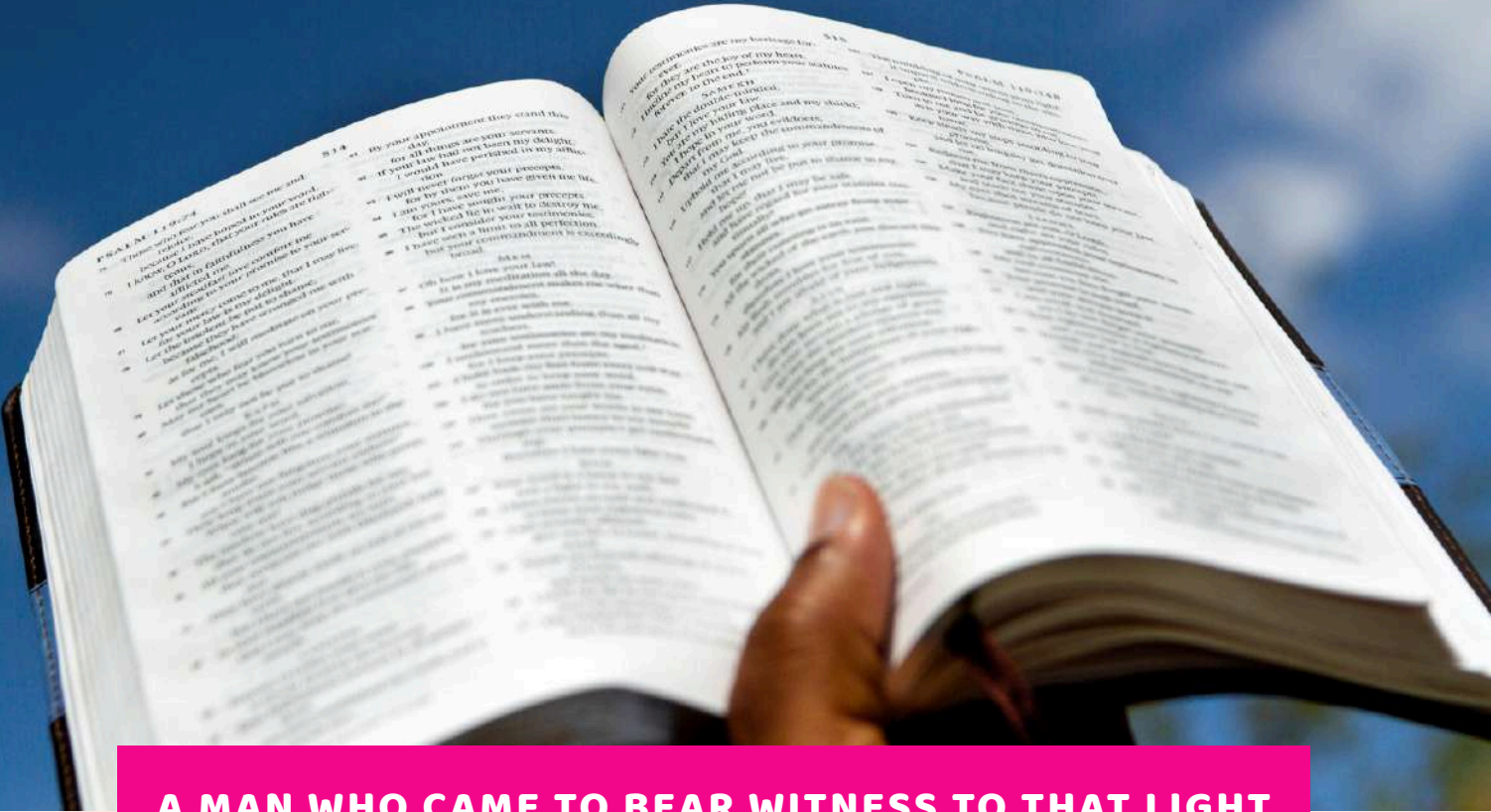


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## A MAN WHO CAME TO BEAR WITNESS TO THAT LIGHT

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. (John 1:6-8)

Apostle John gives a brief introduction about John the Baptist in the first chapter of the Gospel of John. John was “sent from God” with a mission and purpose ordained by God. It was “to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.” John immediately introduces a powerful contrast between the Light and the witness to the Light. The mission of John the Baptist was not to be the Light, but to bear witness to it.

As we all know, the “Light” in this passage refers to Jesus Christ—the true revelation of God, bringing life, truth, and salvation to humanity. John the Baptist’s role was preparatory and testimonial to that Light.

It is not possible to rightly govern the whole world without God and Bible. – George Washington

He stood as a divinely appointed witness, pointing people away from himself and toward Christ. This distinction is crucial: John's greatness is not in his identity, but in his clarity of purpose.

The passage emphasizes that "he himself was not the Light." This is a deliberate correction against any misunderstanding or misplaced devotion. In a time when many were searching for hope and deliverance, John could have drawn attention to himself. Instead, he consistently redirected attention to Jesus. His humility and obedience reveal the true nature of Christian witness—to reflect, not replace, the Light.

Furthermore, the purpose of this witness is stated clearly: "so that through him all might believe." Witnessing is not merely speaking, it is a divine calling aimed at leading others into faith. John's life reminds us that God uses human instruments to reveal divine truth, but the power and glory always belong to Christ.

God has a mission and purpose for each one of us. John 1:6-8 challenges us to think about the purpose of our life and evaluate it in the light of God's word. Are we pointing others to Christ, or drawing attention to ourselves? True witness involves humility, clarity, and faithfulness. Like John the Baptist, we are called to shine—not as the source of light—but as reflections of the One who is the Light of the world.

**What is your witness?**

**- Arputharaj Samuel, Bangalore.**

## Readers Voice

**Sis. Gayathri.** ★★★★★

*"Please send me this month's Newsletter."*

**Bro. Daniel K David** ★★★★★

*"I am waiting to receive the monthly Newsletter."*

*Regretting the delay in publishing the Newsletter for the month of April 2026.*

**- Editorial Team**





### **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.

I trust that many of us have observed this season of Lent in a meaningful and devoted manner this year. For each person, it may have taken different forms—Bible reading, fasting, prayer, repentance, and acts of charity. The faith that Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us, has risen again and is alive even today, continues to guide us in our life's journey. In 1 Corinthians 15:17, Paul the Apostle declares, "And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile, you are still in your sins." This statement stands before us both as a source of hope and a challenge.

#### **1) Has Christ Not Been Raised?**

To claim that Christ has not risen is contrary to historical truth. In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul provides a crucial piece of evidence in 1 Corinthians 15:3-8: "that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve." Furthermore, Paul testifies that He was seen by more than five

hundred brethren at once. Most of these witnesses were still alive at the time Paul wrote (around AD 55), meaning they could have denied it if it were false. A mere illusion or emotional experience could not have appeared simultaneously to such a large number of people.

The empty tomb of Jesus Christ, the dramatic transformation of the disciples, and Paul's own conversion serve as additional strong evidences. The disciples, who fled in fear when Jesus was arrested, boldly proclaimed His resurrection even in the face of death after seeing the risen Christ. Peter the Apostle and James the Just were martyred, Thomas the Apostle traveled as far as India and became a martyr. Paul himself, once a persecutor of Christians, encountered the risen Christ on the road to Damascus and devoted his entire life to the Gospel. All these testify that the resurrection of Christ is a solid historical reality.

#### **2) Our Faith Is Not Futile**

Because Christ has risen, the faith we place in Him is not futile. The church, which began as a small gathering of about 120 people in Jerusalem (Acts 1:15), saw about 3,000 people repent on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:41). Soon it grew to 5,000

(Acts 4:4) and spread throughout Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the Gentile regions. Despite severe persecution under the Roman Empire, the church continued to grow. From the second to the fourth century, the church developed both doctrinally and institutionally. Councils such as First Council of Nicaea and First Council of Constantinople affirmed the doctrine of the Trinity and the divinity of Christ, with the resurrection at its core. In the Middle Ages, theologians like Augustine of Hippo and Thomas Aquinas explained the significance of the resurrection. During the Reformation, Martin Luther and John Calvin reaffirmed Paul's teaching that without the resurrection, faith is futile. Today, nearly 2.5 billion Christians exist worldwide. The church's contributions in education, healthcare, orphan care, elderly care, and social service are immeasurable. All these stand as evidence that faith in the risen Christ is not in vain.

### 3) Are We Still in Our Sins?

If Christ had not risen, we would still be in our sins. But because He has risen, we have been set free from sin. In Romans 6:3-4, Paul explains: Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death,

that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Baptism symbolizes the death of the old self to sin and the rising of the new self with Christ. We do not become sinless, but we are no longer slaves to sin (Romans 6:6). However, the question "Are we still in our sins?" must be examined from two perspectives. First, our "position": through the blood of Christ, we are justified and have died to sin (Romans 6:2). Second, our "practice": as we continue to live in this sinful world, we still face temptations. Yet the Holy Spirit helps us, convicts us of sin, and leads us to repentance. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9) Therefore, we must live with this mindset: "Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord."\* (Romans 6:11).

The resurrection of Christ is a historical reality. Therefore, our faith is not in vain, and the Church has grown throughout the world. We no longer need to remain in our sins. Instead, may the Lord Himself help us to continually move forward into the experience of being a new creation in Christ.

During the Ramadan season that concluded on 20 March, 11 participants have successfully completed the challenge of reading the entire Bible in 30 days. Likewise, during the Lenten season that ended on 5 April, 116 participants completed the Bible reading challenge of finishing the entire Bible in 40 days.

We thank God for those who benefited by participating in the Talk show held on March 29 titled “Medical aspects of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ”. Many also enthusiastically took part in the 4-hour continuous Bible reading event (Bible Readathon) conducted

in Malayalam on March 28. Please pray that such seminars and live Bible reading events may continue without interruption every month and that many more may benefit through them.

Kindly pray that all preparations to restart the Bible Meditation groups may proceed smoothly without any hindrance in the coming days.

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.**

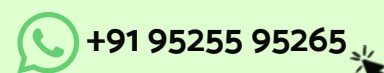


## Readers Voice

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.



# Praise & Prayer points for Newsletter

April 2026

## 🗨️ Praise God For:

- Those who completed their Bible reading in March 2026, and for those who have successfully completed the Ramadan and Lent Bible Reading challenges.
- The GODependence Talk show held on March 29, 2026, in both Tamil and English on the topic “Medical aspects of the Crucifixion of Christ,” which was conducted successfully and was beneficial to many.
- Let us thank the Lord for helping our children to write their 12th and 10th standard public examinations well.
- Let us thank the Lord for helping us to initiate the April 2026 Bible Reading Challenges groups without any hindrance.
- Let us thank God for everyone who participated in the Malayalam Bible Readathon held on March 28, 2026, and read the Scriptures enthusiastically. ”

## 🗨️ Let's Pray For:

- The Lord to help those who have joined the April 2026 Bible reading groups to successfully complete the challenges they have undertaken.
- Our children who are preparing for upcoming competitive exams such as NEET, JEE, and others—that they may succeed and prayerfully choose their higher studies.
- The GODependence Talk show and the online Bible Readathon events in April 2026 will glorify the Lord and be beneficial to many.
- Protection of the 3 GODependence WhatsApp numbers used for Bible reading challenges from ongoing spam issues and for wisdom for those involved in GODependence ministry.
- The abnormal situations in many parts of the world due to the war to change soon, and for the comfort to the families of those affected and those who have lost their lives. ”

The big problem is not whether the Bible is true. The big problem is whether it is true in you. - Aiden Wilson Tozer

# The Slogans of Protestant Reformation



## Slogan 3 : “Grace alone!” (Sola Gratia)

Someone is said to have asked Evangelist Billy Graham why God has used him more than any other in Crusade Evangelism. His answer: “This is the first question I would ask God when I meet Him in Heaven. For now, I know it’s the **grace** of God!”

Sadly an alarming movement has come in Christendom which promotes “hyper-**grace**.” This teaching more or less says, “Live as you like, God’s grace will take care!” Youngsters find this doctrine quite appealing and they flock in large numbers in Churches and meetings which promote this. The city of Chennai is one of the worst affected by this doctrine in India. Hyper-grace teaching has been forewarned against by Apostle Paul in his time itself. Look at this passage in the Book of Romans which served as a textbook during Reformation: Romans 5:20 to 6:2, “Where sin abounded, grace abounded much more ... What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that **grace** may abound? Certainly not! (God forbid!) How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?”

Grace is not a licence to sin. It’s actually God’s inner enablement to us to overcome sin. This is clear from Romans 6:14, “Sin shall not have dominion over you, because you are not under law but under grace!” This is the promise of the New Covenant: Jeremiah 32:40, “I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me!” Hallelujah!

Grace is free, but not cheap. Apostle Jude, who contended for the faith, condemned the hyper-grace concept. He warned the saints against

I am busily engaged in the study of the Bible. I believe it is God's word because it finds me where I am. - Abraham Lincoln

“ungodly men” who “creep in unnoticed and turn the **grace** of our God into licentiousness” (Jude 4).

At the same time, beloved, don't fall into the trap of legalism. “Stand firm in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage” (Galatians 5:1). Legalism will make you “fall from **grace**” (v4). Observance of days and dietary habits are left to the discretion of individuals (Romans 14:6). Beware of a religion which teaches, “Do not touch, Do not taste, Do not handle!” (Colossians 2:20-23).

God's free grace brings on us lots of responsibilities. God's sovereignty and man's responsibility must always be balanced lest we miss the wholesome teaching of the Scriptures. For example, if we allow bitterness to take root in us against anyone, we may “fall short of the **grace** of God” (Hebrews 12:14,15). **Grace** of God here means His kindness which is opposed to bitterness. Similarly “the **grace** of God teaches us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and live soberly, righteously and godly in the present age” (Titus 2:11,12).

Beware of boasting of any spiritual exercise! We are called to pray without ceasing and not to lose heart in it. When God answers our prayers, we always have a tendency in our fallen nature to boast of our praying. But remember, if our faith is what carries our prayers to God, it is His grace which brings the answers! That's why His throne is called the “Throne of **Grace!**” (Hebrews 4:16).

Keep praising God for His daily **grace**. Lamentations 3:22,23, “It's because of the Lord's **mercies** we are not consumed, because His **compassions** fail not. They are new every morning, Great is Your **faithfulness.**” God's GRACE is the sum of His “mercies,” “compassions” and “faithfulness!”

Sing

Amazing grace how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear , The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares , I have already come

'Twas grace that brought me safe thus far, And grace will take me home.

When we've been there 10,000 years, Bright shining as the sun

We've no less days to sing God's praise, Than when we first begun.

– John Newton, 1725-1807

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-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.

# THE SYRO-PHOENICIAN WOMAN

Her persistent faith was rewarded.



(Mark 12:41-44)

As Jesus went into the vicinity of Tyre, a Syro-Phoenician woman whose little daughter was possessed by an evil spirit came and fell at his feet. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. “First let the children eat all they want, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to their dogs.” “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “but even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he told her, “For such a reply, you may go, the demon has left your daughter.” She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Initially, Jesus appeared to decline the woman’s plea. However, she did not become discouraged, instead, her unwavering faith moved Jesus, and he healed her little daughter.

This context is important, as Jews considered Gentiles as people outside God’s saving grace. The woman understood this reality, but despite it, she exercised great faith and approached Jesus.

**How would you approach God when you feel unworthy to do it? Anyone with a repentant heart can go to God in faith. (Luke 5: 32).**

**What would be your response when you feel that your prayers are not immediately answered?**

Would you continue to pray?

**The example of this Syro-Phoenician woman motivates us to pray without ceasing.**

**– Bro. Peter A. R., Palakkad, Kerala.**

# Bible Reading Challenges

From 01 May 2026 onwards

"The more I expose myself to the word of God, the greater my faith will be."  
- R.C. Sproul

Reading the Bible never makes a person feel tired but refreshes the mind of the reader. If you have not yet tasted the benefits of reading the bible regularly,

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True freedom is being dependent on God

## BIBLE READING CHALLENGES

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01 May 2026 onwards

✦ Join one of our Bible reading plans

✦ Start reading at your own convenience

For more information:

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to Join

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As we search the Scriptures, we must allow them to search us, to sit in judgment upon our character and conduct. - Jerry Bridges

We, GODependence invite you to experience the joy of reading the bible by joining one of our reading plans that start on 01 May 2026.

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

”This Bible Reading Challenge has been a time of quiet growth, where God’s Word slowly shaped my heart and thoughts. By God’s grace, I was able to complete it without difficulty.” - R. Shirley Gainneos

–”I am so blessed to complete the whole Bible first in Tamil (2025 March) followed by in English (2026 March). It’s a great privilege given by the GODependence team. The team lead me throughout the year with lot of patience and loving care. May the Lord be glorified. - Dhinakaran K

”This Bible Reading Challenge helped me to build a habit of quality reading time while bringing clarity, peace, and renewal during times of failure, confusion, and spiritual dryness.” - J R Anisha

**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.

Look in the scroll of the LORD and read: None of these will be missing, not one will lack her mate. For it is his mouth that has given the order, and his Spirit will gather them together. - **Isaiah 34:16**

# Bible Reading Challenges

From 01 May 2026 onwards

Daily Motivational Quotes or Clips on reading the Bible.

Weekly, BiWeekly & Monthly Reviews to ensure progress.

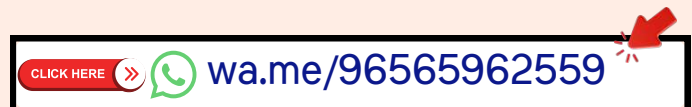
If you fall behind, jump back in! Our reading plan includes Catch-up days & Changing of Plans because we understand real life!

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! 🗨️

I am the book of God: man, read me. I am God's writing: open my leaf, for I was penned by God; read it, for he is my author, and you will see him visible and manifest everywhere. - Charles Spurgeon

# 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!**

**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.

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

# GODependence Bible Reading Challenges



## Bible Reading Challenges

### Salient features of GODependence Bible Reading Challenges

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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.**

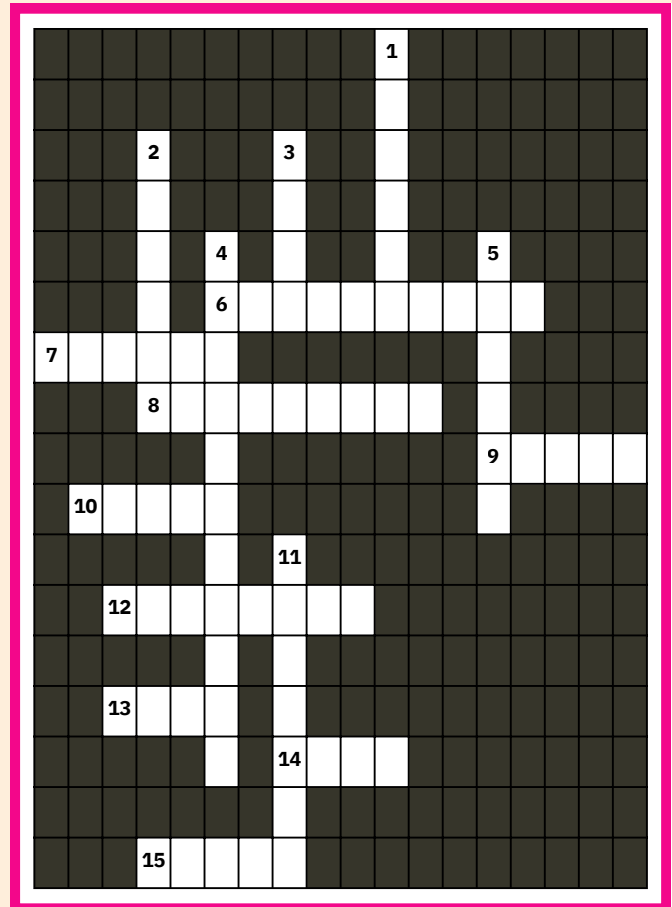
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# Bible Crossword Puzzle-18

## Scripture Portion: Hebrews

### Across:

- 6 To grow in Christ, we must move past ----- teachings.
- 7 The curtain in the Tabernacle that Jesus' body is compared to
- 8 Jesus offered himself as a ----- once for all to take away sins.
- 9 The Word of God is sharper than any two-edged -----.
- 10 The mountain that 'burned with fire' and could not be touched.
- 12 Jesus is the mediator of a 'better' -----.
- 13 God is described at the end of chapter 12 as a 'consuming -----.'
- 14 The first man in the 'Hall of Faith' who offered a better sacrifice.
- 15 The substance of things hoped for and evidence of things not seen.



### Down

- 11 The city with foundations whose builder and maker is God
- 2 Hebrews says Jesus is much superior to these celestial beings
- 3 We are told to run with endurance the set before us
- 4 The mysterious King of Salem and priest that Jesus is compared to
- 5 Jesus is our great High -----.
- 11 The 'rest' that remains for the people of God.



**Notes :** Send the answers with Bible references.

You can use the Bible to find the answer.



<https://forms.gle/neKkr94eUXkUNgc1A>

Click on the given link and send the correct answer before 30/04/2026. 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 - 17 & LET'S PLAY BIBLE GAME - 17 in last month's issue and sent in the correct answers.**

Sis. Regina pandian  
Sis. R. Shirley Gainneos  
Sis. Thara Varghese

# The Apostle of India

## Biography of Sundar Singh

(1889-1929)

[Continuing from the previous issue...]

After recovering from his illness he went to Ludhiana where he stayed with some missionaries and studied the Scriptures. Then at Simla, on his sixteenth birthday, he was baptized. After much thought and prayer, he dedicated himself to a life of self-surrender to Christ and became a Christian Sadhu. His books and personal possessions were given away and he put on the saffron robe. With bare feet and with his New Testament in his hand, and without any human source of support, he set out to serve his Master. His motto was "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world", Galatians 6: 14. He used to say, "Just as Christ has sacrificed Himself in love for me, so I must sacrifice myself in love for Christ".

### As a Sadhu

Although he was scarcely more than a boy, Sundar suffered hunger, cold, sickness and even imprisonment for his Master. Year after year he travelled alone through the hills and mountains of Punjab, Kashmir, Afghanistan, Nepal and Tibet to proclaim the love of his Master to those who had not heard. Many a time he met with opposition and hatred. Often he would be driven away hungry to spend the night in the jungle. He would take shelter in caves to escape the cold wind and rain. Sometimes he shared his cave with wild animals. One morning he found a leopard asleep just a few feet away. Another time he found that he had been with a black panther. Early one morning he saw something inside his blanket. It was a huge cobra that had found shelter and warmth beside him. He always went barefooted even when crossing the passes of the Himalayas, and so his feet often bled, cut by stones and ice. Thus he came to be known as the 'Apostle of the Bleeding Feet'.

Often his patience and joy even under persecution influenced people to accept his message. He went to a certain village and sitting on a log began to sing. Soon a crowd gathered but many of them became angry when he began to tell about Jesus. Suddenly a man named Krupe Ram gave him a hard blow and Sundar fell to the ground. His cheeks and hands were cut by the rocks. Quietly he rose up and with blood running down his face, prayed for his enemies and began to tell them of the love of Christ. Krupe Ram was greatly impressed with this and he became a believer later.

The shortest road to an understanding of the Bible is the acceptance of the fact that  
God is speaking in every line. - Donald Grey Barnhouse

Once Sundar Singh was passing through a forest, which was a favorite haunt of robbers. Four men suddenly sprang upon him and one rushed at him with a drawn knife. Sundar thought that the end had come and began to pray. This surprised the man and he enquired who he was. Sundar told him that he was a Christian Sadhu, and opening his New Testament read to him the account of the rich man and Lazarus. The man was convicted of his sins. He took Sundar to a cave and pointing to a heap of human skeletons said that he was responsible for all those murders. Sundar led the man to accept forgiveness from Christ.

### **In Tibet**

Sundar deliberately went to the most difficult and dangerous places where Christ had not been preached. His heart especially yearned over Tibet. Tibet was immersed in superstition, witchcraft and fear of demons. The poor people were oppressed by the lamas, the religious leaders. The people were Buddhists and they thought that the only way to pray was to turn wheels on which prayers were written or to have flags with prayers written on them fluttering on the wind. These people had never heard about Christ. Sundar made several trips to Tibet. At one time, at a height of 16,000 feet with intense cold, he had to sleep out on the open plain.

Once when he was preaching in a town, he was arrested and condemned for preaching foreign religion. They stripped him of his clothes and cast him into a deep, dry well and covered it, locking the covering. Many others had been cast into the well and so Sundar fell on a heap of bones and rotting flesh. The stench was terrible and his arm, injured during the fall was giving him severe pain. Without food, without water and without sleep, he suffered for nearly three days in that dark well. On the third night as he was praying to God, he heard a noise overhead. The door on top was being opened and a voice asked him to take hold of the rope that was being let down. He did this and was soon out of the well. The stranger who delivered him closed the well and disappeared in the night. Sundar knew then that it was God who had delivered him. As soon as he had enough strength, he continued to preach and many hungry hearts found salvation.

### **In Nepal**

Nepal is another land north of India, where the gospel had not been preached in Sundar's time. Preaching the gospel is forbidden in that country. Sundar went to Nepal and preached Christ. He was arrested and put in jail. In the jail he spent his time telling the other prisoners about Christ. So they placed him alone in a cell. It was a foul smelling cattle shed where they tied him by the hands and feet to a post after removing his clothes. Someone collected a lot of leeches and

The object of the Bible is not to tell how good men are, but how bad men can become good. - Dwight L. Moody

threw them on his body. They began to suck his blood. But even in the midst of this agony Sundar prayed to God and sang praises. The authorities thought that he was mad and released him. Though the leeches had sucked much of his blood making him feel weak, he immediately went to the town and started preaching. In all his sufferings, Sundar said "It is a joy to suffer for my Saviour". What is the secret of this joy?. He said, "In all my trials and labours of soul, my comfort, my hope, my inspiration was the Cross of Christ". Since for me Christ forsook heaven and took upon Himself the burden of the Cross, it is no great matter that I have taken up my cross to gain souls for Him". Speaking of his prison experiences in Nepal, he said, "Christ's presence has turned my prison into a blessed heaven".

### **Challenging the World**

His sufferings and his unique experiences were soon known everywhere, and Christians all over the world began to take note of this Apostle of India. He had invitations from all over India to come and speak to large gatherings of Christians and non-Christians. Wherever he went he challenged the Christians to take up the Cross and follow the Master in a life of self-denial. His missionary challenge stirred several people to pray and act. He toured Ceylon, Burma, Malaya, China and Japan. He also undertook a tour to the West and visited England, America, Australia and several countries in Europe.

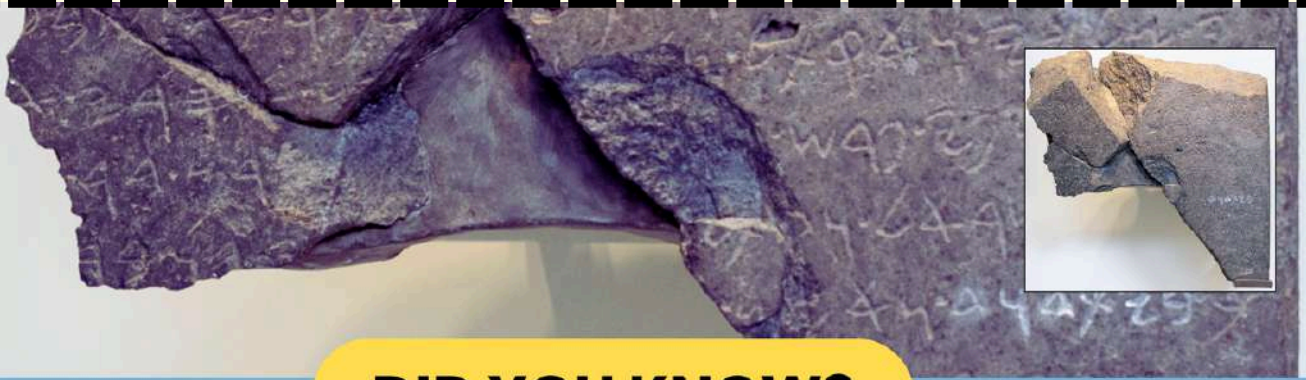
Wherever he went, people recognized his likeness to Christ. A little girl sitting in one of his meetings once asked, "Is he Jesus?". In his love for souls and for holiness, Sundar was truly like his Master.

### **The Last Word**

On April, 18, 1929 Sundar Singh wrote to one of his friends, "I am leaving today for Tibet, fully aware of the dangers and difficulties of the journey, but I must do my best to do my duty". Days passed by and the time for his return came. But he did not come back. Neither was there any news from him or about him. He might have fallen down a precipice and perished on the mountains. Or he might have died as a martyr in Tibet, either by being thrown in a well or by being sown up in a wet yak skin and allowed to dry in the sun until the shrinking skin crushed his bones. Whatever the end might have been, we are sure that Sadhu Sundar Singh, the Apostle of India, has his crown.

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

He (God) sends his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. - **Psalms 147:15**



## DID YOU KNOW?

### Tel Dan Stele provides evidence for the **Dynasty of David**

The Tel Dan Stele is a three-piece stone tablet found at Tel Dan in Northern Israel in 1993. It was discovered by Gila Cook, a member of an archaeological team led by Avraham Biran.

The fragments are currently exhibited at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

The Tel Dan Stele is a 9th-century BCE stone tablet inscription in the Old Aramaic language, providing the earliest, widely accepted non-biblical evidence for the existence of King David's dynasty.

It includes the words "BYTDWD" in Old Aramaic, meaning "House of David." The Stele serves as a victory monument erected by an Aramean king (likely Hazael of Damascus), boasting of his defeat of the kings of Israel and the House of David. This suggests that King David was the founder of a recognised ruling dynasty in Judah during that period.

The defeat of the kings mentioned in this tablet is described in the Second Book of Kings (2 Kings 8–9).

It provides independent archaeological evidence that the royal line of David existed.

**This and similar archaeological findings provide evidence for the authenticity of the Bible.**

**If you are fascinated by this finding, we cordially invite you to read the Bible and discover what God wants to tell you.**



### Did you know?

Ehud was a unique judge of Israel because he was left-handed, which allowed him to hide a dagger on his right thigh and assassinate King Eglon (Judges 3:15-21).



### Did you know?

The Only Female Judge Out of all the judges who led Israel, Deborah was the only woman recorded as a judge and a prophetess (Judges 4:4).



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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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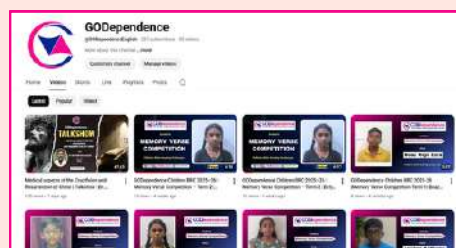
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GODependence Youtube Channel has reached 225 Subscribers and 82 Videos.



 <https://www.youtube.com/@godependenceenglish>



# GODependence Bible Reading Challenges

Congratulations to the Successful Participants as on

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... Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures ... - I Corinthians 15:3-4

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BIBLE READING  
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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.

# LET'S PLAY BIBLE GAME - 18

From the given pictures find the verses from

Scripture Portion: Hebrew



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

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2



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<https://forms.gle/ckqdiTdmWffNCqA27>

Click on the given link and send the correct answer before 30/04/2026.

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

If we want revivals, we must revive our reverence for the Word of God. - Charles  
Spurgeon

## Answers

### Last month let's play Bible game-17 & Bible Crossword Puzzle -17

#### correct answers

#### Bible Crossword Puzzle - 17

##### Across:

- 4 Rebirth (Titus 3:5)
- 5 Rejected (Titus 3:10)
- 7 Crete (Titus 1:5)
- 9 Salvation (Titus 3:5)
- 11 Genealogies (Titus 3:9)
- 12 Grace (Titus 3:7)
- 14 Good (Titus 3:1)

##### Down:

- 1 Hope (Titus 2:13)
- 2 Wickedness (Titus 2:14)
- 3 Child (Titus 1:4)
- 6 Self (Titus 2:6)
- 8 Money (Titus 1:7)
- 10 Empered (Titus 1:7)
- 13 No (Titus 2:12)

#### Let's play Bible game-17

- 1) Titus 1:4
- 2) Titus 1:15
- 3) Titus 1:16
- 4) Titus 2:14
- 5) Titus 2:1
- 6) Philemon 1:1
- 7) Philemon 1:20
- 8) Titus 3:5
- 9) Titus 2:7
- 10) Titus 3:14

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When you decide to spend time with God in prayer and studying His word, patience and energy are paramount here as well. - **Pauline Creeden**

# Bible Book Overview - Hebrew

## HEBREWS

**Time of Writing:** A.D. 67 – A.D. 69  
**Time of Events:** A.D. 66

**Author of the Book:** Unknown  
**Type of Book:** Letter

### Introduction to the Book

- The final letter associated with Paul is this letter to the Hebrews. Although presented as a letter, it does not have a letter structure. Instead, it is structured as a theological essay. Only at the end of the book are instructions given to the readers.

### Context and Purpose

- The late theologian Dr. Walter Martin said that the book of Hebrews was written by a Hebrew for other Hebrews. In reality, many early Jewish believers re-entered the rituals and ceremonies of Judaism to escape increasing persecution. This letter is an exhortation written for those persecuted believers to continue in the grace of Jesus Christ. This letter is written to Jewish Christians. Saved Jews were steeped in the Old Testament; they were in danger of weakening in their faith and losing hope. They thought of returning to Judaism instead of standing firm in the Christian faith. They desired to "Judaize" the Gospel they received (Gal 2:14). Many of these readers were also Jewish priests who had accepted Christ (Acts 6:7). Therefore, this letter was written with the aim that Hebrews should stop acting like [unbelieving] Hebrews.

### Key Verses

Heb 1:1-2, Heb 2:3, Heb 4:14-16, Heb 11:1, Heb 12:1-2

### Summary of the Book

- The book of Hebrews mentions three distinct groups: 1) Believers in Christ, 2) Intellectual believers who know the truths of Christ, 3) Unbelievers who were attracted to Christ but ultimately rejected Him. It is important to understand which group is being addressed in which passage. Failure to do so may lead to conclusions contradictory to other parts of scripture. The author of Hebrews continuously mentions the superiority of Christ in both His person and His ministerial work. In Old Testament writings, the rituals of Judaism symbolized the coming of the Messiah. That is, the rituals of Judaism were shadows of things to come. The superiority of Christ is the central theme of this book. It is stated in the introduction that Christ gives the complete, final revelation. Christ is shown to be superior to angels and to Moses, the mediator of the Old Covenant. It is pointed out that the priesthood of Christ is completely different from and superior to the Old Testament priesthood. This is because Christ's priesthood fulfills the Old Testament promise (8:1-13).

### Jesus Christ in the Book

- Nowhere else in the New Testament is focus placed on the Old Testament more than in the book of Hebrews, which is based on the Levitical priesthood. The writer compares the inadequacies of the Old Testament sacrificial system to the perfection of Jesus Christ. The Old Covenant required continuous sacrifices and once-a-year

atonement for sin provided by a human priest. But in the New Covenant, a once-for-all sacrifice was made through Jesus Christ (Heb 10:10). Direct access to the throne of God is promised to everyone who is in Him.

### Practical Application

- The book of Hebrews gives us encouraging examples of God's "Heroes of Faith." They persevered even amidst great difficulties and adverse circumstances (Heb 11). By meditating on the rock-like firm faith of Old Testament saints, we too can maintain complete hope in God's rich promises regardless of our circumstances. The author provides five important warnings: 1) Danger of neglect (2:1-4), 2) Danger of unbelief (3:7-4:13), 3) Danger of spiritual immaturity (5:11-6:20), 4) Danger of failure (10:26-39), 5) Danger of not listening to God (12:25-29).

### Structure of the Book

1. Introduction: God has spoken to us through His Son (1:1-3)
2. The Son of God is superior to angels (1:4 - 2:18)
3. Jesus Christ is superior to Moses and Joshua (3:1 - 4:3)
4. The superiority of Jesus Christ's priesthood (4:14 - 7:28)
5. The superiority of Jesus Christ's covenant (8:1 - 9:28)
6. The superiority of Jesus Christ's sacrifice (10:1-31)
7. The superiority of faith (11:1 - 12:29)
8. A life pleasing to God (13:1-19)

# The History of the Malayalam Bible

(Dr. Jacob Samuel)



Malayalam Bible  
Indian Version

## Early Christianity in Kerala

We know that Christianity existed in Kerala for many centuries, long before it reached many other countries. There was a Christian presence in Kerala from early times. However, the Bible used in those early days was the Syriac Bible. The Scriptures read in worship were in Syriac. Ordinary people did not know Syriac, it was known only to a few priests. Therefore, though there was a Syriac Bible, it was not greatly beneficial to the common people.

## Claudius Buchanan and the First Translation Effort

The Protestant missionary who initiated the translation of the Bible into Malayalam was Claudius Buchanan, a missionary of the Church Missionary Society (CMS) from England. He was deeply interested in promoting education and translating the Scriptures into native languages.

He knew there was a Christian community in Kerala, and that they did not have the Bible in their language. He met Mar Dionysius, the Bishop of the Syriac Church at Kandanad, and discussed about a project to translate the Syriac Bible into Malayalam. The bishop was supportive. The translation work was entrusted to Philipose Ramban of Kayamkulam, a Syriac priest. With the help of other scholars, including a Tamil-Malayalam scholar named Thimappa, the four Gospels were first translated. They were printed in Bombay and sent to Kerala. This came to be known as the Ramban Bible (early 19th century).

## Benjamin Bailey

Benjamin Bailey, who came to Kerala in 1816, studied Malayalam, Sanskrit, and Syriac and had a strong desire to translate the Bible into Malayalam. He established the CMS Press in Kottayam—the first printing press in Kerala. He translated the New Testament first, and later the Old Testament. The complete Malayalam Bible was published in 1841. Though he referred to original languages, much of his translation relied on English and Syriac sources.

## Hermann Gundert

Hermann Gundert, a scholar, linguist, and missionary of the Basel Evangelical Mission, arrived in Thalasseri in 1839. He was proficient in many languages, including Hebrew, Greek, German, English, Sanskrit, and Hindustani. Bailey's translation was criticised as being too colloquial and influenced by Western idioms and Syriac expressions. It was not fully accepted in North Kerala (Malabar). Therefore, Gundert translated the Bible directly from the original Greek and Hebrew. The full Bible was completed in 1859 and printed at the Basel Mission Press in Bangalore. It was widely used in Malabar.

## The “Sathyavedapusthakam” (1910)

To produce a common version usable in Travancore, Cochin, and Malabar, the Bible Society’s Madras Auxiliary appointed a committee in 1871. Representatives from CMS, LMS, Basel Mission, and the Syrian Church participated. Using Greek and Hebrew originals, along with Bailey’s and Gundert’s versions and other sources, they produced a unified translation. In 1910, the complete Malayalam Bible titled Sathyavedapusthakam was published. It reflected the growth and development of the Malayalam language up to that time and became widely accepted. The British and Foreign Bible Society bore the printing expenses.

## “Adhunika vivarthanam’ (Modern Translation -2013)

Language changes over time. Many expressions in the old version became outdated. So in 2013, the Bible Society published a revised Modern Malayalam version.

### Features included:

- Using the common Malayalam language
- Replacing “Yahweh” with “Sarveshwaran”
- Using respectful words like “Angu” and “Avidunnu” instead of “avan” or “nee” when referring to God

However, this modern version did not gain as much popularity, possibly because people are attached to the version they grew up reading. Still, for first-time readers, young people, or non-Christians, it may be more appealing.

## Other Protestant Translations

In 1997, the International Bible Society (now Biblica) published a Malayalam version.

- Bible League International published an Easy-to-Read Version.
- Dr Mathews Varghese published “Visudha Sathyavedapusthakam.”
- The Indian Revised Version Malayalam was later published.
- In 2021, Biblica released a Contemporary Malayalam Translation.

Though many versions exist, Bible Society publications remain the most widely used.

## Catholic Translations

### Catholics also made translation efforts:

- 1905: Three priests from Manjummel translated the Gospels and Acts from Latin.
- 1940: The Complete New Testament published (Manjummel Bible).
- 1963: Full Bible translation by Monsignor Thomas Muthedan.
- 1981: POC Bible (official Catholic version).
- 1983: Hoshana Bible including Apocrypha.
- 1997: Peshitta Bible translated from Syriac.

## The impact of the Bible on Kerala

### Reformation in Kerala

Just as the open Bible in English led to the Reformation in the West under leaders like **Martin Luther**

and John Calvin, the open Bible in Malayalam played a significant role in the reformation in the Malankara Church.

Ordinary believers began studying Scripture for themselves and discovered unbiblical practices that had crept into the church. This intensified the reformation efforts initiated by leaders like Abraham Malppan and Kaithayil Gee Varghese Malppan and made it a people's movement. This eventually led to the formation of the Mar Thoma Church, the St. Thomas Evangelical Church, and many Protestant denominations in Kerala.

### **Printing and Script Reform**

Bailey imported a printing press from England but found the available Malayalam fonts unattractive. With the help of local craftsmen, he developed rounded Malayalam typefaces. He even built a wooden printing press when mechanical problems arose.

#### **This effort led to:**

- Growth of Malayalam printing
- Script reform (reducing the number of types needed)
- Standardisation of Malayalam writing

Influence on the Malayalam Language and Literature

#### **Bible translation:**

- Enriched the vocabulary (words like Lord, Gospel, Salvation, Eternal Life, Blessing, Fellowship)
- Influenced sentence structure
- Introduced idiomatic expressions (e.g., "good Samaritan," "wolf in sheep's clothing," "to stone" meaning to accuse strongly)
- Introduced punctuation marks (comma, full stop, semicolon), which were not previously standard in Malayalam writing.
- It made a significant influence on authors such as Kumaran Asan, Parappurathu, M. P. Appan, Perumpadavam Sreedharan, and Sarah Joseph.

### **Closing Thoughts**

When the Bible is translated into a new language, we can expect a transformation among that people group. It may not happen instantly, but over time, when the translation reaches people in their mother tongue, a great transformation will surely take place in their lives.

Let us praise God for granting us the Malayalam Bible. Let us also pray for the Bible translation ministry across the world.

**(Dr. Jacob Samuel)**

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

The Holy Scriptures tell us what we could never learn any other way: they tell us what we are, who we are, how we got here, why we are here and what we are required to do while we remain here. - A W Tozer

## Testimony - Sis. Jeba Selvi ★★★★★

### **Your Name, Place, Family, Christian Background & Upbringing:**

Praise the Lord

My name is Jebaselvi. Through the GODependence Group, I joined a 2-month Bible reading program and was able to complete reading the entire Bible. I express my heartfelt thanks to God for the grace He gave me to accomplish this.

### **How many times have you read the entire Bible so far? How many of them were through the GODependence program?**

Each time I read the Bible, I received many new experiences. When I first started reading, sometimes I would sit and read, and sometimes I would read while lying down because I had a spine problem (spine bulge). In the beginning, I started reading just out of duty.

### **How did the GODependence program help you develop interest in Bible reading?**

Later, I began to meditate while reading. Now, I no longer read while lying down. I was encouraged by the verse, "If I am a Father, where is My honor?" and I started praying using Bible verses.

The verse, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," gave me strength.

### **Final Changes in your life now:**

Now, God is giving me the grace to go for ministry. God is protecting and guiding my family.

### **Finally, what would you like to say in a few lines?**

First, I give thanks and praise to my Lord God. I also express my heartfelt gratitude to the brothers and sisters serving in the GODependence Group.

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

# GODependence Events

## Bible Readathon on 25 April 2026 in Telugu

1



Bible Readathon in Malayalam was held on 28 March 2026, Saturday from 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM with active involvement of volunteers.

Bible Readathon for this month will be held on 25 April 2026, Saturday from 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (Indian Standard Time) in **Telugu language**.

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

2

## GODependence Talkshow - April 2026

**Topic: Meditating on the Bible: Why, When, and How**



(An insightful and interactive session to explore the purpose, practice, and power of meditating on the Word of God, the Bible. Participants will understand the value of Biblical Meditation in spiritual transformation and growth, and will learn how to effectively engage with God's Word in a meaningful way.)

**Date: 26 April 2026 Sunday 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm IST**

**Speaker: Bro. Arputharaj Samuel, Bangalore.**

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## Bible Meditation Groups (BMG) - Training Sessions in May 2026

The GODependence Talk show scheduled on 26 April 2026 is focusing on Bible Meditation.

Subsequent training sessions for those who are willing to join these Bible Meditation groups will be conducted in the month of May 2026. Further details will be shared in the Bible Reading Challenges groups and in the next month's Newsletter.



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