



June 2025



The wisdom that comes from Heaven

But the wisdom that comes from Heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.
(James 3:17)

In ancient times, many who lived in the Western world often said, "Wisdom comes from the East." Even today, the Eastern world—its culture, religions, philosophies, and practices—continues to attract many people from the West. People say different reasons or factors that contribute to this phenomenon. Sometimes, I think society is stereotyped into saying or believing this. For example, when people see a man with a long white beard and a decent dress, they think they are wise and honourable.

The word "wisdom" refers to the ability to make correct judgments and follow the best course of action, based on knowledge and understanding. A bible teacher says, "Wisdom is the ability to see life from God's point of view." In James 3:17, we read about "the wisdom that comes from heaven." Bible scholars interpret that it is a rabbinical way of referring to Yahweh. Where can wisdom be found? It comes from Heaven, God (James 1:5). Charles Spurgeon says, "Wisdom is a beauty of life that can only be produced by God's workmanship in us".

In the previous In the previous verses, James describes false wisdom that does not come from Heaven. Such "earthly, unspiritual, demonic" wisdom can be easily

recognizable. We must examine ourselves to see if we possess such worldly wisdom that leads to disorder and evil practices in our lives. James warns the believers to stop doing things based on such false wisdom. Notice his phrase "in your hearts," which signifies that the problem is not external but internal.

It's good to ask from time to time: "Am I growing in wisdom?" After all, life is relentlessly dynamic. We are either growing sweeter and wiser as the days go by, or we are growing foolish. Into what are we growing?

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you (James 1:5). We often encourage our children to ask for wisdom from God by referring to this verse. We forget that we all need wisdom, regardless of our age and experience. God loves to give his wisdom to anyone who asks for it. Are we ready to ask God to give us His wisdom? Let us remember that Jesus Christ is our wisdom (1 Corinth. 1:28-31). God has chosen and called us to receive His wisdom. Let us demonstrate our living faith by living with godly wisdom.

- Arputharaj Samuel, Bangalore.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on behalf of the GODependence Team. I thank God for the opportunity to reconnect with you through this newsletter once again.

Our hearts are getting heavy with the daily news of conflicts raging across various parts of the world. While these wars are tragic and visible, they also remind us of another kind of battle — one that is invisible, ongoing, and personal: the spiritual war we face every day.

War is Real: Just as no nation is ever fully immune to war, no believer is exempt from spiritual warfare. The Apostle Paul reminds us in Ephesians 6:12 that “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.” Every believer is in a daily battle — not against people, but against pride, fear, sin, and temptation. While world wars may happen occasionally, spiritual warfare is constant. It comes through subtle distractions, discouragements, and even our own thoughts.

We need the Right Weapons: In earthly battles, success depends on one’s strategy, strength, and weapons. In the spiritual realm, our weapons are not physical. As 2 Corinthians 10:4 reminds us, “the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds”. God has already given us all we need: the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, preparation of the gospel of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, sword of the Spirit (God’s Word), and prayer (Ephesians 6:13–18). Spiritual victory doesn’t come from human wisdom but through consistent prayer, Bible reading & meditation, and dependence on the Holy Spirit.

Victory is assured in Christ: Unlike worldly wars where outcomes are uncertain, our spiritual war has already been won through Jesus Christ. On the cross, Jesus disarmed the principalities and powers. (Colossians 2:15). Our enemy still attacks, but he is a defeated foe. ‘We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.’ (Romans 8:37) This truth gives us hope.

Let this assurance keep us steady, joyful, and focused in these turbulent times. Let us intercede for those in war-torn regions, but also examine our own lives for the battlegrounds where God is calling us to stand firm.

The Children’s Bible Reading Challenges (CBRC) for the academic year 2025–26 have been initiated from June 16, 2025. More than 150 school-going students have joined these groups. The monthly GODependence Talk Shows will resume this month as planned. Please remember us in your prayers so that all ministry activities planned for this year will proceed smoothly and without hindrance.

Kindly share your feedback and suggestions regarding this GODependence newsletter with us in the survey link given in the page 4. Continue to pray for this ministry and help to introduce its services to others. May the name of the Lord be glorified.



**In Christ’s service,
Dr. Pethuru Devadason.**

Praise & Prayer Points - June 2025



Let's Praise God:

1. For those who successfully completed Bible reading by the end of May 2025 despite many obstacles.
2. For God's grace that has enabled the GODependence newsletter to be published consistently for 8 months without fail.
3. For the life, health, and strength the Lord has granted each of us until now.
4. For the various activities planned in the GODependence ministry for this month.
5. For our Bible Reading Challenge groups that are currently active in 10 languages with 6 durations.



Let's Pray:

1. For all those who are part of the June 2025 Bible reading group — that many will complete the reading this month, and those who are behind for various reasons will be able to catch up and finish.
2. For children stepping into the new academic year — may the Lord grant them special wisdom and help them excel in their studies.
3. For the Children’s Bible Reading Challenge groups started on June 16, 2025 — that many children will join enthusiastically and develop the habit of reading the Word of God.
4. For the GODependence Talk Show events planned for the upcoming months — that they may be beneficial to many.
5. For the preparations toward the restarting of the Bible Meditation Groups in July 2025 — that they will begin successfully, overcoming every obstacle.



The Fall of Leaders – Why?



Why do even great spiritual leaders, who were once considered as saints, fall suddenly?

The sudden fall of many renowned servants of God has shocked the world. We are left confused and asking, “How could such a great man of God fall?” The answer to this question is quite unique.

A person’s spiritual strength is directly related to the strength of their mind. One might be a passionate prayer warrior, perform mighty miracles, spark powerful revivals, deliver soul-piercing sermons, and be filled with various spiritual gifts. But if that person has not learned to discipline and control their mind, they are vulnerable to falling when the opportunity arises. Therefore, the mind is what truly needs to be guarded.

The Bible says, “Whoever has no rule over his own spirit is like a city broken down, without walls.” (Proverbs 25:28). Naturally, all our abilities are rooted in our mind. Who we are is determined by our mindset. That’s why it’s no surprise that Satan persistently works to capture and control our minds.

Paul, the faithful shepherd of the flock entrusted to him, said, “But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.” (2 Corinthians 11:3).

Long before a servant of God falls publicly, there must have been a hidden fall in his heart that no one else may have noticed.

The Bible compares those who shine as holy ones to stars in the heavens (Daniel 12:3). We know stars are located far away from Earth. The light we see from them may have taken four or more light-years to reach us (light travels at 300,000 km/sec). If a star is four light-years away, then the light we see now left that star four light-years ago.

Similarly, a great spiritual leader shining brightly today may have already fallen from grace four years ago. Because he was in such a high spiritual place—like a star in the heavens—we still see his light. But one day, suddenly, that light vanishes. The star may have gone dark four years ago.

However, people on Earth remain unaware of this. Until today, the light kept reaching us. So, when a spiritual leader falls, people are shocked and ask, “What suddenly happened to such a great man of God?” But it was not sudden. The fall began long before in his heart. This is true both historically and in today’s reality.

Many well-known spiritual leaders who later fell from grace have admitted that long before their public fall, a secret fall had already occurred within their hearts.

One of the greatest dangers that might come to powerful servants of God is this: when small sins occur in their lives, instead of repenting, confessing, and turning away from them, they hide them. They may think that as great spiritual people, admitting faults and repenting would damage their honor. As a result, they secretly engage in things like inappropriate touch, briefly looking at shameful images, and other secret sins. At first, these may not seem to affect their ministry. But over time, they ruin both life and ministry.

You may pour a little water on a person — it won't kill them. You may throw a bit of straw or even sand on them — still, no harm. But if you mix sand, straw, and water into a brick and throw that at someone, it can kill them. Likewise, our small, seemingly insignificant secret sins can combine into something deadly. We must be careful!

When we begin to listen to the seemingly innocent voice of Satan without discernment, we give him access into our lives. First, he deceives us. Then, he corrupts and pollutes our mind. Finally, he blinds it (2Corinthians 4:4). After that, we become bold enough to commit any sin.

This is the same trap Satan used with Eve. He deceived her into thinking that the forbidden fruit was good for food, pleasing to the eye, and desirable for gaining wisdom (Genesis 3:6). He led her to believe that the loving God who walked with them daily had withheld something good. Her sincere love for God faded — her mind was corrupted. Then, it didn't take long for her to eat the fruit. She was no longer afraid of the consequences of her direct disobedience. That's how blind her mind had become.

When we reach that kind of spiritual condition, no amount of advice, encouragement, reasoning, or discipline can lift us out of our numb, hardened state. We may completely lose sight of both the glorious things God has prepared for us and the judgment awaiting the disobedient.

This article isn't just for those who have already fallen — it's a warning for every reader.

*"For this is the will of God,
your sanctification" - (1 Thes. 4:3)*

- Voice of Pentecost



Survey on GODependence Newsletter:

Dear Reader,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

For the past 8 months (including this one), the GODependence Newsletter has been a humble effort to encourage consistent Bible reading, share praise reports, and strengthen our fellowship through prayer and testimonies.

As we look ahead, we want to grow and improve — and **your feedback matters very much to us**. This short survey will take just a few minutes of your time but will help us serve you and others better through future issues.

Whether you've been a regular reader or just started, your honest thoughts, suggestions, and encouragement will guide us forward.

You can even respond in the given link, without mentioning your identity: <https://forms.gle/U7hvtAB6vmLSCFar9>

Thank you for being part of this journey. Let's keep depending on God together!

In Christ's love,

Editorial Team
GODependence Newsletter





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BIBLE READING CHALLENGES - From 01 July 2025 onwards

"We must read our Bibles like men digging for hidden treasure." - J. C. Ryle. We, GODependence, assist you to read the whole Bible at your convenient time and speed.

The following are some of the testimonies of our Bible reading challenge participants who successfully read through the Bible:

 "I have completed reading the Bible three times so far in the year 2025. By joining the GODependence Bible Reading Challenge group and committing to finish the Bible within the set number of days, I was able to spend more time with the Word of God, without thinking about unnecessary worldly worries." - Mano Magdalene Ramkumar

 "I have now completed my Bible reading for the first time, and I felt great. I was a little short on time of 2 months, but with the grace of God I have completed my Bible study in one go. You are doing a great job." - Akash Kumar Agarwal


 "This GODependence Bible Reading challenge is a very good plan and very useful for me to read Bible everyday, and stay close to our Lord Jesus Christ." - Sivalakshmi

Do you need any assistance to sustain your Bible Reading efforts? If yes, GODependence invites you to join one of the "Bible Reading Challenges" that start from 01 July 2025 onward.


Its Special Features are:

- * Your choice of Challenge Duration ranges from 1 Month to 1 Year [Reading the whole Bible in 1 month / 2 months / 3 months / 4 months / 6 months or 1 Year].
- * Your choice of Language group from 10 Languages [English, Tamil, Hindi, Malayalam, Kannada, Telugu, Odia, Punjabi, Marathi or Bengali].
- * Bible Reading Portion is given daily on the previous night.
- * Daily Motivational Quotes or Clips on reading the Bible.
- * Weekly, BiWeekly & Monthly Reviews to ensure progress.
- * If you fall behind, jump back in! Our reading plan includes Catch-up days & Changing of Plans because we understand real life!
- * User-friendly WhatsApp groups regulations.
- * Certificate of Appreciation and Prizes (*Conditions apply).

 So if you are interested in completing Reading the whole Bible, join in one of the Challenges we designed for your convenience. Please make your choice of convenient Duration plan and Language group and inform us of your decision along with your Name (as to be printed in the Appreciation Certificate on successful completion of the Challenge) and Age to the WhatsApp number +91 95255 95265 by clicking this link: <https://wa.me/919525595265>.

Thank you. God bless you. Amen. 

- Team GODependence

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True freedom is being dependent on God


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MEN DIGGING FOR HIDDEN TREASURE.
- J. C. RYLE




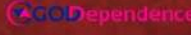
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 **Join one of our Bible reading plans**

 **Start reading at your own convenience**

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Scripture:

2 Corinthians

LET'S PLAY BIBLE GAME - 8

Send the answers with Bible references.
You can use the Bible (NKJV) to find the answers



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Click on the given link and send the correct answer before 25/06/2025. The first 10 persons who send the correct answer will be mentioned in the next month's newsletter.

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GODependence WhatsApp Channel

This is the Official whatsapp channel of GODependence in English...

Kindly keep following this channel for the Daily Quotes in English and the regular updates on Bible Reading Challenges from GODependence. Thank you.

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Contact Numbers for the Bible Reading Challenges:

GODependence is using the following contact numbers for Bible Reading Challenges in various languages.

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Our Vision

To enlighten, enrich, and empower people to become dependent on God.



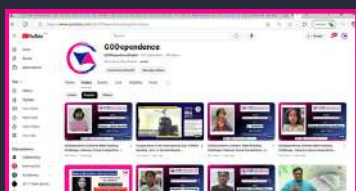
Our Mission

GODependence seeks to help people become dependent on God by engaging with God's Word and prayer.

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CHILDREN BIBLE READING CHALLENGES 2025-26 - From 16 June 2025 onwards

"Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law." - Psalm 119:18

The Bible is simple enough for a child to read and too deep for a scholar to master. - Anonymous

📅🌟 A brand new academic year 2025–26 has begun!

Would you love to see your child (up to 13 years) grow in the habit of reading the Bible, knowing God, and gaining divine wisdom—all while excelling in studies and life?

Join the Children's Bible Reading Challenge 2025–26 – a simple and joyful way for your child to build a strong spiritual foundation every day!

Its special features:

- ✓ Appropriate Bible reading passages for budding young children
- ✓ Bible reading during school-going days in the academic year
- ✓ A systematic approach to scripture memorization and recitation
- ✓ Certificates and Prizes for successful participants
- ✓ Any Child from 8 to 13-year-old can join this Bible reading challenge
- ✓ Special permission and provision for Children below 8 years

👉 To join the Children's Bible Reading Challenge 2025-26, click here: <https://wa.me/919525595265>

Please send us the following details:

1. Child's Name
2. Age
3. Date of Birth
4. Preferred Language Group: English or Tamil

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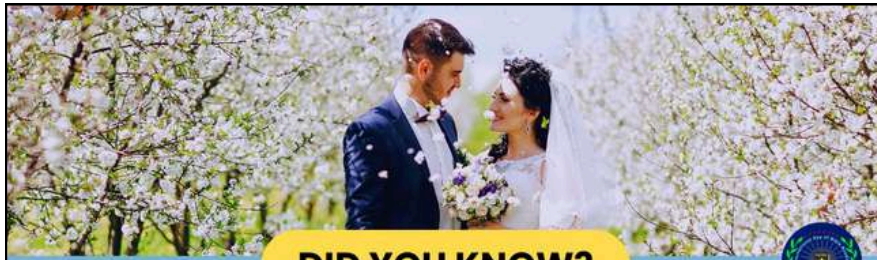
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Let's raise a generation rooted in God's Word!



DID YOU KNOW?

The Bible reveals the secret of a stable marriage

Infidelity of the couples is one of the major reasons for the breakdown of marriages. The Bible strongly warns married couples against having extramarital relationships.

These are some of the warnings given in the Bible:

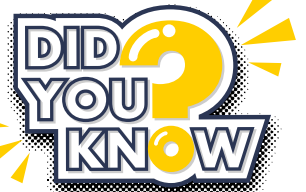
- "Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched? So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished." (Proverbs 6: 27-29).
- "Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral." (Hebrews 13:4).

What's remarkable is that this wisdom was written in the Bible long before the development of Modern Psychology and Counselling.

Read the Bible and obey its truths to lead a successful married life.

DID YOU KNOW Methuselah lived 969 YEARS

He holds
the Bible's
record for
longevity
(Genesis 5:27)



DID YOU KNOW the Book of Esther never explicitly mentions God?



Last month let's play Bible game-7 & Bible Crossword Puzzle -7 the correct answers

Correct Answers

From the given pictures find the verses of 1 Corinthians

1. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
2. 1 Corinthians 12:12
3. 1 Corinthians 11:1
4. 1 Corinthians 4:20
5. 1 Corinthians 10:31
6. 1 Corinthians 2:9
7. 1 Corinthians 1:27
8. 1 Corinthians 1:18
9. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
10. 1 Corinthians 13:13

Let's Play
Bible
Game -7

Bible
Crossword
Puzzle -7

Scripture: 1 Corinthians

Correct Answers

Across:

5. Destroy (1 Cor 3:17)
6. Death (1 Cor 15:26)
8. Body (1 Cor 12:12)
10. Message (1 Cor 1:18)
11. Flesh (1 Cor 15:50)
12. Builds (1 Cor 8:1)
13. Peace (1 Cor 14:33)
14. Wrongs (1 Cor 13:5)

Down:

1. Spirit (1 Cor 12:4)
2. Kind (1 Cor 13:4)
3. Temptation (1 Cor 10:13)
4. Cymbal (1 Cor 13:1)
7. Temple (1 Cor 6:19)
9. Love (1 Cor 16:4)
9. Love (1 Cor 13:13)



GODependence Bible Reading Challenges



Congratulations to the Successful Participants as on 31 May 2025

GODependence Bible Reading Challenges
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1 Month Bible Reading Challenge

1. Hepzibah Robert
2. Sherine Ranjit
3. Christy Prabhakar
4. Jershajustin.J.L
5. M. Hena Jancy Mary
6. R Padmavathi
7. T. Salomi Sakunthala Rani
8. K. Lediakingsly

Congratulations!

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Prize & Certificate will be send to them in due time

GODependence Bible Reading Challenges
Congratulations to the Successful Participants as on 31 May 2025
2 Months Bible Reading Challenge

1. Jayden
2. Siva Lakshmi
3. A R Elizabeth
4. Mrs. ManoMagdalin Ramkumar
5. P. Pavithra
6. Paul Chandra Raja G J
7. Sangeetha Kumaravel
8. Shunmugiah. M
9. Akash Kumar Agarwal

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Congratulations to the Successful Participants as on 31 May 2025
3 Months Bible Reading Challenge

1. A. Umamaheswari
2. STANLEY GNANARAJ D
3. Kumari
4. Nithya

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GODependence Bible Reading Challenges
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4 Months Bible Reading Challenge

1. R. Tamil Selvi

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GODependence Bible Reading Challenges
Congratulations to the Successful Participants as on 31 May 2025
6 Months Bible Reading Challenge

1. Patricia Arthur
2. PHILIP. D
3. A. Salomie Luciana
4. Anna Jothi K
5. D. Golden Janet
6. DavidSamuvel
7. E. Packia Thirsa
8. Lawrance
9. Edwin Raj
10. Mrs. Jacintha Sekar
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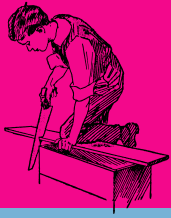
GODependence Bible Reading Challenges
Congratulations to the Successful Participants as on 31 May 2025
1 Year Bible Reading Challenge

1. Hariharan N
2. Vimaladevi Wilson
3. Vimala Wilson
4. E. Packia Thirsa
5. S. Jeya Rani
6. Arayee

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Joseph – The Husband of Mary

The Unsung Hero of the Bible

(MATTHEW 1:18–25; 2:13–14, 19–23)



Joseph is one of the greatest yet most overlooked heroes of the Bible. Though he is rarely mentioned from pulpits, his quiet strength and unwavering obedience speak volumes.

Joseph sacrificed much to obey God's will.

He gave up the traditional joy of wedding celebrations. He married a woman already expecting a child—not his own. He forfeited the emotional and physical joys of a typical honeymoon. He surrendered his right to be the biological father of his wife's first child. He even gave up the privilege, according to Jewish tradition, of naming that child.

For the first two years of his married life, he lived with his family in a foreign land. And for the rest of his life, he bore the quiet stigma of being the man who fathered a child before marriage—though the truth was quite the opposite.

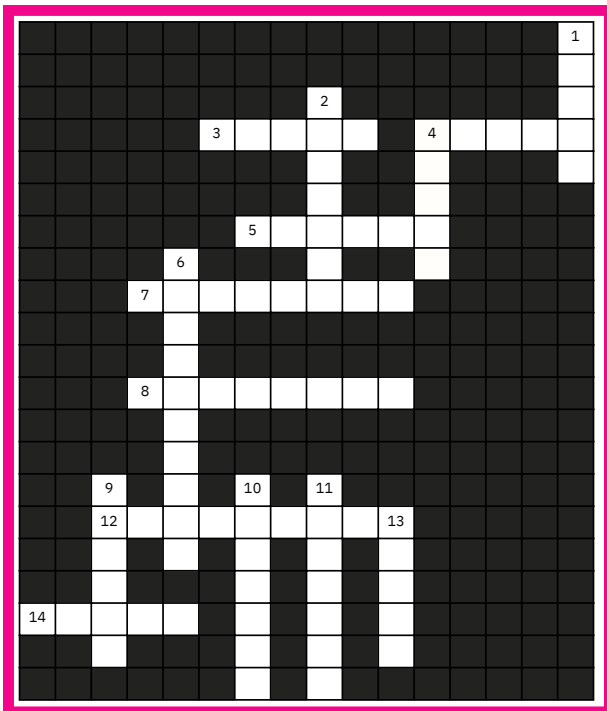
Yet Joseph received immense blessings in return for his obedience.

He became the husband of the most blessed woman in history. He was chosen by God to be the head of the family into which Jesus was born. He could protect the life of the infant Jesus from the wrath of King Herod. He could train one of the preexistent members of the Trinity—the Son—as his child. He could provide for all the needs of Jesus while He was growing up.

Are you ready to give up your rights and privileges to fulfil God's plan in your life?

- Bro. A. R. Peter, Palakad, Kerala.

Bible Crossword Puzzle - 8



Scripture Portion: 2 Corinthians

Across

- 3. God loves a cheerful ____
- 4. Paul talks about this "thorn in the ____"
- 5. The letter kills, but the ____ gives life
- 7. Paul boasts in his ____ to show God's power
- 8. We are new ____ in Christ
- 12. Paul defends his ____ in Christ
- 14. God is able to make all ____ abound toward you

Down

- 1 Paul says Satan can disguise himself as an angel of ____
- 2 "____ in the Lord" - Paul calls for this repeatedly
- 4 We walk by ____, not by sight.
- 6 Paul commends the ____ of the Macedonians in giving
- 9 The weapons of our warfare are not ____
- 10 God comforts us so we can ____ others
- 11 The Spirit of the Lord brings ____
- 13 Be not unequally ____ with unbelievers



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- Send the answers with Bible references.
- You can use the Bible to find the answers

- Click on the given link and send the correct answer before 25/06/2025.
- The first 10 persons who send the correct answer will be mentioned in the next month's newsletter

2 Corinthians

Time of Writing: A.D. 55-56

Time of Events: A.D. 55

Author of the Book: Apostle Paul

Type of Book: Letters

Introduction to the Book

- The Second Epistle to the Corinthians stands as a letter of self-explanation. It vividly reflects Paul's heart and emotions; we can see him affirming the legitimacy of his apostolic ministry, expressing anger towards those who spoke against his work, grieving in tears when subjected to humiliation, and feeling comforted and overjoyed when the Corinthians repented. This allows us to deeply empathize with him.

Context and Purpose

- The church in Corinth was established in A.D. 52 when Paul visited during his second missionary journey, staying for one and a half years (Acts 18:1–18). In his Second Letter to the Corinthians, Paul expresses his relief and joy that they received his earlier "severe" letter positively. That letter addressed issues troubling the church, especially the arrival of false apostles who questioned Paul's authority, criticized his speaking ability, spread false teachings, and caused divisions (2 Corinthians 11:13; 10:10; 11:6). Some believers also remained unrepentant, prompting Paul's stern letter (2 Corinthians 12:20–21). After hearing from Titus that most Corinthians had repented (2 Corinthians 7:5–9), Paul rejoiced and encouraged them. He urged them to complete the offering for the poor (chapters 8–9) and to stand firm against false teachers (chapters 10–13). He also defended his apostolic authority, as some continued to question it (2 Corinthians 13:3). This letter was likely written around A.D. 55–56. While some see it as a single epistle, others suggest it might be a compilation of multiple letters addressing different occasions and concerns, making the reading sequence meaningful and connected.

Key Verses

- 2 Cori 3:5, 2 Cori 3:18, 2 Cori 5:17, 2 Cori 5:21, 2 Cori 10:5, 2 Cori 13:4

Summary of the Book

- In the first part of the letter, Paul explains his relationship with the Corinthian church and affirms that the New Covenant is the foundation of his ministry and Christ's work. He discusses ministry hardships and its purpose—to unite believers with Christ—and urges them to prepare their contributions for the saints. Paul clarifies why he delayed his visit and describes his ministry's nature: victory through Christ, sincerity before God, and its unique calling. He contrasts the ministry of righteousness with the law's condemnation and expresses confidence despite hardships. Chapters 5–7 focus on the new creation in Christ, Paul's defense of his ministry, and encouragement for repentance and holy living. In Chapters 8 and 9, Paul urges generosity following the Macedonian example, teaching the blessings of compassionate giving. He ends by reaffirming his

apostolic authority (Chapter 10), reluctantly boasting about his sufferings (Chapter 11), sharing a heavenly vision and his "thorn in the flesh" (Chapter 12). The final chapter (13) calls for self-examination and closes with a blessing of love and peace.

Connections

- Throughout his letters, Paul often refers to the law of Moses, comparing it with the greatness of the salvation received through the gospel of Jesus Christ and grace. In 2 Corinthians 3:4–11, Paul differentiates the Old Covenant law from the New Covenant of grace. He mentions that the Spirit gives life, but the law "kills." The law is a "ministry of death, engraved and inscribed on stones" (v. 7; Exodus 24:12) because it only provides knowledge of sin and its punishment. The glory of the law is that it reflects the glory of God, but the ministry of the Spirit is far more glorious because it offers Christ as the fulfillment of the law, reflecting His mercy, grace, and love.

Practical Application

- This book serves as more of a personal autobiography about Paul, both as a person and as a minister, than any other. So from this letter, we can take a few lessons and apply them to our lives today. It's not just about money — it's about our time too. The Macedonians not only gave generously, but "they first gave themselves to the Lord and then to us by the will of God" (2 Corinthians 8:5). In the same way, we must dedicate everything we have to God. In truth, God doesn't need our money. He is the Almighty Creator! What He desires is our heart — our willingness to serve Him, to love Him, and to please Him. God wants us to give cheerfully from what we have, and He promises to bless us when we give to Him. He wants us to give not just a portion of what we have, but to surrender ourselves completely to Him — everything. We must spend our lives serving our Heavenly Father. It's not enough to give to God just from our salary; our very lives must reflect Him. First to the Lord, then to the church, and to the ministry of Jesus Christ, we must offer ourselves.

Structure of the Book

1. Introduction (Greetings and giving thanks to God) 1:1 - 11
2. Explanation about the change in Paul's travel plans 1:12 - 2:13
3. Explanation of his ministry 2:14 - 6:13
4. Call to holy living 6:14 - 7:2

Your Name, Hometown, Family, Christian Background & Upbringing:

Glory be to the holy name of the Lord. My name is Hepzi Wellington. My hometown is Nagercoil, and I am currently living in Sharjah. I was born and raised in a Christian family. In my childhood, my grandmother would encourage me to read the Bible. Inspired by her prompting, I began reading the Psalms in the morning and Proverbs at night from a young age.

As the days went by, a deep longing grew in me to read the entire Bible. Whenever I had time, I would immerse myself in the Scriptures. During times when I felt down or weary, the Word of God comforted and strengthened me. I got married in 2009, and afterward, I moved to Dubai.

On average, how many times have you read the Holy Bible completely?

Whenever I was alone at home, I spent more time reading the Bible. I must have read the entire Bible two or three times, though I don't remember exactly. Over time, my consistency in Bible reading declined. I would still read it, but only occasionally.

At the start of every New Year, I would resolve: "This year, I must grow spiritually and return to a close walk with the Lord, I must read the Bible and pray regularly." But often, I would end up falling short.

Last year, just before the New Year, someone forwarded me the GODependence Bible Reading Schedule. **Inspired by it, I joined the One Month Bible Reading Challenge in January 2024, with the hope of reading the entire Bible once again. By God's grace, I was able to complete one full reading of the Bible each month for all 12 months of 2024.**

What challenges did you face while reading the Holy Bible, and how did you overcome them?

At times, I would feel discouraged, thinking I wouldn't be able to finish reading the Bible that month. But during such moments, I would pray, "Jesus, please help me. I have joined this Bible reading challenge. I don't want to fall behind again."

And the Lord who fulfills the desires of our hearts gave me ample free time and strength. By His grace, I was able to complete the Bible 12 times last year.

In January 2025, I joined the one-month plan again. But due to various circumstances, I couldn't complete it. So in February 2025, I joined the three-month plan instead, and by God's grace, I completed another full reading of the Bible.

What blessings did you receive through reading the Holy Bible?

The greatest blessing I received was that my eldest son told me, "I want to read the Bible like you do. Please include me in the Bible reading challenge."

He joined the GODependence Bible Reading Challenge and completed one full reading of the Bible.

Not only that, for the past few years, I had been spending too much time on my mobile phone. But after joining the 2024 Bible Reading Challenge, the Lord helped me to cut down on screen time and spend more time reading His Word.

Finally, what would you like to share with the Christian world about the importance of the Holy Bible and Bible reading?

Whenever I read the Word of God, He gave me the exact "manna" I needed for each day and for every circumstance — He comforted me and strengthened me.

We must not only read His Word but live according to it. This is not only for our own lives — it becomes a blessing for our future generations as well, helping them to serve the Lord.

May the Lord give me grace to read His Word many more times and walk according to it.

May the name of the Lord be glorified!



Bible Reading Challenges

6 Plans in 10 Languages*

Reading Planner

*OUR BIBLE READING CHALLENGES START ON THE **FIRST DAY** OF **EVERY MONTH**.

1 MONTH READING CHALLENGE

Every day 45 chapters

Reading time

2 hours 30 mins

2 MONTHS READING CHALLENGE

Every day 22 chapters

Reading time

1 hour 30 mins

3 MONTHS READING CHALLENGE

Every day 15 chapters

Reading time

60 minutes

You can choose a convenient plan

4 MONTHS READING CHALLENGE

Every day
11 chapters

Reading time

45 minutes

6 MONTHS READING CHALLENGE

Every day
7 or 8 chapters

Reading time

25 minutes

1 YEAR READING CHALLENGE

Every day
3 or 4 chapters

Reading time

15 minutes

Why delay? Join today!

Contact:  **+965 6596 2559**

Send a WhatsApp Message request in this format:

<Your Name> <Age> <Plan Duration> <Language Group>.

**You can join any reading plan that fits your desire and language.*

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Children's Bible Reading Challenges (CBRC) - 2025-26

The Children's Bible Reading Challenges (CBRC) for the academic year 2025-26 have been initiated from 16 June 2025.

More than 150 school-going students have joined these groups and started reading Bible on their school going days.

Children with age between 8 and 13 years (less than 8 are also permitted) have joined in 6 groups with 3 age and 2 language (English & Tamil) categories.

If any more children to be added to these groups, for details, contact us in WhatsApp at +91 95255 95265.



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GODependence Talkshow - June 2025

Topic: How to Excel in Studies?

(A live session offering guidance on how to excel academically amidst the various challenges school students face daily. Both students and their parents can participate in this interactive event, where they will receive answers to their questions and gain insights through discussion.)

Date: 29 June 2025 Sunday Evening 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm IST



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Bible Meditation Groups (BMG) - from July 2025

Bible Meditation Groups (BMG) will be restarted and conducted continuously.

The training for the participants will be given in the month of July 2025.

Notifications and detailed information on the training will be sent in the Bible Reading Challenge groups.



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