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But steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord, and they shall be glad, and they shall shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart.

Psalm 33

The Greatness and Goodness of God
Praise the Lord, O you righteous; praise the Lord with the lyre; praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the ten-stringed harp; sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings; with shouts

for the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of His mouth. He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;

He put the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm.

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He frustrates the plans of the paragon; the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage.

The Lord looks down from heaven; He sees all humankind; from where He sits enthroned He watches the inhabitants of the earth; His eyes are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry.

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The fear of the Lord is against sin; to cut off the transgression of the mouth; the righteous cry for help, and the Lord hears them from all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted; and saves the crushed by all.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord rescues them from all.

He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken; death will not touch them; and those who have been condemned will be acquitted.

The Lord rescues the servants of those who are condemned; He will be glorified in all.

Psalm 34

Praise for Deliverance from Trouble
Of those who say, "I will not drink wine or strong drink, for I will not drink; I will not drink wine or strong drink, for I will not drink."

When I was in trouble, I called upon the Lord; and He answered me; He turned His ear to me, and He answered my cry.

My heart was full of trouble; and I said, "I will not drink wine or strong drink, for I will not drink."

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PSALM 34

Prayer for Deliverance from Trouble

1. Contend, O Lord, with the mighty; fight against the mighty.

2. Take hold of the shield of the Lord, and take up the bow of the Lord; and say to me, "I am my strength."

3. Let them who are my enemies be ashamed; and let them who hate me be confounded.

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WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?

The Bible is the most printed and read book in history. More evidence exists to confirm the Bible than to confirm any other ancient historical documents.

God's Word can change your heart and transform your life. The Bible wasn't written to be merely history or a piece of great literature. It is meant to be read with both the mind and heart. God loves you and wants you to love him.

“Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.”—Deuteronomy 8:3

Reasons to Study with Your Mind and Heart

To Know God

God created the heaven and the earth and everyone in it.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”—Genesis 1:1

“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”—Genesis 1:27

To Enjoy and Love God

Meditate on God’s character, principles, and promises. Rejoice in his love, care, and forgiveness. (Psalm 119:12–18, 160–162; 1 Timothy 6:17)

“Praise be to you, LORD; teach me your decrees. With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth.

I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.”—Psalm 119:12–16

To Know God’s Word

The Scriptures were inspired by God. They teach us the truth and show us what is wrong in our lives. They straighten us out.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
—2 Timothy 3:16–17

To Understand the Word

Jesus is called the Word because he is the ultimate communication from God. He existed from the beginning with God, he is God, and he created everything. He said that those who have seen him have seen the Father. (John 1:1–3; 10:30; 12:44–45; 14:7–9)

To Learn Direction in Life

The Bible shows us what to do.

“I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”
—Psalm 119:11

To Find Comfort and Hope

The Scriptures give us encouragement.

“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.”—Romans 15:4

To Let God Expose Our Innermost Thoughts and Desires

His Word helps us see ourselves as we really are and convicts us of sin so that we repent and change.

“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”
—Hebrews 4:12–15

To Become Pure and Holy

Jesus prayed this for all believers that they would be set apart for God and his holy purposes.

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me

through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”—John 17:20–21

To Obey the Great Commandment

The more we know God, the more we can love him. The Great Commandment is to love God with all of our being and our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12:29–31). And Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”—John 13:34–35

Examples in Scripture

- Moses read the Word of God to the people and commanded that it be read publicly. (Exodus 24:7; Deuteronomy 31:9–13)
- Joshua was commanded to meditate on God’s word day and night. (Joshua 1:8)
- Kings of Israel were to study the Scriptures. (Deuteronomy 17:18–19)
- The longest psalm is a psalm about the value of knowing God’s Word. (Psalm 119)
- Paul required his letters be read publicly. (Colossians 4:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:27)
- The apostle Paul urged Timothy to study the Word of God and handle it with care. (2 Timothy 2:15)

- The Ethiopian man was reading God's Word and he became a follower of Jesus. (Acts 8:27–40)
- Jesus read the Bible and taught it to the people. (Luke 4:16–21)
- Jesus said the value of studying the Bible was to see that it spoke about him. (John 5:39)
- God's Word is supposed to be close to the mouths and hearts of believers. (Deuteronomy 30:11–14; 32:47; Psalm 1:2; Romans 10:8–11; Colossians 3:16)

