

2022 BIBLE DISCOVERY GUIDE

MAY

JOB — PSALMS



Inside the Guide

Welcome	3
How to use this Guide	4
Spotlight on Science	5
Spotlight on Archaeology	6
May Devotional	7
About Bible Discovery	40
Contact	40

SUBSCRIBE

Gain a deeper understanding of the Word of God with the Bible Discovery Guide and read through the Bible in a year – no matter when you start! Receive a Guide in the mail every month for a year when you subscribe with a donation of any amount. Visit BibleDiscoveryGuide.com today!

DONATE

Your donations equip people all over the world with free Bible Discovery content like The Daily Show. Explore the breadth of our ministry and renew your support today at BibleDiscoveryTv.com.

Catch the companion show!

Along with our daily TV show, you can gain even further insights from a variety of perspectives as you journey through the Bible in a year with us.

From our weekly live stream to video articles, blogs and sermons, tap into our study material that best suits your schedule and style of learning, all available for free online.

Visit BibleDiscoveryTv.com today to explore all that the ministry has to offer!

..... MAY 2022

Contributors

Rod Hembree
Corie Bobeckho
Ryan Hembree
Janice Hembree
Matlock Bobeckho

With thanks to

all our partners
whose donations
make this Guide
possible.

Image Credits

Shutterstock
Public Domain

MAY 2022

30 NISSAN, 5782 – 1 SIVAN, 5782

Song & Prayer

Not only will we complete the book of Job this month, but we will also finish things off in the Psalms! While Job is a wonderful book that offers a deeper theological and moral insight, the Psalmists speak to our soul from a different perspective. Job is written from the third-person perspective and Psalms is from the first-person, both of which entail the praise and repentant worship of God through deep suffering, strife, and inner turmoil. But unlike Job, the Psalms offer a range of uplifting praise. It is often called *Israel's hymnal*. Here we have the lyrics from the actual music that was regularly sung and played in Solomon's Temple. God did not preserve the musical notes or music styles. Today, many musicians have taken these psalms and wrote music for them. The words are excellent, they are great to sing and exciting to pray.

My suggestion for those who are looking to enhance their prayer life and build better discipline when they pray is to pray through the book of Psalms. There are 150 of these pieces of music. The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119 with 176

verses, and the shortest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 117 containing two verses, meaning prayers can be short-and-sweet or long-and-hard. An element of beauty held within the Psalms is that it unhinges our soul to pour ourselves out before God. When we do pray the Psalms, the LORD hears us as we digest His Word and responds to us in His way.

Psalm 1 is a great beginning to understand the way of those who are blessed and the end of the ungodly. The six verses begin with "Blessed is the man..." and ends with "...but the way of the ungodly shall perish" (PSALM 1:1, 6). The book of Psalms is an outstanding way to hear and learn the ways of God. It is a great way to pray and a marvelous way to sing. In this world, where so much is going wrong, it is great to read, hear, sing, and meditate on what God has done.



Rod Hembree, Th.D, DE.



CHARLES ROD HEMBREE is the founding pastor of *Good Friends Fellowship* in Ontario, Canada. He brings his extensive production background and Biblical training together to serve the Body of Christ as the Executive Director of Bible Discovery.

MAY 2022

How to use this Guide

Make the most of your devotional time with our Guide to the Bible in a year. Each Guide provides valuable context and theological insight to help strengthen your faith and dig deeper into the richness of God's Word every day.

The following three tips will help you make the most of your daily Bible reading and Guide:



SPOTLIGHT ON...

In every Guide, you'll find a section with specific highlights from the perspectives of history, apologetics, theology, and more. These viewpoints provide a holistic context from which to view the month's Bible reading, giving us a greater understanding of the Word, and equipping us to grasp the impact of the Bible in these important fields.



DAILY READING

The readings are in traditional order, with a date corresponding to the Hebrew calendar. Each reading consists of a daily insight and a focus on three major takeaways from the day's Bible passage. Challenge yourself to meditate on the *Discovering The Truth* and *Today's Prayer* sections as you go about your day.



WATCH THE DAILY SHOW

Catch our companion TV series for even more valuable insight and theological discussion, hosted daily by the Hembree family. Join Rod, Janice, Ryan and Corie in this thirty-minute devotional show that will change the way you see and read the Bible. Visit **BibleDiscoveryTv.com** to watch our show online or to find a TV channel in your area.

Job and the Ice Age

by Ryan Hembree



Out of the Bible's sixty-six books, Job has some particularly unique features. For example, apart from Genesis 1-11, it is probably the Bible's oldest book. It also "contains more references to creation, the flood, and other primeval events than any other book of the Bible except Genesis, and also seems to contain more modern scientific insights than any other book of the Bible." Some scholars and scientists even think it may contain an allusion to the Ice Age.

Job 38:29-30 says, "From whose womb comes the ice? And the frost of heaven, who gives it birth? The waters harden like stone, And the surface of the deep is frozen." Whether this is referring to the Ice Age or not, the events recorded in this book would have been almost certainly contemporaneous with this great freeze.

Although most secular scientists believe that there have been thirty or more ice ages over many millions of years, early Biblical history provides a very different and more satisfactory view. One reason for this is because while mainstream science has no viable starting mechanism to explain even one ice age (let alone thirty), the Bible does. As meteorologist Michael Oard points out, "to cause an ice age, rare conditions are required—warm oceans for high precipitation, and cool summers for lack of

melting the snow." Interestingly, the climactic state following the Genesis Flood provided these exact conditions.

During the deluge, there were underwater volcanic eruptions as indicated by the bursting forth of the "fountains of the great deep" (GENESIS 7:11). As the crust of the earth broke open, hot water and lava released into the oceans making the post-flood ocean waters warm from pole to pole. On top of this, for several years after the flood, there would have been large amounts of volcanic activity sending dust and debris into the atmosphere blocking some of the sun's light creating cooler summers.

As far as the length of this Biblical Ice Age is concerned, according to the best estimates, it would've reached its peak 500 years after the flood and would have fully melted 200 years later for a total of 700 years. If so, it means the Ice Age occurred during Job's lifetime, lasting from roughly 2350-1650 BC. While this doesn't automatically mean Job 38:29-30 is a reference to the Ice Age, the timing does, at least, make it conceivable. ■

SPOTLIGHT FOOTNOTES

- 1 Henry Morris, *The Henry Morris Study Bible*, Introduction to Job, P.782.
- 2 Michael Oard, *The New Answers Book 1*, Chapter 16, *Where Does the Ice Age Fit?*, P.213, Ken Ham general editor.
- 2 See Michael Oard, *The New Answers Book 1*, Chapter 16, *Where Does the Ice Age Fit?*, Ken Ham general editor and Michael Oard, *An Ice Age Caused by the Genesis Flood*, Institute for Creation Research, El Cajon, California, 1990.

Interesting Words of Job

by Corie Bobecko



As a book that includes much wisdom literature, the Bible contains many different types of information: historic, poetic, symbolic and the like. It also will often refer to what were once normal cultural practices that today may seem mysterious to modern readers. One such practice is that of throwing dust or ashes on one's head (JOB 2:12; EZEKIEL 27:30; LAMENTATIONS 2:10) or sitting on dust and ashes (JOB 30:19; JONAH 3:6; ISAIAH 47:1). It is clear from the context of these references that these actions were a sign of great mourning or shame. But now, archaeology may have something to add when it comes to "dust and ashes".

[THE BIBLE]...WILL OFTEN REFER TO WHAT WERE NORMAL CULTURAL PRACTICES THAT TODAY MAY SEEM MYSTERIOUS...

During excavations at the city of Beer-Sheva, it was noticed that the streets of the city were more of a grey black colour than were the regular dirt floors of private and public courtyards. After analyzing samples, it was discovered that the streets owed their greyish colour to burnt ash. The archaeologists discovered that the addition of ash to the dirt, created a more durable

and stabilized street surface. This brings an interesting dynamic to the cultural practice of using dust and ashes as a sign of mourning or shame. The origin of the practice may have been aided by having these materials close by, which, of course, illuminates just how public these actions may have been.

As another point of interest, the book of Job also records a curious rhetorical question from God to Job. God asks, "Do you know when the ibexes give birth?" (JOB 39:1) The answer, of course, is "no".

Though the ancient and modern-day Middle East have many herds of these mountain goats, and they are not an uncommon sight, it has always been noted how reclusive they are, living on cliffs and mountainsides. Even during a decades long study in the 20th century, with modern equipment and dedicated researchers tracking ibex herds in the wild, the acts of reproduction and giving birth were witnessed less than a handful of times! Ancient and modern biblical readers can still be humbled by God's question to Job—no, we don't know everything about nature, even still. ■



2022 BIBLE DISCOVERY GUIDE

MAY

JOB — PSALMS



Blessing Not Blame

JOB 1-3

DISCOVERING THE WORD

The book of Job is about a wealthy man who loses everything in a short period of time: His possessions, his property, his wealth, and even his children. What is remarkable about Job is that he is someone who follows God. As we read the arguments he has with his friends, we should keep in mind that he loves the LORD. While many of us in today's world prefer to see salvation and our walk with God as a type of guarantee against experiencing trouble, the book of Job doesn't let us get away with this. Job seems to tell us that we need to love and trust God despite, and through all kinds of trouble. As we patiently bear the suffering in our lives, God will overcome all trouble and bring us through. The book of Job gains its name from the Hebrew word which means "persecuted one" and the Arabic word meaning "to come back." The name put together simply means the persecuted one who came back.

DISCOVERING GOD — JOB 1:13-22

— 1 —

Job begins to lose everything. As believers, remember that we have nothing that lasts eternally except relationships.

(v. 13-15)

— 2 —

There are times when we blame God, yet God does no evil. Remember who God is, He is our help and our strength!

(v. 16-17)

— 3 —

Although Job loses his children to death, he will see them again. Only God can save and restore us from loss.

(v. 18-22)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

Our LORD is the only one who can save us from the torment of great loss. We try our best to uphold justice and fairness in this world, but if we're honest, it is only God Himself who can truly correct injustice and grant us salvation.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE. I MUST TELL PEOPLE ABOUT YOU!

Response to Eliphaz

JOB 4-7

DISCOVERING THE WORD

I like to call the friends of Job the “so-called” friends of Job for the way they allow their opinions and disagreements to torment him when he’s so vulnerable. These arguments are presented for us in a public hearing on why all this evil has come upon Job. Job himself has already put himself in the position of acceptance, under God, of what had happened. We see this revealed early in the book when Job says to his wife, “Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?” (JOB 2:10). Eliphaz, a Temanite, is one of the named friends of Job. They started out well, when they first came to Job they mourned with him for seven days. Eliphaz is the first to break the silence by bringing his opinion forward. He asks Job, “If one attempts a word with you, will you become weary?” (JOB 4:2). Our study today looks at the on-going response of Job to Eliphaz.

DISCOVERING GOD – JOB 7:1-11

– 1 –

Life is difficult on the earth. We look forward to good things in life, but sometimes it is hard work.

(v. 1-4)

– 2 –

In life there are difficult times of pain. God has promised to help us, if we trust in Him.

(v. 5)

– 3 –

Out of his hurt and suffering Job pours out his complaint to God. We should not build our life on complaining, but in praising God.

(v. 6-11)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

Too often we fall into the trap of complaining about our lives. The problem is that it doesn’t really help! It’s good to learn to bring our praise to God first, no matter the situation we find ourselves in. He can help us through. Psalms has 150 songs that we can pray and sing. God is good all the time, and all the time God is good!

TODAY’S PRAYER

LORD, I PRAISE YOUR NAME!
YOU HAVE GIVEN ME YOUR
AMAZING GRACE.

Zophar Speaks Foolishness

JOB 8–11

DISCOVERING THE WORD

Zophar is one of the three men who come to comfort Job. He is from Naamah in northern Arabia. His name reflects the arrogance of his statements. It means “twittering bird.” Zophar perfectly represents the pride of people who think they speak for God. In his comments, Zophar claims that God has not dealt with Job as He should have, implying that it should be much worse. He counters Job’s call for justice and declares that Job has done something wrong and should repent. This kind of thinking still happens today; it’s easy to see on social media. Many people make claims that are absolutely false but sound true. Satan, the enemy of our soul, does his work through our demands for justice when such demands are not warranted. The book of Job is about us learning that not everything is going to be simple or easy to understand. We do not see the spiritual world, and we are not God.

DISCOVERING GOD – JOB 11:1–9

– 1 –

We are often willing to correct someone when they do not need it. We should talk not to please ourselves but to help others.

(v. 1–3)

– 2 –

Zophar passed judgment when he should not have. We are not to judge someone else’s misfortune.

(v. 4–6)

– 3 –

Zophar claims that God is bigger than our ideas and thoughts. We need to be people who understand the pain and suffering of people.

(v. 7–9)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

God has called us to help and comfort people. In 2 Corinthians 1, we are reminded not to judge each other but to help one another. God is bigger than our cultures and the differences in them. He invades all our differences with the unity of His Holy Spirit. We should follow His lead.

TODAY’S PRAYER

LORD, HELP ME TO LISTEN AND DO WHAT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT CALLS ME TO DO, NOTHING MORE AND NOTHING LESS.

A Wrong Accusation

JOB 12–15

DISCOVERING THE WORD

When we think someone is smart, we think highly of them. When we think someone is wise, we respect them in a different way. We expect them to understand how to put their knowledge into practice, how to correctly analyze and approach situations. Unfortunately, it is common for people to only come across as wise and still lack the understanding they need. Eliphaz might fairly be put in this category. Eliphaz did not have a right understanding of what was happening to Job. Yet rather than keeping quiet he aired all his opinions confidently. The reader knows what none of the men did, that Job was the subject of a test that God was allowing in front of Satan. Job was being victimized. Satan hoped Job would curse God and turn from salvation, but Job did not.

DISCOVERING GOD – JOB 15:1–16

– 1 –

Eliphaz judged Job by what he said and did not consider his pain.

We must never be quick to judge someone's position toward God.

(v. 1–6)

– 2 –

Eliphaz accuses Job of using excessive and angry words against God. We

may say things through our pain that we do not mean.

God knows our heart.

(v. 7–13)

– 3 –

Eliphaz points out the corrupt nature of mortal men. Man is nothing. Jesus Christ is everything!

(v. 14–16)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

God has called us to Himself. This is absolutely remarkable! No matter how hard we try, we cannot give ourselves the meaning that God gives us. We are obligated to praise the LORD for eternal life. Our best life is in the eternal one yet to come, not in the here and now.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, I LOVE YOU FOR WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR ME!

Wrong Vision of God

JOB 16–19

DISCOVERING THE WORD

It is easy to gain a wrong vision of God, especially in today's world of constantly streaming information. We can very easily grab onto a wrong vision of who God is and why things are the way they are. Let's remember that sin is in the world. Sin is the reason for crime, evil and war. It is not God's fault, it is ours. Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man, came to willingly give His life for our sins. If we listen and follow His ways, we begin to gain a correct understanding of who God is and why He has called us. Job was human, and so he also had a wrong vision of God that was exposed in the moments of his pain. But that wrong vision was made right in the end through God mercifully responding to Job. Today, we learn about how Job broke down and articulated what he experienced. We listen to his outrage about our wonderful Saviour, the same God, past, present and future. He is a good God.

DISCOVERING GOD — JOB 19:1–12

– 1 –

Job tells his friends that they are not comforting.

As Christians, we are called to be comforters.

(v. 1–4)

– 2 –

We live in grace now, but in the end God will judge right and wrong.

Grace is the time we live in, keep your timing right.

(v. 5–6)

– 3 –

God is not punishing Job. It is satan who is punishing him for loving God. Spiritual warfare is real and we must be careful what we ascribe to God.

(v. 7–12)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

James chapter 4 explains where wars come from and why they are fought. This, and similar passages, help us understand the origin of evil. If we seek the face of God and call on His name, He will come in and change the condition of our heart and give us peace.

TODAY'S PRAYER

GOD, I NEED YOU TODAY. HELP ME TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE LORD!

Unchanging God

JOB 20–23

DISCOVERING THE WORD

It is easy to misunderstand the meaning of an absolute perfect and caring God in times when we don't feel cared for at all. Too often our emotion overturns our spiritual reason when we are experiencing the darkness of evil. We wonder what God could possibly be doing while we suffer through pain and agony. We need to remember, however, that evil is also a reality. It is a darkness that we cannot control. The Holy Spirit can keep us from the temptation to yield to evil, or to give into sin that would only lead to evil having control over us. We must choose daily to follow the ideas and plans the Holy Spirit gives us to live. That does not mean that everything will go great. Job was learning the truth about God and the reality of evil. In his response to Eliphaz, he speaks as someone clearly reasoning with the truth about God.

DISCOVERING GOD – JOB 23:1–13

– 1 –

Job believed that God would judge him well, because he had done no wrong. As Christians, we are to help people not judge them.
(v. 1–7)

– 2 –

Job knows that God will judge him rightly, the end is not yet. The LORD's plan is not revealed in our time but in His.
(v. 8–10)

– 3 –

Job states that God is perfect, He is just, and does what He desires. Remember: God is perfect and does not change.
(v. 11–13)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

There are times when God's perfection is troubling because we want Him to change everything now! As Christians, we know that God always does what's best even when we are not helped in our timing. Even so, God's hand still moves to protect us.

TODAY'S PRAYER

**LORD, I DESIRE TO FOLLOW
YOUR WORD AND YOUR WAYS.**

God's Power & Wisdom

JOB 24–28

DISCOVERING THE WORD

If you are a Christian, you have decided to follow Jesus Christ in your thoughts, your life, and with everything you do. This is hard! Thankfully, the Holy Spirit of God also comes into our lives and helps us overcome our sinful nature. Rather than become a point of pride for us, our Christian transformation acts as a testimony of the work of Christ and the reality of God our Father. We need to be clear, without the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives nothing changes. Sin is ravaging our world. So many problems on our planet are due to one thing: humanity. Our only hope is to turn to God! When we come to Jesus Christ, He helps us to change the way we think and act. Job speaks about how God will hear those who call to Him and those who have sacrificed to Him.

DISCOVERING GOD — JOB 27:1–12

– 1 –

In his fallen state, Job maintains that he has done nothing wrong.

There are times we might feel as though we've been set up to lose.

(v. 1–5)

– 2 –

Job does not shift in his understanding of God's law. We must read the Bible and pray, because the enemy will try to shift our thinking.

(v. 6)

– 3 –

Job says useless words try to justify man's actions.

We should always act and react as the LORD instructs us.

(v. 7–12)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

We often try to prove our own ideas by any means necessary. During my years as a pastor, there were some who would set me up to lose in situations or falsely accuse me of doing something wrong so that they did not have to believe God or attend church. One who is trying to find reasons not to believe in God can, and will, find them. Yet God is real and loving.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, I SEEK YOU AND YOUR WAYS IN MY LIFE. HELP ME TO BE LIKE YOU.

Elihu's Opposition

JOB 29–32

DISCOVERING THE WORD

We live in the age of mass media. Television started a shift in our culture to the worship of youth and a set standard of beauty, and social media has only enhanced that trend. Satan understands that if we worship youth and beauty, then our seeking and worship of God will become flawed. Physical beauty and youth have a place, but the Bible reminds us that there can be wisdom gained through experience with life, the sinfulness of mankind, and the faithfulness of God. What is better: to seek surface beauty, or to seek the source of all lasting beauty? God has a way of making all ages matter to Him in His Kingdom. In our reading today, Elihu is a young man who believes that Job's three other friends were foolish because they never corrected Job's behaviour clearly. Yet, Job's behaviour was not to be corrected, God was testing him.

DISCOVERING GOD – JOB 32:1–14

– 1 –

Elihu was angry because Job's friends condemned him without getting to the real issue. We must never look to assign blame.
(v. 1–5)

– 2 –

Elihu supported the idea that wisdom was not limited to those who are old but available to all. It is not important for us to be right in our opinion but to truly know and follow God. (v. 6–9)

– 3 –

Elihu is arrogant. Pride is always wrong and we should avoid it.
(v. 10–14)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

When I was young, I was sure of myself. Now that I'm older, I have learned how often I am wrong! To be right is not the Christian's ultimate goal, instead it is to be used by God. We should avoid attempting to win the argument and focus on trying to help people through their hurt.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, PLEASE HELP ME TO LEARN AND REFLECT YOUR CHARACTER IN MY LIFE.

Elihu Continues

JOB 33–36

DISCOVERING THE WORD

Having a conversation with someone who is humble is very different than speaking with someone who is convinced of their own personal greatness. In this case, it is difficult to connect on a personal level or even get a word in. Speaking to God is a very different experience, especially when we confess our faults. God already knows how we have failed Him, and He can do great work when we admit it to Him and ourselves. As we pray and listen to God, He will teach us how to act and react. Nothing is more important. What we see with Elihu, however, is a young man that seems quite arrogant. Elihu claims that he is so enlightened that all the friends need to listen to him. He speaks of himself and his understanding of God, which is exactly what Job didn't need. If someone is in trouble, we would do well to listen and not quickly announce judgment on their situation. Sometimes it is best to let the Holy Spirit speak to the issues.

DISCOVERING GOD — JOB 35:1–11

– 1 –

Basing his argument on what he thought Job said, Elihu's anger comes down on Job. We must be careful to listen and slow to speak.

(v. 1–4)

– 2 –

Elihu claims that Job is arrogant and confronts him in his pain. Pain is a horrible thing that sin often causes. We should not stand in accusation of another. (v. 5–8)

– 3 –

Elihu continues to speak foolishness. None of us is any wiser with time; the Holy Spirit is the source of all wisdom.

(v. 9–11)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

When someone comes to us with a problem, the challenge can be quite difficult. So often we want a quick answer and rapid relief from the situation. One thing should always be done: we should bring them together in prayer to the One who has the answer: Jesus Christ. He knows the answer and can deliver us from our problems. We should share Jesus Christ!

TODAY'S PRAYER

**LORD, HELP ME TO HEAR YOU
DAILY AS I READ THE BIBLE
AND PRAY.**

God Speaks

JOB 37-39

DISCOVERING THE WORD

Elihu, the arrogant one, is interrupted by God. The LORD answered Job from the storm. He was not messing around! God was there to answer Job's questions in His own way. God begins to speak to Job by asking him over 80 questions ranging in topic from the beginning of time, the passage of time, and about the ways of man. This must have been a stunning, shocking and revealing experience for Job, to say the least. God was answering his call! In this sequence, the LORD God answers all the questions people have about Him. As we pick up and read in the midst of His proclamations to Job, let us understand that God is speaking to us too. We never need to feel that God is not answering our questions; He answers all our questions with His wisdom. We would do well to remember that God does not need to answer our questions, yet He does because of His character.

DISCOVERING GOD – JOB 38:12-21

– 1 –

God speaks about the way He established everything we need to live. God controls all things, including the way to overcome our freewill.

(v. 12-15)

– 2 –

God lives beyond our life and is not confined to our limited perspective. We must trust in God and pay attention to the way He calls us to live.

(v. 16-18)

– 3 –

God's wisdom, knowledge and power are immeasurable. We must never assume any place of authority beyond what God has given us.

(v. 19-21)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

There are times and seasons when mankind does crazy things in the name of leadership. The result is often resistance and eventually war. James 4 explains that war is a freewill decision of the heart. God has given us freewill. We need to take our freewill and focus its decision on Him.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, HELP ME TO HEAR AND TURN TO YOU EVERY DAY OF MY LIFE.

Job's Restoration

JOB 40–42

DISCOVERING THE WORD

The restoration of Job is not just a restoration but a maturity of his understanding. Since Job felt that he had done nothing wrong, he questioned God about the suffering he was enduring and what God was doing about it. But remember, mankind is all together sinful to the LORD. At the beginning of time, the first man and woman chose against what God had told them, creating a sinful human heart. At the base of it Job, by nature, was sinful just like the rest of us. It would only be Jesus Christ who could do anything about this original error or sin of mankind. Sin is still a problem today, and the only way we can deal with it is to confess those failures to Jesus and ask Him to come into our hearts and take over. The restoration of Job at the end of his story is because God chooses to restore him after this brutal time of testing. This is reflected in the last chapter of the book.

DISCOVERING GOD – JOB 42:1–10

– 1 –

Job sees who he really is before God, and repents.

Jesus Christ has chosen us, we must now choose Him and His grace.

(v. 1–6)

– 2 –

Job is made right before his friends. The three friends were forgiven by God when they obeyed Him and came to Job.

(v. 7–9)

– 3 –

God gave Job double what he had lost through *satan*. We are nothing except through the LORD Jesus Christ.

(v. 10)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

When we recognize how lost we are without Jesus Christ and choose to follow Him as the LORD of our life, things change. Many people come to Jesus and give their talents and abilities to His Kingdom, but where did those gifts come from in the first place? God!

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, I COME TO YOU IN PRAISE FOR LOVING ME ENOUGH TO SAVE MY LIFE.

David Is Troubled

PSALMS 1-8

DISCOVERING THE WORD

There is no pain like family pain; nothing as hurtful as when a family member who is close to you betrays you for their own advantage. That is what David felt when his son Absalom proclaimed himself king. David himself had prepared the way for this betrayal by not applying God's law to his own sons. Amnon, one of David's sons, raped David's daughter Tamar, a daughter by another woman. Her full-brother was Absalom. David chose to do nothing but mourn over this situation; God's justice was not applied. In a rage fueled by disgust and disappointment, Absalom began to plot Amnon's murder for the horrible violence against Tamar. So, when David was chased out of town because of Absalom's desire to become king, the young rebellious man was achieving what he wanted. The feelings of failure David must have experienced during this time would have been devastating. Even though God re-established David, he was broken. Psalm 3 reflects the deep feelings David had as he fled from his son.

DISCOVERING GOD — PSALM 3:1-8

— 1 —

There are times it seems that everyone is against you. Jesus Christ knows what that is like.

(v. 1-2)

— 2 —

God is always our shield. Even if we make mistakes, God will heal us and help us.

(v. 3-6)

— 3 —

God gave His Salvation, the only thing that conquers sin. We must ask Jesus to forgive us and come in as LORD of our life. (v. 7-8)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

The LORD knows when life hurts us. In those times, remember that God has provided healing for us. There is nothing that man or satan can do to us that God cannot heal and deliver us from.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, I NEED YOUR HEALING AND HELP. THANK YOU, GOD!

Idle Words

PSALMS 9–14

DISCOVERING THE WORD

In today's world, it can seem daunting to tell the truth when there are so many different claimed truths! As Christians though, we know that only God gets to determine truth. We must learn to define what is real and true by God's standards, not our own. We live in a world covered by social media, where truth has been scrambled into many pieces. Amazingly, many people seem to only care about being the first one to say something instead of being someone who says what is real. What is said first, is not always truth. Let us be people who seek things founded in truth. Of course, there are simple facts like what is day and what is night, and then there are more complicated truths that we may not be able to know all the aspects of, like the truth about ongoing wars. We may seem brave or righteous in our demands for truths that we can tolerate, but humanity is largely ruled by a sin nature that would like to keep us bound to sin. Let us abandon our sinfulness and instead cling to the truth that is sure: that which is found in God.

DISCOVERING GOD – PSALM 12:1–8

– 1 –

There is no pride like the arrogance of our words. We see this in social media! Jesus helps us to be committed to His truth.

(v. 1–4)

– 2 –

Only God will pass rightful judgment on verbal diarrhea. We should be quick to listen and slow to speak.

(v. 5)

– 3 –

God's Word is pure and unchanging. We must learn to hear and obey His divine instruction to us.

(v. 6–8)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

The LORD is great because He changes us so much. It is possible to resist the will of God in our lives and not change. This is a deadly mistake. We need to be ready and willing to change to be more like Christ.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, I NEED YOUR CHARACTER AND HELP TO DEMONSTRATE YOU WELL TO OTHERS.

In God's Likeness

PSALMS 15-18

DISCOVERING THE WORD

One of the most important things to realize as a believer in Jesus Christ is this: we will change as people. God has a way of shifting our character through overcoming the circumstances we were born into and grew up in. In order to make us what He wants us to be, God changes us. We become a new creation through Jesus Christ. The LORD desires us to be people that follow Him. He does not impose a dominant, cruel control on our life to keep us in-check. Rather, He creates a new heart in us to grow us in His way. Psalm 17, a prayer of David, ends with this verse: "As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness" (PSALM 17:15). God is in the process of re-making us into His original plan. This is amazing and something we should always remember.

DISCOVERING GOD – PSALM 17:1-15

– 1 –

Our steps do not slip, because of God. We should keep our life in the Word of God, and pray to Him daily.
(v. 1-5)

– 2 –

God protects us from destruction. As we keep ourselves close to Him, the LORD keeps us safe in His way.
(v. 6-9)

– 3 –

God has given eternal life to those who call on His name. We are delighted to awake from death to life in His likeness. Thank You, LORD! (v. 10-15)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

God is honest with us. He speaks through His Word and explains that our lives do not end at the end of our physical existence, they continue forever. The way we continue depends on whether we have believed and trusted in Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, I NEED YOU. COME INTO MY LIFE AND BE MY LORD.

When All Is Lost

PSALMS 19–23

DISCOVERING THE WORD

This life can become very bad, very fast. Those who have witnessed sin rising up through acts of war know what I am talking about. There are very few promises we can count on in this life. We live in a world where our property is taken and we are victims of theft. Justice feels, at times, very hard to find and far away from us. How are we to respond to loss like this? The Bible speaks to God's people and prepares them for the reality of the world. Sin is horrible and awful. When we live in sin, we live in rebellion to God. That rebellion has consequences. God spoke this at the beginning of humanity, and He walked through the difficulties with us as Jesus Christ, here on earth. Through the Psalms, God shows us how we can pray. Psalm 22 is a wonderful demonstration of prayer to God.

DISCOVERING GOD — PSALM 22:1–11

– 1 –

Crying out to God never brings shame. God is creative and merciful; He will help us in our trouble.

(v. 1–5)

– 2 –

God rarely answers our problems our way. His way is always best. Keep the LORD as your trust. He will always help.

(v. 6–8)

– 3 –

God is our only help in spiritual war. We cannot and never will win, except we do things God's way.

(v. 9–11)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

We have spiritual problems in this world. Political, economic, and social problems are a result of the spiritual sin in us. When we come to Jesus Christ and begin to listen and do things His way, things in our life begin to change for the better.

TODAY'S PRAYER

**LORD, I COME TO YOU AND
YIELD TO YOUR WAYS.
THANK YOU, FATHER.**

Choose the LORD

PSALMS 24–28

DISCOVERING THE WORD

Every day we make decisions about who or what we worship. How we choose indicates whether we serve the LORD or not, whether that is in one or all areas of our life. And most of these decisions are not big ones and can even be passing thoughts. The way we follow Jesus Christ is how we live. Life is not something in which we make major decisions daily, but how we conduct our actions and reactions. Actions are easy to manipulate and control, but reactions are not. David, for instance, wrote Psalms that were to be sung on a regular basis, which built in him self-control. Apostle Paul speaks about this, as well, when he says we should “take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ” (2 CORINTHIANS 10:5). For David, too, self-control was had through music with the Spirit of God. We also have the opportunity, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to teach ourselves the way Christ would act and react in a given situation.

DISCOVERING GOD – PSALM 26:1–12

– 1 –

David chose to surround himself with God’s Word and those who follow it.

Every day, we choose who we fellowship with.

(v. 1–5)

– 2 –

David chose to surround himself in the glory of God.

Every day, we choose what to listen to and watch.

(v. 6–8)

– 3 –

David knew that God would keep and establish him if he followed the LORD.

We must always pay attention to stay close and follow the LORD.

(v. 9–12)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

God has provided everything we need to live a good life as we serve Him. Much of the time, people do not hear God because they are listening to something or someone else. But now is the time we need to truly pay attention to what the LORD has said about the days and time in which we now live.

TODAY’S PRAYER

LORD, HELP ME TO HEAR AND PAY ATTENTION TO YOU, AS I READ YOUR WORD AND SPEND TIME IN PRAYER.

Be Glad in the LORD!

PSALMS 29–32

DISCOVERING THE WORD

Music is the sound of our soul. When we sing, we communicate something that cannot be expressed in the same way as when we speak normally or in a sermon. From the tune of instruments to the melody of our voices, music can resonate the deeper meaning of inward expression and the emotional bandwidth of what we want to say. Good people produce great music. Messed up people produce messed up music. The sound of sin is horrible, while the image of righteousness is wonderful. Psalm 32 is a song of David reminding us of how great God is and the joy we can have through His forgiveness. As we join our hearts to read and pray and sing the lyrics, we express our personal need for God and His ability to forgive us for the wrong we have done, we ask God to forgive and help us. Praise God for His help and deliverance!

DISCOVERING GOD — PSALM 32:1–11

– 1 –

God makes us spiritually pure when we are forgiven by Him. We must confront our sin and deal with it.

(v. 1–2)

– 2 –

True confession to God is the only way to deal with sin. God made a way for forgiveness of our sin through His Son Jesus.

(v. 3–5)

– 3 –

Trust in the LORD is our only true way to be at rest and protected. God hides us in His arms when we confess our sins to Him.

(v. 6–11)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

The only way to deal with the sin in our life is to come before the LORD in confession and repentance, turning away from sin. As we follow the LORD every day, that is the “adoption to sonship” through the sanctifying power of Jesus Christ

(EPHESIANS 1:5).

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, I CONFESS TO YOU THAT I TEND TO SIN. I PRAY THAT YOU WILL FORGIVE ME AND HELP ME TO CHANGE.

Our Great Redeemer

PSALMS 33–36

DISCOVERING THE WORD

The world in which we live judges us based on our income and possessions. But does God judge us that way? Does the LORD use a banking system to determine what our worth is? No, He does not! And we, as Christians, should adjust our thinking to the way God thinks and not the way the world does. When Psalm 34:10 says, “But those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing”, what does that mean to not lack any *good thing*? The provision of God for His people, no matter what happens when others abuse or use them, is eternal. When people think their life is over, when they cannot meet their wants or needs, the LORD our God reminds us that our best life is not here on earth but will come in eternity with Him.

DISCOVERING GOD – PSALM 34:1–10

– 1 –

David invites all those who love the LORD to praise His name. God is our help and our hope!

(v. 1–3)

– 2 –

David reminds us that God always hears those who love Him. We are never alone – we have God.

(v. 4–7)

– 3 –

David says that blessed are those who trust in the LORD. Our trust is not in government or human things, but in God alone.

(v. 8–10)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

The LORD desires us to live our lives focused on Him as our center. When we live in the culture of sin it will always slow us down. It is God who helps us to overcome the culture of sin through Jesus Christ. The LORD is our Rock, Refuge, and Redeemer!

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, HELP ME TO BECOME AN OVERCOMER IN A CULTURE OF SIN.

Make Haste, O LORD!

PSALMS 37–40

DISCOVERING THE WORD

Human nature is not good. We all have sinned. In fact, the world is full of sin. The culture of sin is everywhere. It is sophisticated and complex. But God is LORD over everything, including sin. He is the only perfect One who paid the cost of sin 2,000 years ago, once and for all. His death and resurrection gave humanity the opportunity to be forgiven and have eternal life with God. This forgiveness and new way of life, however, means a change. God's Holy Spirit is the One that helps us to change. We cannot change on our own. Psalm 38 is a psalm of David, written as a prayer to God in humble and heartfelt confession of sin. We, too, have a choice to make in our own lives that can move us to a place of perfection with the help of Jesus Christ and God's Holy Spirit. The LORD God alone is our salvation!

DISCOVERING GOD — PSALM 38:1–22

– 1 –

David confesses he has been foolish to have allowed sin to have dominion over him. When we recognize the perfection of God, we see our foolishness in sin. (v. 1–5)

– 2 –

David says that he is like a silent, broken man in the face of God. We are like David, silent and broken in our sin. But Jesus came to give us new life and healing! (v. 6–16)

– 3 –

David cries out for God's help and salvation. We must repent, stay close to God and follow Him. He is our help and our salvation! (v. 17–22)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

The Psalms are a collection of 150 wonderful pieces of music that tell the truth about God, what He has done and continues to do for us. Read them! Memorize them! Know them, and pray them! Consider praying and meditating on the Psalms throughout the year.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, HELP ME AND TEACH ME AS I READ AND PRAY THROUGH THE PSALMS THIS YEAR.

In Times of Trouble

PSALMS 41-44

DISCOVERING THE WORD

The prayer of Psalm 43 begins with the words “Vindicate me, oh God...”, and it sounds desperate. And, it is! We really don’t know who finalized this Psalm, but we do know the words. There are many people in the world today who empathize with the desperation of the writer. Everyone wants to be treated well. And when we are not, we want vindication. Psalm 43 is unique in that it speaks about God’s vindication, which is very different than man’s. The five verses contained in this Psalm speak to the reader about hoping and trusting in God, no matter the circumstances. The point, here, is that if God is our Saviour, who will ultimately take care of every kind of injustice in our lives, why focus on our sorrow, disparity, or inner turmoil? He is going to wipe it all away! David’s rhetorical question sums it up well: “Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me?” (PSALM 43:5). God encourages us through His music and teaches us how not to be discouraged.

DISCOVERING GOD — PSALM 43:1-5

— 1 —

When the enemy of our soul takes vengeance on our rightness with God, we call for His help. We learn to hope in God, as we sing our praise to Him.

(v. 1-2)

— 2 —

We call on God to show us His light and truth. We must follow the leading of God’s Holy Spirit and not our own desires.

(v. 3-4)

— 3 —

God is our only hope and help in this world.

Without God, we are sinners who are lost. With God, we are born again as God’s children who will live forever with Him. (v. 5)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

When we face difficult and troubled times, it is important to remember that God is our hope. It is God who made us and He will keep us in His light and truth. There is nothing we experience that He cannot help us to overcome. God’s Holy Spirit is our help—hope lives within us!

TODAY’S PRAYER

LORD, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LIGHT AND TRUTH IN MY LIFE. HELP ME TO PUT MY HOPE AND TRUST IN YOU!

Praise to God!

PSALMS 45–49

DISCOVERING THE WORD

The Psalms are a collection of beautiful lyrics – prayerful music to God. Our challenge is to understand them as they were written and hear the call they proclaim. As Christians, this is very meaningful to us. It has profound theological and personal significance. It's one of the reasons why I always suggest that we read, sing, and pray all 150 of the Psalms. Psalm 47 is a dynamic piece that calls the reader to look ahead, to bring our praise to the LORD God, King of all the earth. As we read this psalm it is easy to understand for today, but what is it saying about tomorrow? The psalmist reminds us that we are responsible to praise the LORD because He has given us everything we need. God is always there and defends us. The LORD gives us the right, because of the forgiveness of our sin, to rule over His creation.

DISCOVERING GOD – PSALM 47:1–15

– 1 –

God's people have an eternal purpose beyond this life. Our life today is not all there is!

(v. 1–4)

– 2 –

God is the LORD of all, there is no other. Worship only God, the King of all the earth!

(v. 5–7)

– 3 –

Only God can protect us from danger. God is all-powerful and He protects His people.

(v. 8–9)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

The LORD sits on His throne and speaks to us from all vantage points and in every season because He is eternally present across time: past, present, and future.

We, too, are given the same opportunity of eternal life if, and only if, we give our whole life to God and live for Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, HELP ME TO LEARN HOW YOU SEE THE WORLD AND THE PEOPLE IN IT.

Confessing Our Sin

PSALMS 50–54

DISCOVERING THE WORD

Sometimes it seems like good and evil are forever battling with each other. But remember, this battle is not for long. God has won, and goodness prevails! Our freewill is where this battle begins and makes itself known to the world. If we confront the evil in our heart through Christ, the world will be a better place. If we do not, the headache continues. According to the book of James, this is where war comes from: “Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?” (JAMES 4:1). We need to keep in mind that God knows the hearts of everyone, all the time. Psalm 52 is a meditation of David about the end of the wicked and the peace of the godly, written when he was betrayed to Saul by Doeg the Edomite.

DISCOVERING GOD – PSALM 52:1–9

– 1 –

The motivation of evil is in the person who gives it permission to be there.
Evil is sin! We must always confront sin in our lives.

(v. 1–4)

– 2 –

God will destroy the evil in us. We must reject all evil in our lives. Only God can change us.

(v. 5–7)

– 3 –

God is always good, and His mercy is everlasting!
We must trust in the mercy of God to forgive us of our sins when we ask.

(v. 8–9)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

Psalm 52 displays the difference between one who lives his life loving evil more than good, and one who makes the LORD his strength and who trusts in the mercy of God. The LORD is all-powerful and has overcome evil. God will bring an end to the wicked, but salvation and peace to those who confess Him as LORD, and follow Him.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, HELP ME TO LIVE A LIFE OF REPENTANCE BEFORE YOU. I TRUST IN YOUR GREAT MERCY.

Our Enemies

PSALMS 55–59

DISCOVERING THE WORD

When we refer to the enemy, we often mean those who hate us. But there are different kinds of enemies, those who hate us without a cause and those who hate us with a cause. Psalm 59 was written during a time when a jealous King Saul sent men to watch over David's house in order to kill him because of his success in battle. David did not hate Saul, and his desire was never to upstage or overthrow the king. Although Saul was relentless in his pursuit to kill David, seeing him as an enemy and threat to the throne, David would not bring the same retaliation against Saul. When we love the LORD and follow His ways, the Bible tells us that we are obligated to serve the government well. Still, there will be those who choose to hate us simply because we love Jesus Christ.

DISCOVERING GOD — PSALM 59:1–10

– 1 –

In times of trouble we call on God and He responds.

We must side ourselves with God, who will always win!

(v. 1–2)

– 2 –

We should call on God when we are persecuted for loving Him. God has a way or makes a way to help us in impossible circumstances.

(v. 3–4)

– 3 –

God will always make right that which is wrong.

We must allow God to intervene and teach us right from wrong.

(v. 5–10)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

One of the most difficult things in life is to discover right and wrong. We tend to do that based on our feelings and not on the truth. But when we come to the LORD and allow Him to intervene in our circumstances, He will make things right. We must be patient to trust in Him and know that He is God.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, YOU ARE MY GOD AND I PUT MY TRUST IN YOU. PLEASE HELP ME TO COME TO YOU AND LEARN FROM YOU IN ALL THAT I DO.

God Is Our Refuge

PSALMS 60–64

DISCOVERING THE WORD

The word *refuge* means a shelter that protects us from danger or trouble. God is a shelter to those who trust in His provision. The LORD always helps those who call on Him. When we cry out to our LORD, He listens and guides us in our decision making. God desires to be in every part of our life. When we pray and invite God into every part of our life, it is the best thing we can possibly do. No man or woman is protected like those who have invited the LORD into their life to take control and provide refuge. David knew that personally, and he proclaims it in the lyrics of Psalm 62 – a calm resolve to wait for the salvation of God. The LORD desires us to know who He is so that we will seek His face, meaning to go after God as the LORD of our life. There are many who come to Christ, but never really seek His face. They want the knowledge of God, but not the awareness of the LORD.

DISCOVERING GOD – PSALM 62:1–8

– 1 –

When we truly know God, He is the only thing we need or want. We must always seek the face of God in our life.

(v. 1–2)

– 2 –

There is nothing good that comes from those who do not know God. Only God is good. He gives us the best way to go through life.

(v. 3–4)

– 3 –

God always provides protection when we identify with Him. Those who ignore and reject the grace of God, live dangerously, and will die.

(v. 5–8)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

God demonstrated His own love toward us when Christ died for us while we were still sinners. When we see what Christ has done and recognize how lost we are without God's forgiveness of our sin, we can decide to come to the LORD and turn our life over to Him. Through the grace and love of the LORD, we will change and learn to trust in Him at all times as we follow Him.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, I NEED TO KNOW YOU AND SEEK YOUR FACE TODAY.

When God Rules

PSALMS 65–68

DISCOVERING THE WORD

When the LORD rules, things change. When God does not rule, things change for the worse. There was once a city whose leaders were very careful to follow God's commands and that city did very well. Other cities whose leaders chose to ignore God and His ways, did not do well and were trampled by their own desires to gain land, wealth, and prosperity. They tried to become powerful and be right on their own merit, tarnishing each decision they made with selfishness. When we are careful to move in the direction of God's Holy Spirit, we will do the things God desires for us. With that commitment to follow God with our lives, brings His goodness and protection over us. Psalm 68, is a great song of David reminding us to let the glory of God arise in our hearts and minds. When that happens, the wicked tend to flee away. We would do well to align ourselves with the will of God and do things His way.

DISCOVERING GOD – PSALM 68:1–10

– 1 –

When we truly seek to live the way the LORD commanded, our life is better. Living God's way brings a supernatural joy and peace.

(v. 1–3)

– 2 –

God places widows and orphans at the top of His list, they are favored by the LORD. We should give relief and help to those who are troubled.

(v. 4–6)

– 3 –

God always makes provision for His people. The LORD blesses us when we are obedient to Him.

(v. 7–10)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

It is important as Christians that we learn and keep the commands of the LORD close in our heart. We do not move our lives in ways that endorse sin or encourage wrongdoing. We work hard to keep our lives right with the LORD and all He has commanded in His Word.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOODNESS IN MY LIFE! NO MATTER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I PRAISE YOUR NAME.

God's Protection for Life

PSALMS 69-72

DISCOVERING THE WORD

When our physical life begins to wear us down, our spiritual life in Christ grows and lifts us up. Even if we lose the ability to think and reason, our spirit is very much alive and the LORD cares for us. This is important to remember when we are speaking with our parents, seniors and the elderly. God provides protection for life, He is our salvation. Today's culture tends to place more value and worship on youth, aptitude and power, while God, and those who follow Him, value life at any stage. Our lives are not only for the here and now, but are created to be eternal beings. Eternal life with God can only begin by coming to Jesus Christ today.

DISCOVERING GOD – PSALM 71:1-16

– 1 –

God always watches over His people. No matter what, the LORD is our rock and our fortress.

(v. 1-3)

– 2 –

God grows us and keeps us steady in His arms throughout our life.

We should praise the LORD for His love and protection over us.

(v. 4-6)

– 3 –

God's righteousness and salvation have no limit.

When we give our life to God, He is our help and strength. Praise the LORD!

(v. 7-16)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

If we seek the face of the LORD, He will never leave us or forsake us. God is our salvation, He is our hope, and He has promised that He will be with us even to the end of the age. Thank You, God!

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, I LOVE YOU. HELP ME TO TRUST IN YOU WITH ALL MY HEART.

When Nothing Seems Left

PSALMS 73–76

DISCOVERING THE WORD

Have you ever felt that God has left you? There are many who have. They think that because they can see no justice in their situation that God must not care, that He has abandoned them. The problem is that we don't think as God does. We see our situation in our time and through our eyes, God does not. He sees across time in every situation, and God knows how much we can take and when the end has come. In my life, I have found that when things seem to go the wrong way and I feel as though I am failing, the only thing that helps is coming to God in prayer. Somehow, God always strengthens me – not that life gets any easier – but I seem to get stronger. Psalm 74 is a perfect song to pray during times when we feel as though we are at the end. God speaks through His Word, and this Psalm is placed here for times when we are being hemmed in and seem to be failing.

DISCOVERING GOD – PSALM 74:1–12

– 1 –

God's sacred places never seem to be sacred in times of trouble. The sacred place of Jesus Christ is where God always is and works.

(v. 1–5)

– 2 –

It is God who is targeted when sacred places are ravaged. Church buildings and places are not sacred, our heart is.

(v. 6–8)

– 3 –

God's work always continues, but we often do not see it. The LORD is ever-present and is saving people all the time.

(v. 9–12)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

The Western Church has shifted in the last 30 years. The coming of Christ is not taught as a central message. That is a problem. The Old Testament contains over 1800 predictions about Christ's return, and the New Testament contains over 300. Christ is coming back soon.

TODAY'S PRAYER

**LORD, I NEED TO REMEMBER YOU
ARE COMING BACK SOON.**

Keep the Commands

PSALMS 77-79

DISCOVERING THE WORD

Should the Word of God be hidden from children? Sunday school was a great way to begin teaching the Bible to children. In the 1600s the Puritans taught that teaching children should begin with the Bible first. This would be a way that the enemy satan could not get into their life. Knowing God and growing your mind was predominant among children. So much has changed in the educational system, especially in the past 20 years. How many in today's society know that school was originally started with the Bible? The Psalms tell us the truth about this absolute from Deuteronomy 6:4-9. It is called the hearing or the Shema in Hebrew. Verse 7 commands, "You shall teach them [God's Word and Law] diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up." The LORD's command was to the parents. Children's ministry is so important.

DISCOVERING GOD – PSALM 78:1-17

– 1 –

Knowing God's Word is critical to our life. We should have a daily habit of reading the Bible and applying it into our lives.

(v. 1-4)

– 2 –

Our hearts must be set right for things to change in our culture. Reading and discovering God's Word teaches us to come to Christ for all things.

(v. 5-8)

– 3 –

When Israel turned away from God and His Word they began to lose. Our hope is built on what the LORD has told us in His Word.

(v. 9-17)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

We should strive to read the Bible, even if it is not comfortable or easy. God promises to anoint His Word, and we are told that He will bless us even in dark times if we read it and know it and apply it in our lives. Keeping the commands of Christ is critical, right now!

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, HELP ME TO KNOW AND KEEP YOUR COMMANDS!

God's Providence

PSALMS 80–84

DISCOVERING THE WORD

The LORD has promised that He will fill us and make us well if we come to Him. This is best illustrated in the song of Psalm 81. The challenge is to us: We must come to Christ! Typically, those who do not want to come to the LORD do not understand who Christ really is. Faith in Jesus Christ is the key to knowing and understanding God. The Psalm begins by claiming, “Sing aloud to God our strength; Make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob” (PSALM 81:1). When we sing or pray aloud to the LORD, we are confessing who He is, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The LORD responds to those who are singing, “Open your mouth wide and I will fill it” (PSALM 81:10). What a promise! When we sing to the LORD, He makes sure that we are singing the right way. Real worship is revering the LORD.

DISCOVERING GOD – PSALM 81:1–10

– 1 –

When we praise the LORD it is a unique language. Christians praise God and only God. He is our strength and our song!
(v. 1–5)

– 2 –

God speaks through His music in the Psalm about His testing of Israel. The LORD teaches that when we call on Him, He hears us!
(v. 6–7)

– 3 –

God will provide and deliver us! Our deliverance and salvation are only made possible through the provision of the LORD Jesus.
(v. 8–10)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

It is God who has delivered us from the ravages of hell. We were sinners and Jesus Christ forgave us of our sin and gave us the gift of eternal life. No one has ever done that in the past and no one will ever will in the future.

TODAY'S PRAYER

**LORD, I PRAISE YOUR NAME
FOR HELPING ME OUT OF MY
SINFUL DISASTER.**

Great Is God's Mercy

PSALMS 85-89

DISCOVERING THE WORD

The Psalms are a collection of poetical lyrics that reflect the soul of man and the heart of God through music. There are many things that we can consider and apply to life in our praise and prayers to God. As we read the prayer of David in Psalm 86, we can hear the sound of his soul crying out to the LORD for His mercy. We also learn how David meditates on the righteous and excellent ways of God. It is good for us to come to God with our praise to Him for His glory, power, and majesty. God is great and He does amazing and wonderful things! It is humbling and overwhelming to know and understand then that God listens and is attentive to our prayers. We would be wise to ask God the same thing David did, "Teach me Your way, O LORD, I will walk in Your truth" (PSALM 86:11). God has given us His wonderful Word to learn and grow from. Let's not only read it and know it, but let's place it so deeply into our hearts that it becomes the reactions to our actions!

DISCOVERING GOD – PSALM 86:1-12

– 1 –

The words of David reveal his unceasing prayers and appeal to the LORD's faithful love.

Christians who follow the LORD pray as He taught

us. (v. 1-5)

– 2 –

God will answer us when we humbly call to Him in truth.

We should spend time in prayer and trust in the LORD, He is our help.

(v. 6-7)

– 3 –

God is great! His words and work are sacred and sovereign.

We should praise the name of the LORD, learn from Him, and walk in all His ways.

(v. 8-12)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

Our lives are changed when we love the LORD with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Giving God the praise and time He so greatly deserves, whether with Him in prayer or in His Word, deepens our daily walk with the LORD. Our trust in God brings about a true sense of peace and grows a joy in the strength of knowing more about who God is.

TODAY'S PRAYER

**LORD, I PRAISE YOUR NAME
FOR KNOWING MY CONDITION
AND PLACE. YOU ARE MY JOY
AND STRENGTH!**

The Voice of God

PSALMS 90-94

DISCOVERING THE WORD

One of the ways the Bible describes the voice of God is the sound of mighty rushing water. When we stand on the seashore and hear the crashing waves or when we stand next to a huge waterfall, the sound of the water resonates in many frequencies: Low sounds vibrate our body and high frequencies help us to hear. The voice of God is like none other. It bypasses our ears and penetrates our soul. It's the sound that creates life. Psalm 93 describes the majesty of Almighty God and His supreme greatness over all. Even the forces of nature recognize the LORD's power and lift Him up in praise and recognition of His eternal reign. The LORD's character and His commitment is established forever. Let us always acknowledge and praise our Eternal King, who is from everlasting to everlasting. Praise the LORD!

DISCOVERING GOD – PSALM 93:1-5

– 1 –

What God says and does will not be moved or changed. God's Word is established and eternal, it is a solid foundation.
(v. 1-2)

– 2 –

God is stronger and mightier than any force of nature. God Most High is sovereign over all.
(v. 3-4)

– 3 –

God's testimonies are true and eternal. God is holy!
(v. 5)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

Holiness means *completeness*. It also describes one who is so complete that there is nothing which can corrupt. God is holy in the truest sense of the word. That holiness is described in the work of the LORD and His character. As Christians, we should know that God has made us holy through His Holy Spirit as we give our life daily to follow the LORD Jesus.

TODAY'S PRAYER

**LORD, I PRAISE YOUR NAME
FOR MAKING ME HOLY AS YOU
ARE HOLY. I WANT TO FOLLOW
YOU WITH MY LIFE.**

.....

Thanks for your support!

Bible Discovery is a family-run international ministry invested in educating, edifying and encouraging the believer to actively explore God's Word. Your donations allow us to provide these resources to people around the world.

EQUIP YOUR CHURCH Our mission is to support local churches. Equip your small group, congregation or family at BibleDiscoveryTv.com/church365.

SUPPORT THE MINISTRY Thanks to your generous donations, we are able provide free content to spread the Gospel. Visit BibleDiscoveryTv.com/donate to support our ministry today.

GIFT THE GUIDE If you have friends or family who would love a copy of the Bible Discovery Guide, sign them up today at BibleDiscoveryGuide.com.

RENEW YOUR SUPPORT A special thank you to all of our partners whose donations make this Guide possible. Join us for a brand-new year of discovery when you give a donation of any amount at BibleDiscoveryTv.com/donate.

MINISTRY UPDATES & PRAYER REQUESTS
Stay up-to-date with the latest news and prayer requests by subscribing to our email list on BibleDiscoveryTv.com.

COMPANION RESOURCES Further your study or share your learning with others with digital downloads, comprehensive study tools and deeper commentary designed to enrich your journey through the Word of God. Visit BibleDiscoveryTv.com today.



CANADA





Bible Discovery
PO Box 456
Orangeville, ON
L9W 5G2
t +1 519-940-8338

USA

Bible Discovery
PO Box 150
Murrysville, PA
15668-0150
t +1 724-733-8336

UK

t 8000-8689-94

 /BibleDiscoveryTV
 /BibleDiscoverTV
 /BibleDiscoveryTV
 /BibleDiscoveryTV





From Genesis to Revelation in one year, the Bible Discovery Guide is a daily study companion to encourage and supplement the reading of God's Word. Each daily devotional provides theological insights and practical application to equip and strengthen your faith.



For more great resources to complement this Guide,
please visit us online at

BIBLEDISCOVERYTV.COM