant, raises a widow's son, and forgives a sinful woman, demonstrating His compassion and authority.*

How do the miracles and interactions in this chapter illustrate Jesus' power and mercy towards those in need?

### **LEVITICUS 27**

*God provides instructions for making vows, dedicating people, animals, and property, and their redemption values.*

What is the significance of making vows and dedicating things to God, and how does this practice reflect one's commitment?

### **NUMBERS 1**

*God commands a census of Israel's warriors, listing the tribes and their numbers to organize the nation for the journey ahead.*

What does the census reveal about the organization and preparedness of Israel as they prepare to enter the Promised Land?

### **NUMBERS 2**

*God instructs the arrangement of the Israelite camp around the tabernacle, specifying the positions of each tribe.*

How does the arrangement of the camp around the tabernacle emphasize the centrality of God's presence among His people?

### **PSALM 133-134**

*Psalm 133 celebrates the unity of God's people, while Psalm 134 calls for blessings upon those who serve in the house of the Lord.*

How do these psalms highlight the importance of unity and worship within the community of believers?



# Week 37 (September 9-13)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*Yahweh bless you, and keep you; Yahweh make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; Yahweh lift up His face on you, and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)*

### **LUKE 8**

*Jesus teaches, calms a storm, heals a demon-possessed man, and raises a girl, demonstrating His authority over nature, evil, and death.*

How do the parables and miracles in this chapter reveal different aspects of Jesus' power and kingdom?

### **NUMBERS 3**

*God assigns the duties of the Levites, listing their clans and responsibilities in the service of the tabernacle.*

What does the detailed organization of the Levites' roles indicate about the importance of orderly worship and service?

### **NUMBERS 4**

*Instructions are given for the Levite clans regarding the transport of the tabernacle and its furnishings during the journey.*

How do the specific tasks assigned to each Levite clan ensure the proper handling and reverence for the tabernacle?

### **NUMBERS 5-6**

*God provides laws for maintaining purity in the camp, including the test for adultery, restitution, and the Nazirite vow.*

What is the purpose of the Nazirite vow, and what does it signify about personal dedication to God?

### **PSALM 119:97-112**

*The psalmist expresses love for God's law, finding wisdom, guidance, and joy in following His commandments.*

How does the psalmist's devotion to God's law influence his life and actions according to these verses?





# Week 38 (September 16-20)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*And He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God." (Luke 9:20)*

### **LUKE 9:1-36**

*Jesus sends out the twelve apostles, feeds the five thousand, predicts His death, and is transfigured, revealing His glory and mission.*

How do these events demonstrate both the power and the purpose of Jesus' ministry?

### **NUMBERS 7:1-37**

*The leaders of Israel bring offerings for the dedication of the altar, detailing the gifts from each tribe.*

What is the significance of the leaders' offerings, and how do they reflect the unity and devotion of the tribes?

### **NUMBERS 7:38-89**

*The chapter continues listing the offerings brought by the leaders for the dedication of the altar, emphasizing their contributions.*

How does the detailed account of offerings underscore the importance of collective worship and dedication to God?

### **NUMBERS 8-9**

*Instructions are given for the consecration of the Levites and the observance of Passover.*

What does this chapter reveal about God's provision for purity and inclusion in worship?

### **PSALM 27**

*David expresses his confidence in God's protection, seeking His presence and guidance while facing adversaries.*

How does David's trust in God's protection and desire for His presence shape his response to fear and adversity?



# Week 39 (September 23-27)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." (Luke 10:2)*

### **LUKE 9:37-10:16**

*Jesus heals a boy with an unclean spirit, predicts His death, teaches about greatness, and sends out seventy-two disciples.*

How do the healing, teachings, and mission of the seventy-two disciples reveal Jesus' authority and the nature of discipleship?

### **NUMBERS 10**

*God instructs Moses on making two silver trumpets for directing the community, and the Israelites begin their journey from Sinai.*

What role do the silver trumpets play in guiding the Israelites, and how do they facilitate communication and order?

### **NUMBERS 11**

*The Israelites complain about their hardships and lack of meat, leading God to provide quail and appoint seventy elders to help Moses.*

What does the response of the Israelites and God's provision reveal about the challenges of leadership and God's care?

### **NUMBERS 12-13**

*Miriam & Aaron oppose Moses and are disciplined by God; spies are sent, reporting both the land's abundance & its formidable inhabitants.*

What lessons can be learned from Miriam and Aaron's challenge to Moses' authority and the report of the spies?

### **PSALM 98**

*A psalm of praise celebrating God's marvelous deeds, His salvation, and His righteous judgment of the world.*

How do God's works and His call to worship highlight the reasons for rejoicing in God's salvation and justice?



