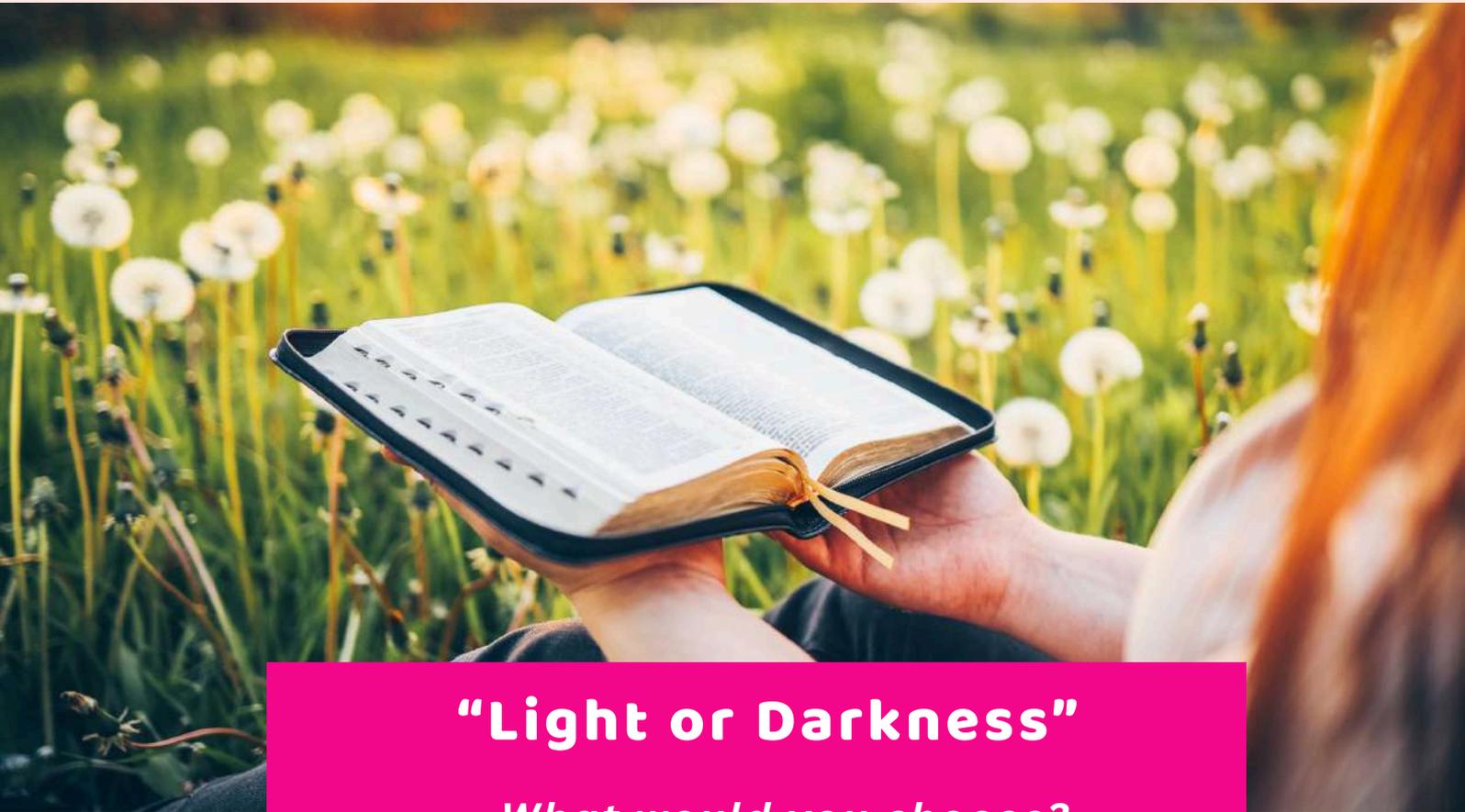


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“Light or Darkness”

- What would you choose?

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God. (John 3:19-21)

People, in general, do not like darkness. When light comes, it exposes whatever is hidden by the darkness. In the Gospel of John, we frequently read of the difference between light and darkness. Further, it links light with Jesus Christ. Sometimes, we wonder why many people who agree with the greatness of the Gospel do not come to Christ. The Gospel news of Jesus Christ is certainly not a mystery to comprehend. In John 3:19, we see a reason for people's stubbornness, they love darkness as their deeds are evil. Although "the light shines in the darkness", they are not ready to understand it. Many people (including some Christians)

The Bible is very clear that God put you here on Earth to do two things:
to learn to love God and to learn to love other people. - Rick Warren

misunderstand that a life with Christ means a life with so many rules and regulations, do's and don'ts. They are afraid that their freedom to do things will be affected if they come to Christ. They want to enjoy their unconstrained lifestyle, despite knowing that their deeds are evil. So, when light shines on their life and deeds, they hide themselves in darkness.

On the other hand, whoever or anyone who lives by the truth gladly comes to the light. See the stark contrast between the attitude of people who prefer to live in darkness and people who live by the truth of God. Light reveals the true nature of all deeds, whether it is good or evil. Living in the light of Christ is not a burden but a pleasurable experience, as we can see things clearly as they are. Further, it gives no embarrassment, fear, worries of possible negative outcomes, and shame. Rather, it gives life, joy, and a foretaste of heavenly life, as we enjoy a loving relationship with God. Those who love darkness have already chosen their destiny and condemnation. It is our choice to choose life or death, light or darkness. Our decision to follow Christ brings life to our spiritual life and helps to live in the light of Christ without any fear.

The Bible clearly says, "Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy" (Proverbs 28:13). We cannot hide anything from God. Jesus' beloved apostle John says, "This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light, in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:5-9). The sooner we come to the light, the sooner we find God's mercy and receive his grace to experience his loving fellowship. The choice is ours. Light or Darkness – What would you choose?

- Arputharaj Samuel, Bangalore.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the GODependence team, I extend my loving greetings to all of you. I thank God for giving us this opportunity to reconnect with you once again through this newsletter.

Let us thank God for protecting and guiding us safely throughout the first month of this year. Last month, we reflected on how God has graciously extended our time with a purpose and a plan. In this past month, to what extent have we begun to bear the fruit that He expects from us?

This month, we will once again observe the season of Lent. It is noteworthy that this year, both Islam and Christianity will start observing fasting on almost the same day. The practice of fasting is often closely associated with Muslims. However, rather than comparing Christian fasting with that of others, it is better for us to reflect on how fasting should be observed according to the teachings of the Bible.

In the Sermon on the Mount recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, particularly in chapter 6 (verses 1-18), Jesus speaks about three important spiritual disciplines: giving, prayer, and fasting. In these teachings, we see how a true Christian should practice these disciplines – not like hypocrites, but with sincerity.

Giving (vv 1-4): Acts of charity should not be done for public recognition or to be seen and appreciated by others. Instead, they should be done quietly, without publicity, and with genuine compassion. When done for human recognition, the reward is immediate but temporary. However, when done according to God's expectation, we may not receive immediate appreciation or visible results, but the Father in heaven will surely reward it.

Prayer (vv. 5-8): Prayer should not be performed merely to be noticed by others or limited to public displays. Nor should it consist of lengthy, impressive words meant to attract attention. Whether others know it or not, when we pray sincerely and privately to the Father, we may not receive human recognition, but when we pray according to God's will, He will reward us openly, and our prayers will be heard.

Fasting (vv. 16-18): When we fast, we should not appear gloomy so that others may notice. Instead, we should present ourselves normally –anointing our heads with oil and washing our faces–while sincerely fasting before God in private. Such fasting may not bring human attention, but it pleases God, and He will reward it openly.

Nothing is more perilous than to be weary of the Word of God. Thinking he knows enough, a person begins little by little to despise the Word until he has lost Christ and the gospel altogether. - **Martin Luther**

At this point, one might wonder whether observing Lent as a church or as groups could become a hypocritical practice. This concern is understandable. If these days are observed merely for outward appearance or human approval, then the reward remains only at that level, and no further reward will come from God.

However, if such group observances serve as encouragement for personal spiritual discipline—leading us to practice fasting, prayer, and acts of charity quietly, without publicity, sharing our time, talents, and resources for God’s glory—then whether or not we receive earthly recognition, there will certainly be a heavenly reward. Let us therefore approach these days with a personal commitment before God.

As usual, for the seventh consecutive year, the Ramadan Bible Reading Challenge in which the entire Bible is read in chronological order within 30 days, will begin on February 18 this year. On the same day, for the second consecutive year, the Lenten Bible Reading Challenge, in which the entire Bible is read chronologically within 40 days, will also begin. Since these two challenges have different purposes and approaches, we warmly invite you to join the one that best suits you during this season. Those already participating in another Bible reading challenge may also join one of these additionally if they wish.

Many participated in the Bible Talk Show titled “Bible Reading and Spiritual Formation”, held on January 31, and benefited from the practical guidance shared there.

Let us thank God for this. Many also enthusiastically participated in the 6- hours Bible Readathon in English held on January 26.

Please continue to pray that such as Talk shows and online Bible Readathon events may be conducted regularly every month and that many may benefit from them. We also pray that Bible meditation groups will be restarted this year and that the preparatory work for them will be completed soon. Please pray that these initiatives may proceed without hindrance after the completion of the Ramadan and Lenten Bible Reading Challenges.

While launching the February 2026 Bible Reading Challenges, our three WhatsApp numbers once again faced spam-related issues. Please pray that all 3 numbers may be protected from such problems and that God’s grace may prevail in these matters.

We hope that you are reading our monthly newsletters regularly. We kindly request you to share your feedback, questions, and clarifications regarding the articles published in these newsletters from time to time.

Please continue to pray for the GODependence ministries and introduce these services to others.

May the name of the Lord be glorified.

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



Praise & Prayer points for Newsletter

February 2026

Praise God For:

- 1. Everyone who completed their Bible reading during the month of January 2026.
- 2. The participants who joined and read the Scriptures online during the English Bible Readathon held on 26 January 2026.
- 3. The many who participated in and benefited from the GODependence Talk Show titled "Bible Reading and Spiritual Formation", conducted in Tamil and English on January 31, 2026, and the blessings received through the messages that were shared.
- 4. The Lord's help in enabling the February 2026 Bible Reading groups to begin despite many obstacles.
- 5. The health, strength, and life that the Lord has graciously given to each one of us thus far. 

Let's Pray For:

- 1. All those in our Bible Reading groups who are weak or unwell, that the Lord may strengthen and heal them, and that the Lord may comfort families who are grieving the loss of their loved ones.
- 2. The 3 GODependence WhatsApp numbers used for the Bible Reading Challenges, which are being affected by spam issues, pray that all three numbers may be protected from such issues.
- 3. Many people to come forward to join the Ramadan and Lenten Bible Reading Challenge groups scheduled to begin in the third week of February 2026 and be encouraged to read the Bible and pray.
- 4. The children participating in the Children's Bible Reading Challenge (CBRC) groups, that they may successfully complete the Bible reading started in this Third term, memorize the given Scripture portions, and experience the power of God through it.
- 5. The students preparing for the 10th and 12th standard public examinations, that they may receive special wisdom from God and prepare themselves well for their exams. 

As we fill our minds with the truth of God's Word, we will be better able to recognize the lies in our own thinking, as well as the lies that the world presses upon us. 

The Slogans of Protestant Reformation



Slogan 2 : “Faith alone!” (Sola Fide)

Everything in Christian life is of faith. Our leader is the “Author and Finisher of Faith” (Hebrews 12:1,2). Our community the Church is a “Household of Faith” (Galatians 6:10). Our very life is the “Spirit of Faith” (2 Corinthians 4:13). Our message is the “Word of Faith” (Romans 10:8). Our prayer is the “Prayer of Faith” (James 5:15). The fruits of our evangelistic labour are the “Children of Faith” (1 Timothy 1:2). Our warfare is a “Fight of Faith” (1 Timothy 6:12). You will be thrilled to see how many times the word “believe” or “believers” occurs in the Acts of the Apostles which is the history book of the early Church.

It looks simple, but we need to “fight” to keep this virgin faith. Here’s Apostle Paul’s testimony: “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith” (2 Tim 4:7). Apostle Jude calls us to “contend earnestly (boldly) for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 3). We are to hold the shield of faith “above all” (Ephesians 6:16). During their follow-up missionary tour Apostles Paul and Barnabas exhorted the new believers “to continue in the faith,” and added, “We must through many tribulations enter the Kingdom of God” (Acts 14:22). Yes, Christian life means swimming against the tide to sustain faith! Our faith which is more precious than gold gets tested by fiery trials (1 Peter 1:6,7). According to Jesus, it’s going to be tough to maintain faith as we approach the end (Luke 18:8b).

Then arises a question: “What about the statement that faith without works is dead?” (Jas 2:17). Apostle James in this passage deals essentially with the works of charity (vv14- 16). He does not speak about works as a condition for salvation, but rather an evidence of salvation.

This is clarified by Apostle Paul in Ephesians 2:9,10, “We are saved not BY works, but FOR works!” Salvation is to be understood in three tenses: (a) Salvation past – “When we first believed” (Romans 8:11) – Deliverance from the penalty of sin. (b) Salvation present – “Now salvation is nearer” (Romans 8:11) – Deliverance from the power of sin. It’s here we are to work out our salvation with fear and trembling (Phil 2:12). That is, we must endeavour to live as the “children of God” for His glory (v15). (c) Salvation future – “To those who eagerly wait for Him (in faith) He will appear a second time, without sin, for salvation” (Hebrews 9:28) – Deliverance from the very presence of sin. This will include the redemption of our bodies also (Romans 8:23).

While talking about faith we must make a reference to parental responsibility. Christian parents and grandparents should be strong in faith and communicate it to their children and grandchildren. Timothy’s grandmother Lois and mother Eunice were noteworthy examples (2 Timothy 1:5). Unfortunately our children have more faith in computers than on Christ! This was the specific warning of Paul to Timothy lest he made a shipwreck of his faith (1 Timothy 6:20).

Sing –

Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee,
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfil Thy law's demands,
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone,
Thou must save, and Thou alone!

(A.M. Toplady, 1740-1778)



-It will be continued...

(Selected from Bro. R. Stanley's book "Here I Stand")

Our Vision & Our Mission

Our Vision

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



Our Mission

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

Unless God's Word illumines the way, the whole life of men is wrapped in darkness and mist, so that they cannot but miserably stray. - John Calvin

Bible Reading Challenges

From 01 March 2026 onwards

“When you read God’s Word, you must constantly be saying to yourself, ”It is talking to me, and about me.’” - Soren Kierkegaard

Did you start reading the Bible in January 2026 as part of your New Year resolutions? Have you been able to stay on track?

GODdependence
True freedom is being dependent on God

BIBLE READING CHALLENGES

WHEN YOU READ GOD’S WORD, YOU MUST
CONSTANTLY BE SAYING TO YOURSELF,
"IT IS TALKING TO ME, AND ABOUT ME".

- SOREN KIERKEGAARD



01 March 2026 onwards

- ✓ Join one of our Bible reading plans
- ✓ Start reading at your own convenience
- ✓ Scan the QR code to Join

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Send a WhatsApp Message request in this format:
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We fail in our duty to study God's Word... Our problem is not a lack of intelligence or a lack of passion. Our problem is that we are lazy. - R. C. Sproul

Bible Reading Challenges

From 01 March 2026 onwards

If you need help staying consistent, GODependence invites you to join one of our Bible Reading Challenges, beginning on 01 March 2026.

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

👤♀️ “It was truly a great experience. For the first time in my life, I completed reading the entire Bible, and it really helped me to know more about God. This challenge helped me develop a closer relationship with God.” – **Sophia R.**

👤♀️ “I made use of the opportunity given to read the Bible completely. By participating in this challenge, I have completed reading the Bible for the third time. The encouragement given by the team was the reason for this.” – **Kumari Rajan**

👤♀️ “It was easy to follow and read. This challenge has helped me complete reading the entire Bible eight times so far. Please continue this ministry. Thank you.” – **R. Parameswari**

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 February 2026 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.

Bible Reading Challenges

From 01 March 2026 onwards

- * 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 +919525595265 by clicking this link: <https://wa.me/919525595265>

Thank you. God bless you. Amen



- **Team GODependence**

*** 🙌 This message can be shared with all your family members, relatives, Christian friends, and Church members so that they also may get into the habit of reading the Bible in a regular manner! 🗨️

Your spiritual life is strongest when your desire for Scripture is greatest.

- Steven Lawson

GODependence Bible Reading Challenges



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!

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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.

*Our reading plans are available in English, Tamil, Hindi, Malayalam, Kannada, Telugu, Odia, Punjabi, Marathi and Bengali languages.

Look at Jesus Christ. Every time he was in trouble he used the Word of God. When he was tempted he used the Word. When he was suffering on the cross he used the

Word. - Timothy Keller



Bible Reading Challenges

Salient features of GODependence Bible Reading Challenges

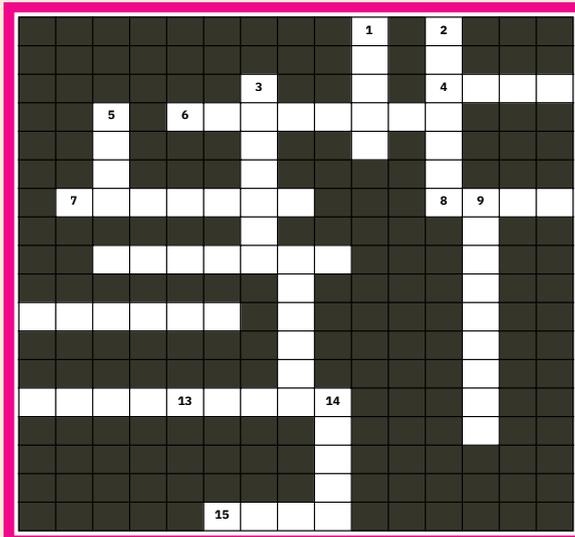
1. Your choice of duration ranges from 1 Month to 1 Year. [Reading the whole Bible in 1 month / 2 months/ 3 months/ 4 months / 6 months or 1 Year].
2. Choice of Language - 10 Languages (English, Tamil, Hindi, Malayalam, Kannada, Telugu, Odia, Punjabi, Marathi and Bengali).
3. The Bible Reading portion is shared on the previous night itself.
4. Daily motivational quotes on reading the Bible.
5. Weekly, Bi-Weekly & Monthly reviews to check the Bible reading progress.
6. Catch-up days and Choice of changing the duration plans if required.
7. User-friendly WhatsApp group regulations - Exclusive group for Bible Reading.
8. Certificate of Appreciation and Prizes (conditions apply)
9. No fee is involved anywhere in the process, directly or indirectly.
10. Scope for further engagement with the Word of God (Bible Meditation, Bible Memorization, and Bible Study)

A wonderful opportunity to read the Bible regularly and systematically at your convenience.

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Bible Crossword Puzzle-16

Scripture Portion: 2 Timothy



Across:

- 4 Timothy's grandmother who had sincere faith.
- 6 All Scripture is God-_____.
- 7 What Paul is poured out like
- 8 Paul says he has finished the _____.
- 10 Do your best to present yourself to God as one _____.'
- 12 Paul's 'beloved child' and the recipient of this letter.
- 13 'God gave us a spirit not of fear but of _____.'
- 15 The companion who stayed with Paul when others left

Down

- 1 'I have fought the good _____.'
- 2 Paul's occupation-related analogy: 'No _____ gets entangled in civilian pursuits.'
- 3 Paul tells Timothy not to be ashamed of the _____.
- 5 People in the last days will be lovers of _____.
- 9 The metalworker who did Paul 'much harm.'
- 11 Timothy's mother.
- 14 The city where Paul was imprisoned while writing.



Notes : Send the answers with Bible references.

You can use the Bible to find the answer.



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Click on the given link and send the correct answer before 25/02/2026. The first 10 persons who send the correct answer will be mentioned in the next month's newsletter.

The names of the people who participated in the Bible Crossword Puzzle - 15 & LET'S PLAY BIBLE GAME - 15 in last month's issue and sent in the correct answers.

R. Shirley Gainneos

Regina Pandian

The more I expose myself to the word of God, the greater my faith will be.

- R.C. Sproul

A Playwright - Turned - Missionary Biography of Adoniram Judson (1788-1850)

In Prison

[Continuing from the previous issue...]

When Judson and his wife moved to Ava, where the King's palace was, they were not received favorably. War broke out between Britain and Burma and all foreigners were regarded as spies. Judson was arrested and thrown into the prison where he remained for 20 months. The prison was noted for its torture and filth. Judson was bound with fetters and a pole was passed between his legs and raised into the air so that only his head and shoulders touched the ground. The chains cut into the flesh and every limb ached. He was not given any food or water. Only in the morning he was let out for a few minutes for air and exercise and then thrown back again into the prison. Ann brought him some food and water and daily pleaded with the authorities to release him. Finally they moved him to an open shed in the prison yard and Ann visited him daily after nightfall. They were afraid that the Burmese authorities would destroy the papers which contained the translation of the New Testament. So Ann sewed the papers into a pillow and brought it to Judson in the prison. This he kept with him night and day with much care.

A baby girl was born to Ann at that time and she brought the baby to the prison for Judson to see. He was again thrown into the inner prison where the only air came through the cracks in the boards. Some time afterwards, Judson and his fellow prisoners were suddenly moved to a village some miles away. Weak with fever and with bleeding feet they walked the weary miles. Ann followed him with the little baby and was allowed to stay in a granary nearby.

Further Trials

After twenty months of misery, he was released and asked to help as an interpreter for the government. Then after six weeks he was allowed to go home. But what a sorry sight was awaiting his arrival! In one room was a Burmese woman with his half-starved

daughter and in the next room lay Ann very ill with some kind of a fever. After her recovery they moved to Amherst and leaving Ann there he went to Ava to help the British Commissioner on some matters. It was then that the tragic news reached him that Ann had died of fever. Crying that he was late in coming, Judson was shocked with grief and a few months later the baby girl also died. Feeling physically worn out and burdened with sorrow, Judson withdrew from everyone and lived in a little hut in the jungle for some time. However, he did not question God for he knew that through all this. God was drawing him closer to Himself. He moved to Moulmein and began preaching and translating. A church was soon formed. In 1834 he completed the translation of the whole Bible into the Burmese language and in 1840 he completed revising it. He had also baptized over a hundred converts. The hard work took away his strength and he was threatened with tuberculosis.

End of the Race

After nearly 33 years Judson visited America, his motherland. But he did not stay there very long. He returned to Burma and never saw his country again. He completed a Burmese dictionary. His health began to get worse and he took a sea voyage to regain his health. During one such voyage he died at sea in 1850 and was buried in the sea.

As a young man with burning zeal he had cried out and vowed, "I will not leave until the cross is planted here forever". Thirty years later, there were 63 churches, 163 missionaries and workers and over 7,000 converts in Burma. Judson believed that those who did not accept Christ as their personal Saviour would be eternally condemned and so leaving comforts, ambitions and loved ones, he was willing to suffer sorrow, pain, sickness and persecution to tell the Burmese people about Christ.

Do you who claim to be Christians care for those among your friends and among the people in other countries who do not know Christ? If God calls you to go to a land where the people do not know Christ, will you be willing to go?

[From "Servants of the Cross" by Theodore Williams, IEM Outreach Publications]

As I read each letter in that Book of God, I worship the eternal mind which inspired it.

— Charles Spurgeon



2026 RAMADAN BIBLE READING CHALLENGE



? Are you working in the environment where you will be getting more free hours during this Ramadan 2026?

? Are you interested utilising these free hours to complete reading the whole Bible once during this Ramadan 2026?

? Are you interested to know more about Muslim world and meaningfully pray for them?

☀ Then, this 2026 Ramadan Bible Reading Challenge is for you...👉

🌟 Special Features: 🌟

* Reading the Whole Bible within 31 Days from 18 February 2026 to 20 March 2026.

* Reading the Bible in Chronological Order (in which the events occurred).

* Daily updates to pray for the Muslim world.

* Interesting articles to understand Islam.

* Practical tips to engage with Muslims.

* Daily Quotes on Fasting & Prayer.

* English and Tamil - 2 separate groups in WhatsApp.

👉 *Only those who are really committed to reading the whole Bible in 31 days during this Ramadan 2026, learning about Islam, and praying for Muslims can join this Ramadan Bible Reading Challenge.* 🙏

If you are interested and available, you click this link and join the group:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HwHKOPICjIPoguirp5TVPy>

Thanking you.

- Team GODependence

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RAMADAN BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

Reading the Bible chronologically during Ramadan 2026

- ✓ Reading the whole Bible chronologically within 30 Days
- ✓ Daily updates to pray for the Muslim world
- ✓ Interesting articles to understand Islam
- ✓ Daily Quotes on Fasting & Prayer

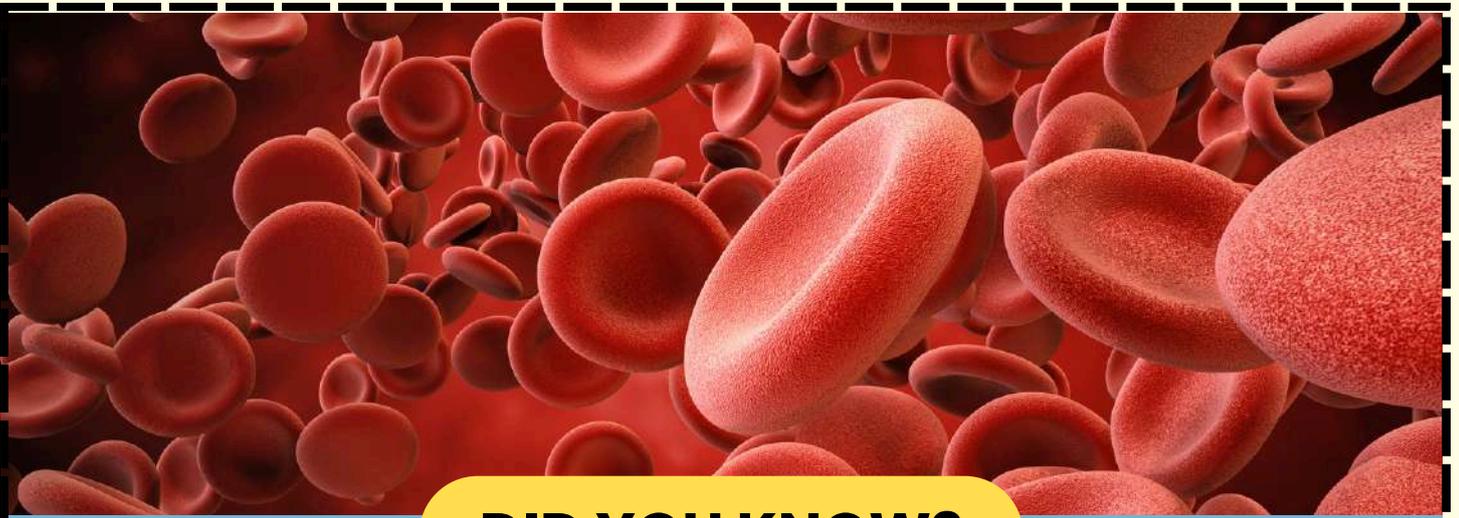
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SCAN ME

Most Christians neglect their Bibles not out of conscious disloyalty to Jesus, but out of failure to plan a time and place and method to read it. - John Piper



DID YOU KNOW?

Where is the life of a human being contained?

For centuries this remained a mystery.

In the US in the 18th century it was believed that bad blood is the cause of several diseases. They believed that bloodletting would cure diseases. When the former American President George Washington was sick, forty percent of his blood was extracted on 14th December 1799 as a part of the medical procedure.

The Bible has revealed where the life of a human being is contained. **“For the life of the flesh is in the blood.”** (Leviticus 17:11, Bible).

This was written around 1430 BC. How could the author know this medical fact so accurately? It is because the Creator of mankind instilled this knowledge in the writer's mind.

The Bible presents knowledge that surpassed the time of its writing. Do you want to read this amazing book called Bible?



Did you know?

The Bible never specifies how many wise men visited Jesus, the number three is inferred from the gifts (Matthew 2).



Did you know?

Enoch and Elijah are the only two people recorded as not having experienced death (Genesis 5:24, 2 Kings 2:11).





2025 LENTEN BIBLE READING CHALLENGE



“Look at Jesus Christ. Every time he was in trouble he used the Word of God. When he was tempted he used the Word. When he was suffering on the cross he used the Word.” - Timothy Keller

🤔 Are you looking for a meaningful way to deepen your faith during this Lenten season?

🤔 Would you like to dedicate these 40 days to complete reading the whole Bible as you reflect on Christ’s sacrifice?

🤔 Are you interested in growing spiritually through prayer, fasting, and scripture during this lent 2026?

🌟 Then, this 2026 Lenten Bible Reading Challenge is for you! 🙌

🌟 Special Features: 🌟

- ✅ Reading the whole Bible within 40 Days from 18 February 2026 to 05 April 2026 (Excluding the Sundays as Catch Up Days).
- ✅ Reading the Bible in Chronological Order (as events occurred).
- ✅ Daily Inspirational Quotes on fasting & prayer and Prayer concerns.
- ✅ Daily Devotional Reflections to guide you through Lent.
- ✅ Articles on Medical aspects of Crucifixion of Christ.
- ✅ Practical Spiritual Disciplines to apply during Lent.
- ✅ English and Tamil - 2 separate groups in WhatsApp.

🙌 This challenge is only for those truly committed to reading the whole Bible in 40 days, deepening their faith, and reflecting on Christ’s sacrifice. 🙌

If you are interested and available, click this link to join the group now: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LfFUE66nh3LFjw8wRoA1IW>

Thanking you.

- Team GODependence

- It is my wish that they should teach every poor child in my dominion to read the Bible. - King George-III

GODependence Bible Reading Challenges

Congratulations to the Successful Participants as on

31 January 2025



GODependence Bible Reading Challenges
Congratulations to the Successful Participants as on 31 January 2026

1 Month Bible Reading Challenge

- DR C. MANIVANNAN
- K. Ledialkingsly
- M john flora
- R Padmavathi
- R. Amuthaselvi Juliance
- PAUL JEBADURAI
- Rose simson
- S. Viji selvin
- Shunmugiah.M
- Varalakshmi
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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 January 2026

2 Months Bible Reading Challenge

- Kishan Jaiswal
- D. Helen mercy

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LET'S PLAY BIBLE GAME - 16

From the given pictures find the verses from

Scripture Portion: 2 Timothy



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

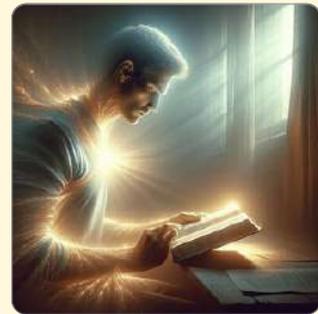
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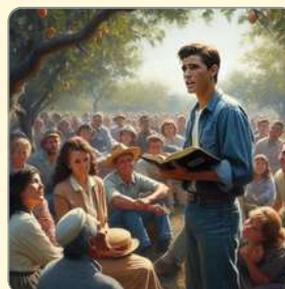
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Click on the given link and send the correct answer before 25/02/2026.

The first 10 persons who send the correct answer will be mentioned
in the next month's newsletter.

The Bible speaks with power and practicality to everything you are facing, thinking, and feeling. The God who seems so distant to you at this moment is actually near and active. - Paul David Tripp

Answers

Last month let's play Bible game-15 & Bible Crossword Puzzle -15

correct answers

Bible Crossword Puzzle - 15

Across:

- 2 Faith (1 Timothy 3:9)
- 6 Knowledge (1 Timothy 6:21)
- 8 Entrusted (1 Timothy 6:20)
- 10 Proprietary (1 Timothy 2:9)
- 11 Elders (1 Timothy 5:1)
- 14 Hono (1 Timothy 5:17)

Down:

- 1 Saved (1 Timothy 2:4)
- 2 Fight (1 Timothy 6:12)
- 3 Things (1 Timothy 4:11)
- 4 Money (1 Timothy 6:10)
- 5 Blameless (1 Timothy 3:2)
- 7 Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5)
- 9 Savior (1 Timothy 1:1)
- 12 Love (1 Timothy 1:5)
- 13 Godly (1 Timothy 4:7)

Let's play Bible game-15

- 1) 1 Timothy 1:12
- 2) 1 Timothy 4:4
- 3) 1 Timothy 1:15
- 4) 1 Timothy 2:4
- 5) 1 Timothy 2:11
- 6) 1 Timothy 6:10
- 7) 1 Timothy 5:3
- 8) 1 Timothy 6:7
- 9) 1 Timothy 4:8
- 10) 1 Timothy 5:6

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Whether we are reading the Bible for the first time or standing in a field in Israel next to a historian and an archaeologist and a scholar, the Bible meets us where we are.

That is what truth does. - **Anonymous**

THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Blessed by serving Elisha

While Jesus was going through Sychar, He sat down by Jacob's well. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" She was astonished because Jews did not associate with Samaritans.

As the conversation progressed, Jesus spoke about the water He would give people. Whoever drinks it will not be thirsty again. Indeed, it will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. The woman asked Jesus for the water, and Jesus replied, "Go, call your husband, and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus told her that she had five husbands, and the man she was with at the time was not her husband. Finally, Jesus revealed to her His identity as the Messiah.

Then the woman returned to her town and reported what happened. Then many of the Samaritans came out of the town and met Jesus, and believed in Him.



(2 KINGS 4:8-37 / 8:1-6)

Lessons from the Samaritan woman:

- We often assume that certain people will not accept Jesus Christ because of their lifestyle, but this is not true. At times, even the most unlikely individuals respond to the gospel.
- Jesus Christ came to save sinners, therefore, we must engage with those living objectionable lifestyles, while remaining vigilant not to fall into sin ourselves.
- This woman's testimony led many to believe in Jesus, likewise, we should feel compelled to share the gospel with others.

– Bro. Peter A.R. Palakkad, Kerala.

Apply yourself wholly to the Scriptures, and apply the Scriptures wholly to yourself.

– Johann A. Bengel

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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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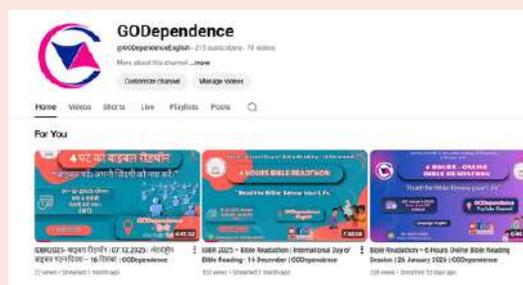
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The Scripture is both the breeder and feeder of grace. How is the convert born, but by "the Word of truth"? How doth he grow, but by "the sincere milk of the Word"?

- Thomas Watson

Bible Book Overview 2 Timothy

2 Timothy

Time of Writing: A.D. 66 – A.D. 67

Time of Events: A.D. 66

Author of the Book: Paul

Type of Book: Letter

Introduction to the Book

• It is stated that Paul was imprisoned once again during the final stage of his life and that, during this time, he wrote a second letter to Timothy. Unlike the first imprisonment, this time he was treated like a common criminal (1:16; 2:9; 4:13). In this letter, we see the author offering many exhortations to Timothy, using his own life as an example.

Context and Purpose

• The apostle Paul, imprisoned again in Rome, felt lonely and abandoned. He realized that his earthly life was soon coming to an end. The book of 2 Timothy is essentially Paul's "last words." His concern for the churches, and especially for Timothy, went beyond his own circumstances. Using his final words, Paul encouraged Timothy and all believers to remain steadfast in the faith (2 Tim. 3:14) and urged the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ (2 Tim. 4:2).

Key Verses

2 Timothy 1:7; 3:16-17; 4:2; 4:7-8

Summary of the Book

• Paul encourages Timothy to be fervent in his devotion to Christ and to stand firm in sound doctrine (2 Tim. 1:1-2, 13-14). He reminds Timothy to avoid ungodly beliefs and practices and to flee from everything that leads to moral corruption (2 Tim. 2:14-26). Paul warns that in the last days there will be both severe persecution and widespread apostasy from the Christian faith (2 Tim. 3:1-17). He concludes with a passionate appeal for believers to stand firm in the faith and to finish the race strongly (2 Tim. 4:1-8).

Jesus Christ in the Book

• Paul was deeply concerned about warning Timothy of the dangers of false teachers, and he refers to the Egyptian magicians who opposed Moses (Exod. 7:11, 22; 8:7, 18-19; 9:11). Although their names are not mentioned in the Old Testament, Israelite tradition holds that these men encouraged the making of the golden calf and were later killed along with other idolaters (Exod. 32). Paul predicts the same fate for those who

oppose the truth of Christ, stating that their foolishness will ultimately become clear "to everyone" (2 Tim. 3:9).

Practical Application

• In the Christian life, we must keep our eyes fixed on the heavenly reward that will be given by Jesus Christ (2 Tim. 4:8). We should strive to avoid both false doctrine and ungodly practices. This can be accomplished only by being firmly grounded in our knowledge of God's Word and by resolutely refusing to accept anything that contradicts Scripture.

Structure of the Book

1. Introduction (Greeting) - 1:1-2
2. Exhortation to Timothy - 1:3-2:13
3. Instruction Concerning False Teaching - 2:14-4:8
4. Paul's Personal Circumstances - 4:9-18
5. Conclusion - 4:19-22

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Collection: Bro. Darwin Nesakumar A

You do have a love story. It's in the Bible. It tells you how much God loves you, and how far He went just to win you over.

History of the Tamil Bible

- Dr. T. S Rajasekar, Bangalore.



Tamil Bible
Indian Version

God is one who desires to have a relationship with human beings. To establish and maintain a relationship, it is essential for both parties to know one another. God knows Himself perfectly, however, we can know Him only if He reveals Himself to us.

God has generally revealed Himself through nature and through His actions in human history (General Revelation). But through the written Word—the Bible—and through the living Word—Jesus—He has given a special revelation of His character, His purposes, and what He expects from humanity (Special Revelation).

God chose His servants and inspired them inwardly to write the message He gave them. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, these writings were collected and compiled into the Bible, a collection of 66 books. These books were originally written in the native languages of the people to whom they were addressed (the Old Testament in Hebrew and the New Testament in Greek). Let us now look at the history of how the Bible came to be translated into Tamil, our mother tongue, so that we may know God and have a relationship with Him.

Historical Milestones of the Tamil Bible

The Tamil Bible came to us by the grace of God. In 1706, two young German missionaries arrived at Tranquebar. One of them, **Bartholomäus Ziegenbalg**, began translating the New Testament into Tamil in 1708 and published it in 1714. This became the first New Testament published in any Indian or Asian language. He passed away in 1719. After him.

- **Benjamin Schultze** completed the Old Testament translation work left unfinished by Ziegenbalg and published it in four parts between 1723 and 1727.
- **Johann Philip Fabricius** released a revised and improved version of the New Testament in 1772.
- **C. T. E. Rhenius**, who served in the Tirunelveli region, published the New Testament in 1833 and the complete Bible in 1840.
- **Percival and Arumuga Navalar** published an experimental translation in 1850. During this period, the term “Devan” was introduced in place of earlier terms such as “Sarveshwaran” or “Paraparan.”
- **Union Version (1871)**: Several missionary societies collaborated under the leadership of Henry Bower to produce a unified translation. This “Bower Translation,” published in 1871, has been widely used for the past 150 years.

Modern Translations

- **Thiruviviliyam (1995):** A common translation produced jointly by Catholic and Protestant translators. Though linguistically rich, it is sometimes difficult for ordinary readers to understand.
- **Holy Bible (Easy to Read Version):** Published by the World Bible Translation Center (WBTC).
- **Contemporary Tamil Version:** Published by Biblica.
- **Re-edited Version:** The Bible Society released the New Testament in 2017 and the complete Bible in 2024. Long sentences have been simplified, and certain important translation errors have been corrected. For example: 1) Proverbs 5:16 was changed from “let your springs flow outside” to “should not flow outside.” 2) 1 Corinthians 12:7 was corrected from “for personal benefit” to “for the common good.” 3) In Luke 2:32, grammatical corrections were made, such as changing “my eyes has seen” to “my eyes have seen.”

By studying and comparing different translations, one can gain a clearer understanding of the meaning of Scripture.

Question and Answer Discussion

In the question-and-answer session, several contemporary issues related to the use of Tamil Bible translations were discussed.

Question: In the Re-edited Version, have Sanskrit words been replaced with Tamil words?

Answer: No. Since people may not easily accept sudden major changes, Sanskrit-derived words have largely been retained. Only grammatical errors, punctuation, and certain unclear words have been revised (for example, the word “komma” has been changed to “watchtower”).

Question: What is your opinion about using digital (mobile) Bibles?

Answer: I do not agree with the idea that only a printed paper version is a true Bible. Although mobile reading may sometimes cause distraction, we must acknowledge that for the next generation it may become the primary form of the Bible. It is also convenient for comparing multiple translations.

Question: Can other words be used instead of the term “Devan”?

Answer: The word “Devan” carries masculine, feminine, and plural forms. Personally, I feel that the word “Deivam” might reflect the concept of the Trinity better than “Kadavul” or “Iraivan,” though no translation has adopted this yet.

Question: Why are some verses missing in versions like the NIV?

Answer: These are based on the earliest available manuscripts. Some words added later by copyists may be omitted, but they are usually mentioned in footnotes. This is not done out of hostility toward Scripture.

Dr. T. S. Rajasekar, Bengaluru

(If you have any questions regarding Bible translation, please send them. The author will respond in the next month's issue.)

Testimony - Sis. Indra Dinesh



Praise the Lord.

My name is Indra Dinesh. I am from Eluru district, near Lingapalem village. Through my fellow brother, I came to know about this platform. This platform has been very helpful in my spiritual life. I took a Bible Challenge in July, and by God's grace, I successfully completed it in six months. Before taking this challenge, I had read the Bible only once in my childhood. After my 10th class, I did not read the Bible continuously. During my B.Tech second year, for almost three years, I was not reading the Bible properly.

After taking this Bible Challenge, I experienced a personal change in my life. First of all, it helped me to read the Bible consistently every day. Through this, I started knowing more about God. While reading, my heart felt a strong desire to read more and more chapters. It really strengthened my spiritual life. This challenge helped me to maintain consistency and a constant relationship with God. In youth life, it is very important to have a regular habit of Bible reading, and this platform helped me a lot in that.

By God's grace, I read my Bible daily through this platform. After completing the six-month challenge, I continued for another four months. I truly praise and thank God for this platform, through which He helped me grow spiritually. Thank you.

Testimony - Sis. P. Catherina Vasanthalin

By God's grace, I have successfully completed reading the entire Bible through a four-month Bible reading challenge. All praise, glory, and honour belong to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I thank God for leading and guiding me through His Word and for giving me the strength and discipline to remain faithful throughout this journey.

The longer you read the Bible, the more you will like it; it will grow sweeter and sweeter. - William Romaine

Testimony - Sis. P. Catherina Vasanthalin ...

This journey has been spiritually enriching and transformative. Through the Scriptures, I gained deeper insight into God's character, His promises, and His work in our daily lives. I am truly thankful for God's unfailing love, mercy, and grace, which He has graciously extended to me and my family throughout this season.

I am forever grateful for Your love, Father God. Even though I am unworthy, You have blessed me far beyond anything I could have ever asked or imagined. My 2 year old son walked by the Grace of God before I completed this challenge. May this testimony encourage others to trust God's Word and "EXPERIENCE THE LIFE-CHANGING POWER FOUND IN HIM". To God alone be all the glory.

Sis. Edna Mary - Theni.



The magazine you publish every month is very excellent. You provide fantastic articles in it. Through it, we are able to learn many things.

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We warmly invite our readers to share your views, opinions, feedback, testimonies, and questions related to the contents of this newsletter. Your insights encourage us, enrich others, and help strengthen this growing community of the lovers of the word of God.

Selected contributions will be featured each month in the **Readers' Voice** section of the GODependence Newsletter. Let us grow together by learning from one another and by sharing how God's Word is working in our lives.

Your voice matters to us. We look forward to hearing from you.  **+91 95255 95265**

As we read the Bible and meditate on it, we discover God's will and God's strategy for his people in this world.

GODependence Events

1

Bible Readathon on 25 February 2026 in Malayalam



We had planned to conduct Bible Readathon every month in the year 2026. Accordingly, the Bible Readathon in the English language was conducted on January 26.

Bible Readathon for this month will be in Malayalam on 25 February 2026, from 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM (Indian Standard Time).

We invite those who have good internet connectivity and are able to read the Bible fluently in Malayalam to participate in this event.

2

GODependence Talkshow - February 2026

Topic: Heart matters: Boundaries & Purity in the digital world



(An insightful and interactive session to understand Love is... What is true love? Guarding our hearts ... How to? Boundaries in a digital world... Why is it needed? Honouring God in our body ... How to? Our body as the temple of God... Significance.)

Date: 14 February 2026 Saturday 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm IST

Speaker: Dr. Diana Thamby Ebenezer, Kuwait.

3

Bible Meditation Groups (BMG) - Training Sessions

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the Bible Meditation Groups (BMG) we had planned to restart in 2025 have not been initiated so far.

Training sessions on “How to Meditate the Word of God” to be planned and conducted for those who are willing to join these groups. Please pray that these initiatives may proceed without hindrance after the completion of the Ramadan and Lenten Bible Reading Challenges.



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