

RAY COMFORT

COMFORT OF THE SCRIPTURES

365 BIBLE READINGS, WITH DAILY COMMENTARY



“FOR WHATEVER THINGS WERE WRITTEN
BEFORE WERE WRITTEN FOR OUR LEARNING,
THAT WE THROUGH THE PATIENCE AND
COMFORT OF THE SCRIPTURES MIGHT HAVE HOPE.”

(ROMANS 15:4)

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Introduction

When I first came to know the Lord, I longed to “conquer” the Scriptures. I wanted to be able to know what was in the Word of God, but I also wanted to be able to say, “That’s *not* in the Bible.” To say that, I needed to know *all* of the Bible, and so I gladly disciplined myself to daily feed on the Word.

In time, I began to receive invitations to speak in churches. One day I asked a congregation if they did what I did—did they *without fail* read the Word every day? I was horrified that no one (not even the pastor) raised a hand. So I made a habit of asking congregations and individuals, “Do you read your Bible every day without fail?” When professing Christians offered their sad excuses, I would ask them if they fed their stomachs daily. Then I would look them in the eye, ask, “Which comes first—your Bible or your belly?” and let their conscience do its duty.

How about you? Do you love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength—enough to give Him a few minutes each day to speak to you? Or is your god your belly?

I have worked closely with my Personal Assistant, Manuel Brambila, and together we carved out 365 daily readings of the entire Bible—in chronological order—with a very brief commentary (originally created as 140-character tweets). I wrote the commentary and Manuel faithfully formatted them. As your humble servants, we have laid out your daily meal, and we added a small after-dinner mint for you to chew over.

Now you can climb this massive mountain of holy writ one step at a time, and after 365 steps of daily discipline you will be more than a conqueror of God’s Word. It’s our earnest prayer that from that high mountaintop you will then lift up your eyes and see this lost and dying world from a breathtakingly sober perspective—and that you will have a renewed zeal to reach the lost with the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.

January

January 1

READ Genesis 1–3

Those who feed on the Word without burning caloric intake through evangelism will stay in the pew of theological obesity.

January 2

READ Genesis 4–7

Death makes life futile, even with 850 birthday candles. Thank God for the gospel! It is death's ultimate antidote.

January 3

READ Genesis 8–11

Believers in evolution don't know where oceans came from. Water covering 70% of the earth is a clue of a worldwide flood.

January 4

READ Job 1–5

We may fear that one day we will suffer as Job, but we have the consoling safety net of God's wonderful promise in Romans 8:28.

January 5

READ Job 6–9

Job's wonderful faith in God is warm sunlight bursting through dark and foreboding clouds of gloom.

January 6

READ Job 10–13

Poor Job lacked riches we have in Christ and the comfort of knowing that God works all to the good of those who love Him.

January 7

READ Job 14–16

Our lesson from Job’s “comforters” is that it’s better to keep our mouths shut than speak truth mingled with error.

January 8

READ Job 17–20

Pregnant verses! His words are in the best-selling book ever (19:23). Here is assurance of salvation by grace through faith (19:25,26).

January 9

READ Job 21–23

How deeply sinful! God gave them life, yet the wicked say, “We don’t want You or Your ways. Where’s the profit in praying?” (21:14,15). Nothing has changed.

January 10

READ Job 24–28.

“He hangs the earth on nothing” (26:7) proves the Bible’s divine inspiration, written 3,000 years before science discovered earth’s free float in space.

January 11

READ Job 29–31

In six verses (29:12–18) Job says “I” ten times. His problem was that he didn’t see his sin, and so he boasted of his goodness.

January 12

READ Job 32–34

We must be as Elihu, “full of words,” the spirit of Christ compelling us to speak to the pain-filled Jobs of this world (32:18).

January 13

READ Job 35–37

“The hypocrites in heart store up wrath” (36:13). Hypocrisy within the Church is no excuse for anyone to reject the gospel.

January 14

READ Job 38–39

Wow! Three thousand years ago God revealed an explosion of undiscovered scientific facts. These chapters provide ample evidence for any honest skeptic.

January 15

READ Job 40–42

God created all land animals with man on Day 6. This is a perfect description of the dinosaur by its Maker (40:15–24), to stop the mouth of skeptics.

January 16

READ Genesis 12–15

In Christ we gladly give up our rights. God will give them back if He sees fit, and that’s all that really matters (13:9).

January 17

READ Genesis 16–18

Thousands of years later, science discovered blood-clotting in newborns peaks on the eighth day (17:12). God knew what He was doing.

January 18

READ Genesis 19–21

Spurgeon said that the sin of homosexuality brought Hell out of Heaven (19:24). Society’s attitude may change toward sin, but God’s hasn’t.

January 19

READ Genesis 22–24

The wood was laid upon the only begotten Son for a baptism of fire through the cross. God provided the Lamb as an offering for our sin (22:6,8).

January 20

READ Genesis 25–26

Esau so wanted to feed his flesh that he despised his precious birthright (25:32). Never let flesh rule over spirit. It leads to death.

January 21

READ Genesis 27–29

Jacob's covetousness led to lies, theft, and terribly dishonoring his father (27:21). Deception creates a tangled web.

January 22

READ Genesis 30–31

Let us have as great a desire as Rachel did to birth new life. "Give us souls, Lord, or else we die!" (Genesis 30:1).

January 23

READ Genesis 32–34

Jacob went to great trouble (32:7). We often put ourselves through needless stress when God has everything under control.

January 24

READ Genesis 35–37

Here begins one of the most powerful and wonderful allegories of the life of Jesus (37:4). It brings me to tears of joy.

January 25

READ Genesis 38–40

Though the chief butler forgot Joseph, God remembered him and exalted him in due time (40:23).

January 26

READ Genesis 41–42

God freed Joseph, in His time (41:14). Sometimes He leaves us in unpleasant places for our good and for His purposes.

January 27

READ Genesis 43–45

God showed this incident to Joseph in a dream more than thirteen years earlier, and He kept His promise (43:26). He is faithful beyond words.

January 28

READ Genesis 46–47

We have been bought with a price and given seed to sow. Our lives have been saved and we are our Lord's servants (47:23,25).

January 29

READ Genesis 48–50

How inspiring to realize that God knows all the details thousands of years into the future (49:1). Truly mind-boggling beyond words.

January 30

READ Exodus 1–3

Moses should've feared the Lord before he committed murder (2:14). Yet God still choose and used him. There is hope for all.

January 31

READ Exodus 4–6

If sinners won't listen to the rod of the Law and the gospel, share your testimony. God made our leprous hearts clean (4:6,7).