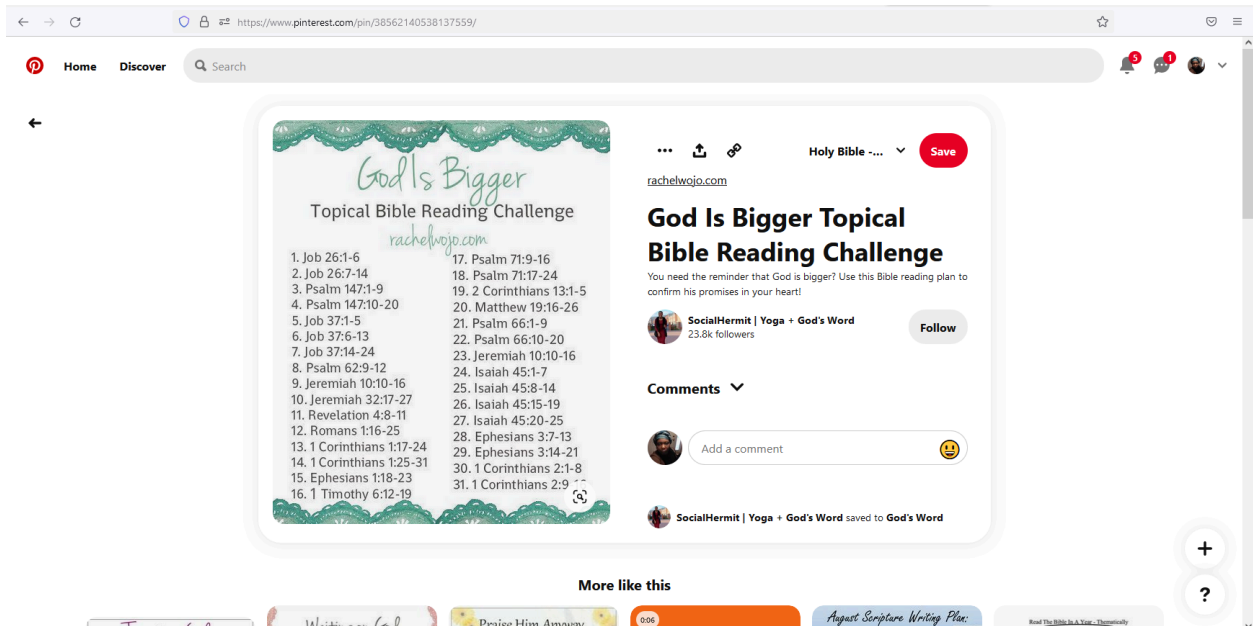


God Is Bigger Bible Reading Plan

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I decided to start a new Bible reading challenge. I selected the 'God Is Bigger' challenge. The description provided is: "You need the reminder that God is bigger? Use this Bible reading plan to confirm his promises in your heart!" It seems to be a 31-day reading plan - one bible verse for each day.



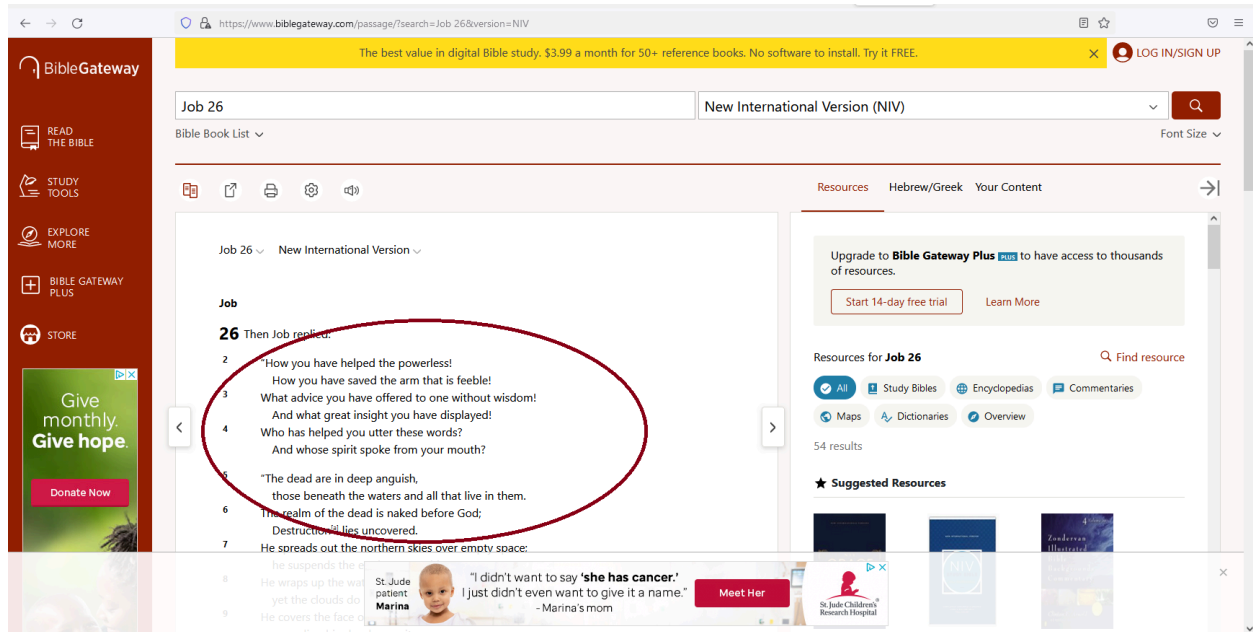
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Day 1 (6/12/2022):

The first verse is: Job 26:1-6 (Book from the Holy Bible: Job, Chapter: 26, Verse: 1 through 6).

Looking into the first verse (Day 1).....

I searched for Job 26 online at BibleGateway.com:



Then Job replied:

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“How you have helped the powerless!
How you have saved the arm that is feeble!

3

What advice you have offered to one without wisdom!
And what great insight you have displayed!

4

Who has helped you utter these words?
And whose spirit spoke from your mouth?

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“The dead are in deep anguish,
those beneath the waters and all that live in them.

6

The realm of the dead is naked before God;
Destruction[a] lies uncovered.

My first impression is that these verses deal with death (I saw the word dead first). After reading the full text, I think that it deals with God's help to the powerless, weak, dumb (those without wisdom), and mute. In verses 2 and 3, it seems like Job is speaking/replying to God himself, but I am not sure who he is addressing in verse 4. I am not sure how the dead fits in. So I decided to look at the previous chapter - chapter 25.

Chapter 25 is by a different person/speaker so it doesn't help much.

I remember that Job is a biblical character who suffered a lot. At the start of the book of Job, he loses everything - his possessions, his children, and so on. There was a lot of suffering, but God restored him to former glory.

I looked up the book of Job. I searched Google for "importance of the book of job"

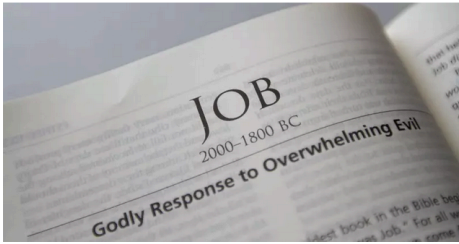
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Too often in conversations about suffering, one particular Bible story is not consistently discussed. The Book of Job is a story that details the life of one man who was not a distinguished church figure facing persecution. He was an everyday man, albeit affluent in possessions and faith. The Bible describes Job's financial stature as making him a noteworthy person in his region of the east. He had a large family of a wife, seven sons, and three daughters. In his possession were also large quantities of land and animals (Job 1:2-3). Of all that he owned, his greatest asset was his faith.

"There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil." (Job 1:1)

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/things-to-know-about-the-story-of-job.html>

I tried but was never able to finish the book of Job. It is difficult to read. For me, this book is important because it changed my thinking on why people suffer. I always believed that people suffered (they were born with defects or they experience suffering) because they, or maybe their parents, did something wrong - they sinned. The book of Job tells us that Job was an innocent sufferer.

Maybe this Bible reading challenge is about believing God is bigger than your struggles and suffering. I like it.

Day 2 (6/13/2022)

The verse for today is: Job 26:7-14. Yesterday the reading stopped at verse 6. Today's reading continues from verse 7 until the end of Job Chapter 26.

The text of the Bible verse from BibleGateway.com:

https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=job+26&version=NIV

4 How you have helped the powerless!
How you have saved the arm that is feeble!

3 What advice you have offered to one without wisdom!
And what great insight you have displayed!

4 Who has helped you utter these words?
And whose spirit spoke from your mouth?

5 "The dead are in deep anguish,
those beneath the waters and all that live in them.
The realm of the dead is naked before God;
Destruction^{is} lies over it."

7 He spreads out the northern skies over empty spaces;
he suspends the earth over nothing.
8 He wraps up the waters in his clouds,
yet the clouds do not burst under their weight.
9 He covers the face of the full moon,
spreading his clouds over it.
10 He marks out the horizon on the face of the waters
for a boundary between light and darkness.
11 The pillars of the heavens quake,
aghast at his rebuke.
12 By his power he churned up the sea;
by his wisdom he cut Rahab to pieces.
13 By his breath the skies became fair;
his hand pierced the gliding serpent.
14 And these are but the outer fringe of his works;
how faint the whisper we hear of him!
Who then can understand the thunder of his power? "

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Verses 7 through 14 seem to magnify God. The verses speak of God's power and his control of the earth and universe. He is able to wrap up waters in clouds, churn up the sea, and so on. A lot of power indeed! Job was clearly praising God through his ordeal - praising God even when he had no good reason to. And God rewarded him for it. I bet the reward was worth the pain.

Day 3 (6/16/2022)

The verse for today is: Psalm 147:1-9. The text of the verse from BibleGateway.com:

https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+147&version=NIV

Psalm 147 New International Version

Psalm 147

1 Praise the Lord.^{is}
How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
3 He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
4 He determines the number of the stars
and calls them each by name.
5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit.
6 The Lord sustains the humble
but casts the wicked to the ground.
7 Sing to the Lord with grateful praise;
make music to our God on the harp.
8 He covers the sky with clouds;
he supplies the earth with rain
and makes grass grow on the hills.
9 He provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they call.

10 His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his delight in the speed of the runner,
11 nor in the might of the warrior,
nor in the speed of the runner,
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Verse 1 starts with “Praise the Lord” and the other verses praise him bountifully. The psalmist/writer is happy to praise God, saying “How good it is to sing praises to our God.” It is good to read that praising God is not a chore but a joy. Singing is mentioned a few times, which makes me think this psalm may be a song. I know there are recorded songs of quite a few psalms. There is the song for psalm 23 (a song I heard on the radio a lot when I was a little girl), psalm 100, psalm 103, and a number of others. A bible teacher once told me that people should read psalms when there is trouble in their lives. Come to think of it, the chaplain at Washington Adventist Hospital gave me a Book of Psalms when I was a patient there. That was a long time ago. I forgot about the psalms.

Day 4 (6/20/2022)

Today’s Book/Chapter/Verse is: Psalm 147:10-20. It is the continuation of the reading from yesterday.

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the BibleGateway.com page for Psalm 147:10-20. The page is divided into three main sections. On the left, there is a vertical advertisement for KALESAFE, featuring a baseball cap and a '50% OFF' promotion. The central section contains the text of Psalm 147:10-20, with a 'Footnotes' section below it. The right section is titled 'Resources for Psalm 147' and includes a 'Find resource' search bar, a list of resource categories (All, Study Bibles, Encyclopedias, Commentaries, Maps, Dictionaries, Overview), and a 'Suggested Resources' section with three book covers: 'NIV Grace and Truth Study Bible', 'NIV Study Bible Notes, Fully Revised Edition', and 'Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary'. A 'Start 14-day free trial' button is also visible at the top right of the page.

These verses continue with the reasons the Lord should be praised. Verse 10 makes me think of wars - it mentions the horse and warrior. I think verses 10 and 11 explain that the Lord expects warriors to fear him and put him above everything else in times of war. Then in verse 12 there is mention of Jerusalem. Verses 13 and 14 indicate that God protects and maybe fights for Jerusalem - he brings them peace. Verses 19 and 20 remind that God is the God of Israel. He revealed his word to Jacob who is the father of Israel (I believe) and he revealed his laws and decrees to the country/nation Israel.

Day 5 (6/22/2022)

The verse for today returns to the book of Job. It is Job 37:1-5.

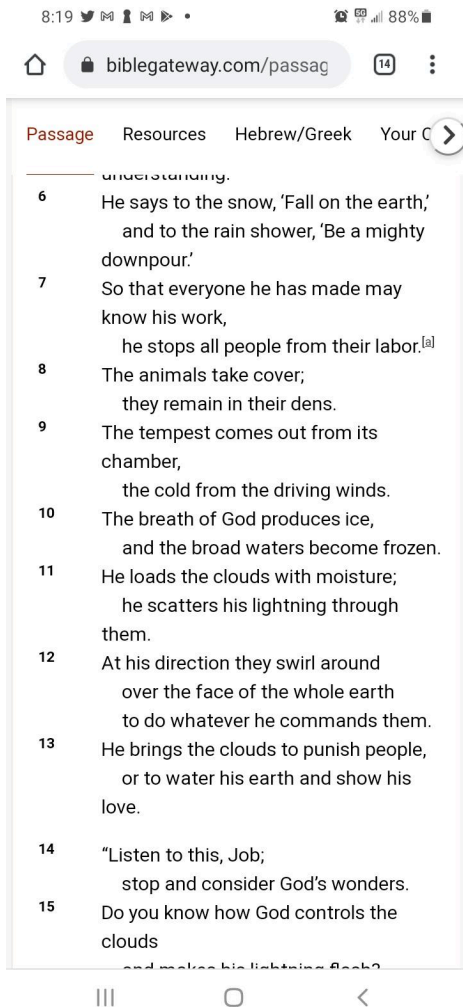
The text of the verse(s) from BibleGateway.com:

The screenshot shows the BibleGateway website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the BibleGateway logo and a search bar containing "job 37". The version selected is "New International Version (NIV)". A yellow banner at the top right promotes a digital Bible study for \$3.99 a month. The main content area displays the text of Job 37, starting with verse 1: "At this my heart pounds and leaps from its place." The sidebar on the right features a promotional banner for Bible Gateway Plus, a search for resources for Job 37, and suggested resources including "GRACE", "NIV Study Bible", and "Zondervan Illustrated Bible".

Verse 1 is like those readings/poems that capture your interest and draw you in. I read it and immediately wondered what was going to follow - what was causing the writer's heart to pound and leap from its place. The dramatic description of God's power and majesty follows (The word description did not seem right so I looked up synonyms. Description actually means "a statement that tells you how someone looks or sounds etc." so I guess it works). There is a lot on God's voice. I wonder why. Could it be that the roar of thunder or flashes of lightning are the only ways we hear God's voice? This seems incorrect because in other parts of the Bible prophets (such as Samuel) heard God's voice - they actually received instructions from God. Maybe God's voice is like thunder and lightning when he is not speaking to a particular person. Or maybe it is a metaphor.

Day 6 (6/27/2022):

The verse for today is: Job 37:6-13.



These verses appear to be about God's ability to control rain and snow. It is interesting that people stop work and animals seek shelter so that they are made aware of God's mighty power. The verses seem to suggest that there is no power greater than controlling the weather. This is impressive and I believe in God's power, but it makes me think of a particular movie (Beautiful Creatures - a movie I saved in my Amazon Movie List). In the movie, powerful beings/creatures/people who live as normal people control the weather. This worries me.

Day 7 (7/2/2022):

The verse for today is: Job 37:14-24.



- 14 "Listen to this, Job;
stop and consider God's wonders.
- 15 Do you know how God controls the
clouds
and makes his lightning flash?
- 16 Do you know how the clouds hang
poised,
those wonders of him who has
perfect knowledge?
- 17 You who swelter in your clothes
when the land lies hushed under
south wind,
- 18 can you join him in spreading out the
skies,
hard as a mirror of cast bronze?
- 19 "Tell us what we should say to him;
we cannot draw up our case because
of our darkness.
- 20 Should he be told that I want to speak?
Would anyone ask to be swallowed
up?
- 21 Now no one can look at the sun,
bright as it is in the skies
after the wind has swept them clean.
- 22 Out of the north he comes in golden
splendor;
God comes in awesome majesty.
- 23 The Almighty is beyond our reach and

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Now no one can look at the sun,
 bright as it is in the skies
 after the wind has swept them clean.

22 Out of the north he comes in golden
 splendor;
 God comes in awesome majesty.

23 The Almighty is beyond our reach and
 exalted in power;
 in his justice and great righteousness,
 he does not oppress.

24 Therefore, people revere him,
 for does he not have regard for all the
 wise in heart?^[a]

Footnotes

a. [Job 37:7](#) Or work, / he fills all people with fear
 by his power

b. [Job 37:24](#) Or for he does not have regard for
 any who think they are wise.

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Verses 14, 15, and 16 suggest that ordinary man does not know of or understand God's wonders. The clouds hang poised - maybe that's because they are pleased with God's "touch" or maybe HE does it in a perfect way. This makes me think of the Midas touch. Why mirror of cast bronze in verse 18? Maybe the mirror is made of cast bronze and man is trying to replicate what God is doing as a mirror is a reflection of something. Verses 19 and 20 made me chuckle. I guess no one should ATTEMPT to make the case that he or she should be doing what God is doing. This is because man is sinful - has darkness. God is perfect in every way.