Bible Bits

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1.) Chapter Studies—Matthew 5:1-16

Matthew

5:1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

5:2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

5:4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

5:5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

5:7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

5:10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

5:11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

5:12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

5:13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

5:15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

2.) Flashback—Jesus reading from Isaiah

Books in Bible times were rolled up as scrolls upon a ruler: and so Christ unrolled or unfolded it.

Luke

4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

4:17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

4:19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

4:20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

4:21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

These were the words written by the prophet Isaiah, nearly word for word.

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

Isaiah 61:2a To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

3.) Who's That?—Epaphroditus

In Paul's letter to the believers in Philippi, he spoke of a man named Epaphroditus. Paul said good things about him and called him "my brother, and companion in labour". There were many new groups of believers in different places, as Paul travelled and took the good news of salvation to as many people as he could. There were those who believed needed encouragement, instruction, and God's Word, as they built their new lives of faith. Paul couldn't personally visit each one as often as he would like, so others helped him to visit them and sometimes brought a letter from Paul to the group of believers in that city. Epaphroditus was sent by Paul, as this passage mentions.

Philippians

2:19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.

2:20 For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.

2:21 For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

2:22 But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.

2:23 Him therefore I hope to send presently, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me.

2:24 But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly.

2:25 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.

2:26 For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick.

2:27 For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

2:28 | sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.

2:29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation:

2:30 Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.

4.) Clay and Dirt

Genesis 2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Ecclesiastes 3:20 All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

John 9:1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

John 9:6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

John 9:7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

Daniel 2:31–33 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass. His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

Daniel 2:34–35b Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. And the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

Daniel 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

Jeremiah 18:3,4 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

Exodus 8:16 And the Lord said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

Psalm 40:2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

Psalm 40:3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

Daniel 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Daniel 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

5.) Proverbs to Ponder #1

Proverbs

1:5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

1:33 But whose hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

2:10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;

2:11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee.

2:20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.

3:1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

3:2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

3:3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

3:4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

6.) Dig 'n' Discover (1-5)

1.) Who was the tallest man mentioned in the Bible? (His bed was 13 feet long and 6 feet wide.) (Deuteronomy 3:11)

2.) How can students know more than their teacher? (Psalm 119:99)

3.) What is the shortest verse in the Bible? (John 11:35)

4.) What kind of person can be better to have around than a king? (Ecclesiastes 4:13)

5.) To be called "a child of God", besides receiving Jesus' gift of salvation, what do you need to be like? (Matthew 5:9)

7.) Books of the Bible—First 5 Books

Genesis

*Genesis is the first book in the Old Testament section of the Bible. Genesis is a history book. It tells the life stories of many important people. For example: Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Ishmael, Jacob, Joseph and his brothers. It talks about how God created the Earth, mankind, and the universe.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Exodus

*Exodus is a history book in the Bible's Old Testament, and is also a law book. The people called Hebrews were slaves in Egypt, and God sent Moses to free them and to bring them out of Egypt. The journey to their new land was through a desert. God did many wonderful things to help the people as they travelled through the desert. God gave the law to Moses on a mountain called Sinai, and instructed the Hebrews to make a special tent for Moses' and the priests' times of prayer. **Exodus 15:26** And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.

Leviticus

*The book of Leviticus is in the Old Testament part of the Bible. It contains many rules and laws for the Hebrew people at that time, and the duties of priests during the time of the Old Testament.

Leviticus 26:12 And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

Numbers

*The book of Numbers is a law book in the Old Testament section of the Bible, but Numbers is also a history book. It is the story of the people whom Moses led through the desert. Moses counted the people in Numbers 1 and Numbers 26.

Numbers 6:24–26 The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Deuteronomy

*The book of Deuteronomy is the last book of Moses. It is in the Old Testament part of the Bible. It contains the instructions that Moses gave to the people. He reminded them about the things that happened in the desert. He taught them God's law. He encouraged them that if they obeyed God, God would help them and good things would happen. If they did not obey God, they would suffer. Moses appointed Joshua to lead the people after his death.

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

8.) Humility

Psalm 10:17 Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear.

Proverbs 16:19 Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

Proverbs 29:23 A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Isaiah 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Acts 20:19a Serving the Lord with all humility of mind.

1 Peter 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.

James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

Proverbs 15:33 The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

Proverbs 22:4 By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life.

9.) Parables of Jesus —Shining Light and Dinner Guests

Shining Light

Matthew

5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

5:15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Dinner Guests

Luke

14:15 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

14:16 Then said [Jesus] unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

14:17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.

14:18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

14:19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

14:20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

14:21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

14:22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

14:23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

10.) Notable Notes—From Romans

Romans

1:16 I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.

3:23–24 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

4:20–21 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

8:38–39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come. Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.

12:11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

12:18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

11.) Float and Sink

2 Kings 6:4–7 So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood. But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed. And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim. Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.

Genesis 6:14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

Genesis 7:17,18 And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth. And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

Exodus 2:2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months.

Exodus 2:3–6 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink. And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him. And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children.

Matthew 14:28–31 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

Acts 27:41,43,44 And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves. But the centurion ... commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land: And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

12.) God Can Supply

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Psalm 84:11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Psalm 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psalm 34:10b They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

1 John 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

John 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

Luke 11:10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

13.) Chapter Studies—Psalm 1

Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Psalm 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psalm 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalm 1:4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Psalm 1:5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

Psalm 1:6 For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

14.) Flashback – Elijah Praying for Rain

Old Testament

(There were 31/2 years of famine because Elijah prayed that it would not rain.)

1 Kings 17:1 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

(When it is time for the rain to come, Elijah tells Ahab to go enjoy a good meal. He says he hears the sound of abundant rains, while he goes to the top of Mount Carmel.)

1 Kings 18:41 And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.

(Then when he prayed for rain, it didn't happen immediately. He prayed once, and then sent his servant to look towards the sea. The servant tells that there is nothing. Elijah prays again, and sends his servant to check. Still there was nothing!)

1 Kings 18:42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

1 Kings 18:43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

(It goes on until the seventh time, when the servant reports a cloud about the size of a man's hand in the distance. Note the visual perspective. A hand is not big like the sun, but you can put your hand in front of your eyes, and the sun is covered. We know the sun is huge. It looks small because it's a great distance away. In the same manner, the servant tells about the size of the cloud in the distance. Elijah recognises it and sends word to Ahab to get moving to the city before his chariot gets stuck in the mud.)

1 Kings 18:44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down that the rain stop thee not.

1 Kings 18:45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

(Afterwards, he runs so quickly that he reaches the city gates before Ahab.)

1 Kings 18:46 And the hand of the Lord was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

New Testament

James 5:17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

James 5:18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

15.) Who's That? —Bezaleel

The name "Bezaleel" means "in the shadow [protection] of God." Bezaleel is described in the genealogical lists as the son of Uri (Exodus 31:2), the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah (I Chronicles 2:18, 19, 20, 50).

He was said to be highly gifted as a workman, showing great skill and originality in engraving precious metals and stone and in wood-carving. He was also a master-workman, having many apprentices under him whom he instructed in the arts (Exodus 35:30-35).

According to the narrative in Exodus, he was definitely called and endowed by God to direct the construction of the tent of meeting and its sacred furniture, and also to prepare the priests' garments and the oil and incense required for the service. (Exodus 36-39) He was also in charge of the holy oils, incense and priestly vestments.

1 Chronicles 2:19-20 Caleb took unto him Ephrath, which bare him Hur. And Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat Bezaleel.

Exodus

31:1 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

31:2 See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

31:3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

31:4 To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

31:5 And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

35:34 And he [The Lord] hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.

35:35 Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.

36:1 Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the Lord put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the Lord had commanded.

36:2 And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it:

38:22 And Bezaleel the son Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the Lord commanded Moses.

16.) Proverbs to Ponder #2

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Proverbs 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

Proverbs 3:9 Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

Proverbs 3:10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

Proverbs 3:13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

Proverbs 3:14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

Proverbs 3:15 She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

Proverbs 3:17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

Proverbs 3:18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

17.) Sheep and Shepherd

(*Note: See activity below, to be done while hearing and reading the verses.)

John 10:4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

John 10:5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

John 10:11 | am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Matthew 18:12 How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?

Ezekiel 34:15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God.

1 Samuel 17:34-35a And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth.

Isaiah 40:11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Zechariah 10:2b Therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.

Isaiah 53:6a All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way.

Proverbs 27:23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.

18.) Giving

Luke 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Matthew 5:42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

Acts 20:35b It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Matthew 10:8b Freely ye have received, freely give.

Proverbs 28:27a He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack.

Deuteronomy 16:17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee.

2 Corinthians 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Luke 10:35b Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

19.) Notable Notes –1 Corinthians

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

1 Corinthians 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 9:14,16 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 Corinthians 16:14 Let all your things be done with charity.

20.) Dig 'n' Discover (6-10)

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- 6.) Were cars ever talked about or predicted in the Bible? (Nahum 2:4)
- 7.) How many times did Jesus recommend that someone forgive their brother/sister? (Matthew 18:21-22)
- 8.) What creature sneaks into a king's palace? (Proverbs 30:28)
- 9.) Has anyone ever counted how many hairs are on someone's head? (Matthew 10:30-31)
- 10.) What do "<u>ball</u>room dancing" and a man called "Ju<u>bal</u>" have in common? (Genesis 4:21)

21.) Books of the Bible (Joshua-2 Kings)

Joshua

Joshua led God's people after Moses died. Joshua brought the people into the land that God had promised to them. With God's help, Joshua and the people claimed the city of Jericho, as God instructed. Joshua also directed the people to obey God's law (Joshua 5, Joshua 7 and Joshua 24). The Book of Joshua also contains records about the division of land (Joshua chapters 13-21).

The Book of Joshua is a history book from the Bible's Old Testament.

Joshua 23:14b Not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.

Judges

The Book of Judges is a history book in the Old Testament of the Bible. But it does not only contain history. It also teaches us to trust God more. The Book of Judges contains the history of about 300 years when Israel had no king. Instead, God appointed special people, called 'judges' to lead the people. These 'judges' were not like the judges of today. They were prophets (and one prophetess), whom God called. They helped the people to serve God. When there was a judge, the people obeyed God, but when there was no judge the people forgot God, and God let troubles come. So the people asked God to help. And then God appointed another judge. Some of the famous judges were Deborah, Gideon and Samson.

Judges 5:31b Let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might.

Ruth

The Book of Ruth is about a young widow, named Ruth. Ruth was a foreigner, but she came to Israel to help Naomi. (Naomi was Ruth's husband's mother.) Ruth chose to believe and serve the true God. Naomi and Ruth were very poor, but Ruth could collect any grain that remained after the harvest. This was God's law, and one man who respected this law was called Boaz. So Ruth came to Boaz's field to collect grain. Boaz saw Ruth and he loved her. He agreed to pay her family's debts, so that he could marry Ruth. Ruth was just a poor foreigner, but her family became Israel's royal family. Both King David and Jesus belonged to this family.

Ruth 1:16 Whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.

1 & 2 Samuel

1 & 2 Samuel tell the story of the first two kings of Israel. For many centuries Israel had no kings. The people did whatever they wanted to do. But God appointed special judges to lead the people.

The last of these special judges was Samuel (1 Samuel 7:15) who was also a prophet. When Samuel was old the people asked Samuel to appoint a king. God told Samuel to appoint Saul. Saul sometimes obeyed God, and sometimes not. God chose David to be king instead of Saul. David trusted and loved God and was a good king.

1 Samuel 12:23 Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way.

1 & 2 Kings

The Books of Kings continue the story that began in the Books of Samuel. It tells of King Solomon, the son of King David. He was a wise king and became rich. He built a temple in Jerusalem. Many other kings followed after him. When the kings obeyed God, the people were at peace. When the kings did not obey God, but served other gods, bad things happened. God sent the prophet Elijah to tell people God's words. He told the people to serve God again, and God worked miracles through him. 2 Kings begins with the end of the story of Elijah. God did not allow Elijah to die. Instead, Elijah went up to heaven. Elijah's companion, Elisha, saw Elijah rise to heaven in a vehicle of fire (2 Kings 2).

Elisha himself became a great prophet. God gave Elisha power to do twice the number of miracles as Elijah. When King Hezekiah was in trouble, he prayed to God. The prophet Isaiah talked with him, and God helped and healed Hezekiah. Josiah was just a boy when he became king. He was a good king who served God and encouraged the people to trust God. He helped to repair the temple. When the kings served God, God helped them. But when the kings did evil things, God opposed them. God sent his servants, the prophets, to warn the kings. But when the kings refused to obey the prophets, God punished their nations.

1 Kings 10:8-9a Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom. Blessed be the Lord thy God, which delighted in thee.

2 Kings 20:5b Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee.

22.) Parables of Jesus

—Friend at Midnight and Mustard Seed

Friend at midnight

Luke

11:5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

11:6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

11:7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

11:8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

11:9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

11:10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Mustard Seed

Mark

4:26 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

4:27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

4:28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

4:29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

4:30 And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?

4:31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:

4:32 But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

23.) Flowers

Wild in Fields

Psalms 103:15 As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

<u>Beautiful</u>

Matthew 6:29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Appear in Spring

Song of Solomon 2:12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

<u>The Lily</u>

Matthew 6:28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

<u>The Rose</u>

Isaiah 35:1 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

Woodwork of the Temple

1 Kings 6:35 And he carved thereon cherubims and palm trees and open flowers: and covered them with gold fitted upon the carved work.

The Rose of Sharon

Song of Solomon 2:1 | am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.

Glory of Man

1 Peter 1:24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away.

<u>Golden Candlestick</u>

Exodus 25:31 And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same.

<u>Rich Men</u>

James 1:10-11 But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

24.) Wise Words

1 Kings 4:29 And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.

Proverbs 10:11a The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life.

Proverbs 10:31 The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom.

Proverbs 10:32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable.

Proverbs 25:11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

Daniel 1:17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom.

Daniel 1:19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.

Daniel 1:20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

Colossians 4:6 Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

James 3:13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

Psalms 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

Psalms 141:3 Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

25.) Chapter Studies—Psalm 23

Psalm 23

Verse 1: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Verses 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Verse 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Verse 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Verse 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Verse 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

26.) Flashback—God's House

This was spoken by Stephen to the council of elders of the Pharisees. Stephen witnessed to the entire group of them boldly, holding back nothing. Some of what he said, he quoted from the last chapter of Isaiah.

Old Testament

Isaiah

66:1 Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?

66:2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord. **New Testament**

Acts

- 7:47 But Solomon built him an house.
- 7:48 Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,
- **7:49** Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?
- 7:50 Hath not my hand made all these things?

27.) Who's That?— Barnabas

Barnabas was a wholehearted disciple, who believed in and followed Jesus together with the early disciples. His name was "Joses", and the disciples called him "Barnabas" which meant, "son of consolation". He brought comfort and encouragement to them many times.

When he decided to follow Jesus, he sold his land and gave all the money to the disciples, holding nothing back. In the Book of Acts it says, "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith" (Acts 11:24). He also had faith to believe that Saul had actually changed—that though he had been trying very hard to stop them all from preaching about Jesus, Saul was a new man and could be trusted. He told the others in Jerusalem that Saul was a true disciple.

When some of the disciples living in one area needed food and other supplies, Barnabas and Saul helped to bring them what they needed—things that others had gathered together and unselfishly shared to be given to those disciples who were in need.

Acts 4:36 And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,

Acts 4:37 Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

ACT.9:26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

Acts 9:27 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

Acts 9:28 And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.

Acts 11:20 And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus.

Acts 11:21 And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

Acts 11:22 Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.

Acts 11:23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

Acts 11:24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

Acts 11:25 Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:

Acts 11:26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass,

that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

Acts 11:29 Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea:

Acts 11:30 Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

28.) Stones

1 Kings 5:17,18 And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house. And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew them, and the stonesquarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

1 Kings 7:10 And the foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits.

Exodus 28:9-11 And thou shalt take two onyx stones, and grave on them the names of the children of Israel: Six of their names on one stone, and the other six names of the rest on the other stone, according to their birth. With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Israel: thou shalt make them to be set in ouches* of gold. (*An old English term denoting cavities or sockets in which gems were set.)

Revelation 21:10, 11 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

Revelation 21:18-20 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolyte; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

Psalms 144:12 That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:

Daniel 2:44, **45** And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

Luke 19:37-40 And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

29.) Proverbs to Ponder #3

Proverbs 3:21 My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:

Proverbs 3:22 So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.

Proverbs 3:23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

Proverbs 3:24 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

Proverbs 3:26 For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

Proverbs 3:27 Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.

Proverbs 3:28 Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.

Proverbs 3:30 Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.

Proverbs 3:35 The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

Proverbs 4:5 Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

Proverbs 4:6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.

30.) Dig 'n' Discover (11–15)

11.) Did people use rhyming names? (1 Chronicles 7:15-16)

12.) Were there libraries? If so, what might they have been called, since books as we know them now, hadn't been created yet? (Ezra 6:1)

13.) What was a mirror called? (James 1:23-25)

14.) Is your bed too small? I wonder if Isaiah was tall, and knew what it felt like. (Isaiah 28:20)

15.) What are some of the names that the best governor mentioned in the Bible is called by? (Isaiah 9:6)

31.) Books of the Bible: 1 & 2 Chronicles—Job

1 & 2 Chronicles

The books of Chronicles contain the same stories as the books of Samuel and Kings, but the books of Chronicles also contain many official records and lists of people.

1 Chronicles contains the story of King David, and describes his plans for building the temple in Jerusalem. David gave careful instructions to the priests. He wanted everyone to serve God properly.

2 Chronicles contains the story of the kings of Israel. It discusses the 400 years after King David. 2 Chronicles also describes the great temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem. The temple was a very beautiful building, and the priests and people came to the temple to pray. After Solomon passed away, his country divided into two countries.

2 Chronicles describes the kings of both these countries and their works. Some of these kings were good kings, who served God, but did not love and follow God, nor obey His law. They did many unkind, ugly and wrong things. Many troubles came to these countries as a result of the people's and kings' wrong choices to turn away from God.

1 Chronicles 29:13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

2 Chronicles 20:21b Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Ezra

The book of Ezra tells us that Cyrus, the king of Persia, allowed the Jews to return to their own land, since the King of Babylon had taken many people to Babylon some time before. Cyrus helped the Jews to start building a temple in Jerusalem, but the people who lived near them did not want the Jews back in the land. They opposed the Jews so that they did not continue to build the temple.

Many years later they were able to finish the building. Ezra was a teacher who taught the people from God's word. Often the people did not obey God's word, but Ezra continued to teach them. He told them how to live in a way that would please God.

Ezra 8:22b The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him.

Nehemiah

Nehemiah was an important servant of the king of Persia. Nehemiah asked Hanani, his brother who was visiting from Judah, for news about Jerusalem. Hanani told Nehemiah that the walls of Jerusalem were only heaps of stones. Fire had burned the gates of the city.

This news made Nehemiah very sad. So Nehemiah asked the king to send him to Jerusalem to build the walls of the city again, and the king agreed. Nehemiah and the people built the walls of Jerusalem again. The people who lived near Jerusalem did not want the Jews to build the city again. They opposed the Jews and tried to stop the work, but God helped them and they finished the work in 52 days.

Nehemiah 8:10 The joy of the Lord is your strength.

Nehemiah 4:6 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

Esther

Esther and many other Jews lived in the land called Persia. Persia was a long way from their own land. The King of Persia was angry with the queen for publically disobeying his request and he sent her away. Then he searched for another wife who would be the new queen. He chose Esther.

One of the king's chief officials, called Haman, had tricked the king into making a decree that would harm the Jews. Esther's uncle Mordecai asked Esther to speak to the king to save the Jews. Although Esther was the queen, Mordecai was asking her to do a dangerous thing.

People could not go to see the king if he had not invited them. But Esther did what Mordecai asked. The king was pleased with her and listened to her, and made a new decree that saved the Jewish people.

Esther 4:14 Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

Job

Job was a good man and thought it was enough, but he found out he needed the goodness of God. Job lost all he had, and then became ill with painful sores. Job's friends supposed that he was ill because of some wrong thing he must have done, but Job was innocent. Then, a wise man named Elihu explained the truth to Job and his friends. God talked with Job and He proved to them all that He is great and wise, and He showed them that He cares, even when difficult things seem to be happening. God then wanted Job to pray for his friends.

In the end, God made Job successful again. God cares about people who suffer troubles, and will help them, although sometimes they must be patient.

Job 42:1-2 Then Job answered the Lord, and said, I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.

32.) Contentment

Habakkuk 3:17-18 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

1 Thessalonians 5:16 Rejoice evermore.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

33.) Parables of Jesus—Rich Fool

Rich Fool

Luke

12:16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

12:17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

12:18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

12:19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

12:20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

12:21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

34.) Notable Notes—2 Corinthians

2 Corinthians 1:4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

2 Corinthians 9:6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

2 Corinthians 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:17 But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2 Corinthians 12:10b When I am weak, then am I strong.

35.) Clothing

The First Clothes:

Genesis 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Genesis 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

Some Names of Clothes Mentioned in the Bible:

Genesis 28:20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on...of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

Deuteronomy 8:4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.

Proverbs 6:27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

Genesis 41:42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;

Revelation 19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Matthew 21:8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.

Some Materials Used for Making Clothing:

Ezekiel 34:3 Ye clothe you with the wool.

Proverbs 31:22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

Leviticus 6:10 And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh.

Esther 8:15 And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad.

Matthew 3:4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

Jonah 3:5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

Colours of Clothing Mentioned:

Ecclesiastes 9:8 Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment.

Ezekiel 23:6 Which were clothed with blue, captains and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses.

Luke 16:19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day.

2 Samuel 1:24b Who clothed you in scarlet, with other delights, who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel.

Daniel 5:7 The king cried aloud ...Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.

Genesis 37:3 He made him a coat of many colours.

<u>Styles</u>:

Deuteronomy 22:12 Thou shalt make thee fringes upon the four quarters of thy vesture, wherewith thou coverest thyself.

Matthew 23:5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments.

Luke 20:46 Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts.

Revelation 1:13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

Pieces of Clothing:

Luke 6:29b Him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not to take thy coat also.

2 Timothy 4:13 The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee.

John 21:7 Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.

1 Samuel 18:4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments.

Leviticus 8:13 And Moses brought Aaron's sons, and put coats upon them, and girded them with girdles, and put bonnets upon them; as the Lord commanded Moses.

Exodus 3:5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

Genesis 24:65 For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself.

Mark 6:9 But be shod with sandals; and not put on two coats.

2 Kings 1: 7-8 And he said unto them, What manner of man was he which came up to meet you, and told you these words? And they answered him, He was an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite.

36.) Noble Humility

The truly great will do things that require humility. Here are a few examples to look up in your Bible.

*A very important, rich man who was employed by a queen admitted to a poor travelling man that he didn't understand what he was reading, and listened to the explanation that was given to him. As a result the important man was joyfully saved and became a believer. (Acts 8:26-40)

*A ruler in a certain part of the country, who many people looked up to, pleaded on the ground in front of countless people to beg for help at the feet of someone that was criticized by other pious folks, and did not even have a house to live in—and then wonderful help was given. (Mark 5:22-24, 38, 41-41)

*An honourable and mighty man, with a very important position in his country, who normally just took orders from the King himself, decided to obey instructions from two different servants, which led to the most wonderful event of his life. (2 Kings 5:1-5, 9-14)

*A woman was willing to lose what little was left of her reputation, to be looked down on yet again by the well-thought of, just for a chance to show love and receive forgiveness. Amazing love and a fresh start to life was hers. (Luke 7:36-39, 44-48)

*A team of rich, very wise, well-respected men left their jobs, home and country to travel without the comforts of home for years, in order to meet a baby that they believed was far more important than they or anyone else. Without even as much as an address or name, they persevered, carrying costly gifts for so long in hopes of finding him. They were at last rewarded for their efforts and humility by being able to meet him and offer the gifts. (Matthew 2:1, 9-11)

*The most powerful king in the universe washed the mud off of 12 men's feet, and showed to them and to all what true greatness is—giving our lives in loving service to others, for God. (John 13:3-10)