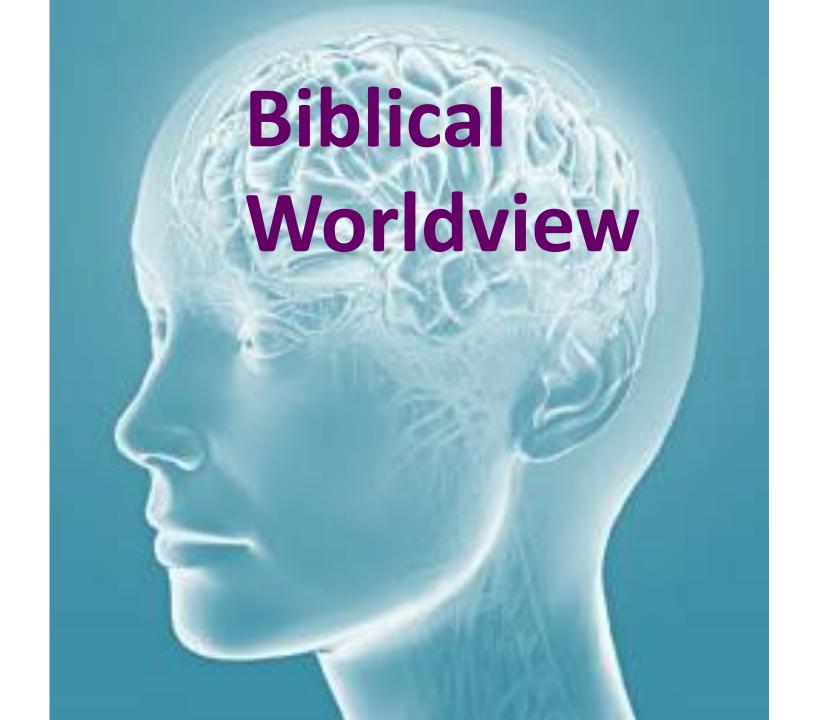
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• Luke 6:46, James 1:21-25

The Christian & the Book

• 2 Timothy 3:10-16, Luke 6:46

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- 1. Source of Truth & Wisdom
- 2. Ministry Training Manual
- 3. Basis of Our Faith

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is **God-breathed** ...

A Christian who doesn't read the Bible is like a laborer who doesn't eat, a traveler who has no map, a soldier without a weapon, a believer who doesn't believe, and a child who doesn't enjoy being with his father.









Two Years

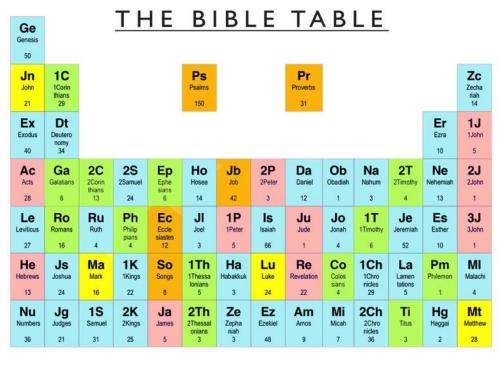


100 Sermons



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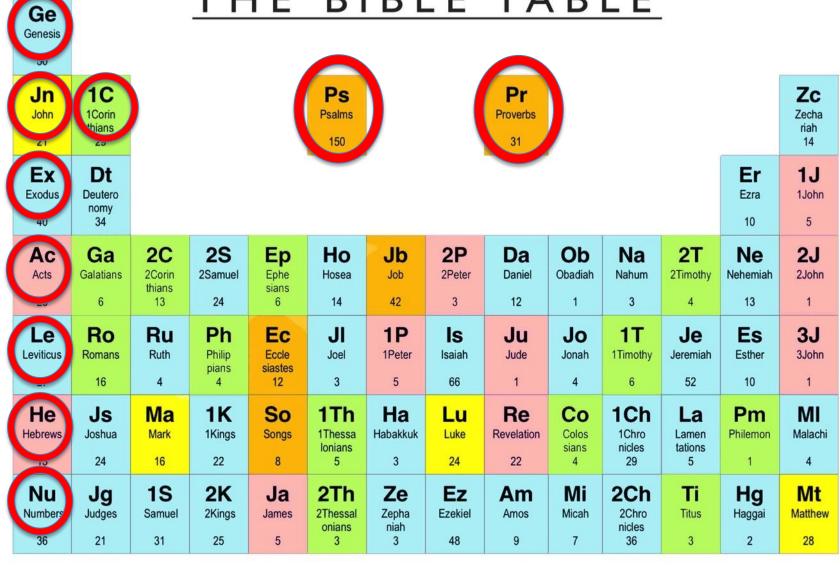
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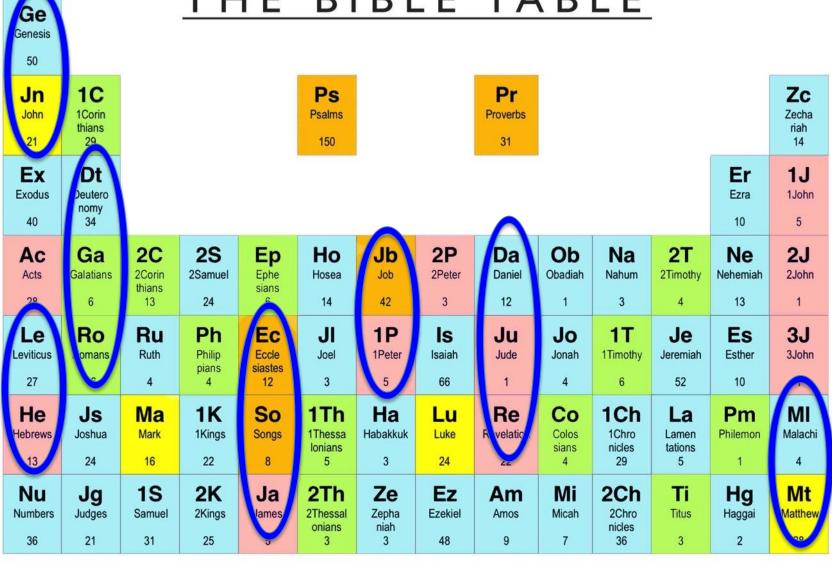
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- We will be reading OT and NT books <u>alternately</u>.
- Various biblical <u>genres</u> have been spread <u>e.g.</u>
 Gospels, Pauline Epistles, OT History and Prophets.
- <u>Pairing</u> of OT-NT readings are done thematically where possible, e.g. Genesis-John, <u>Leviticus-Hebrews</u>, <u>Deuteronomy-Romans</u>, <u>Daniel-Revelation</u>.

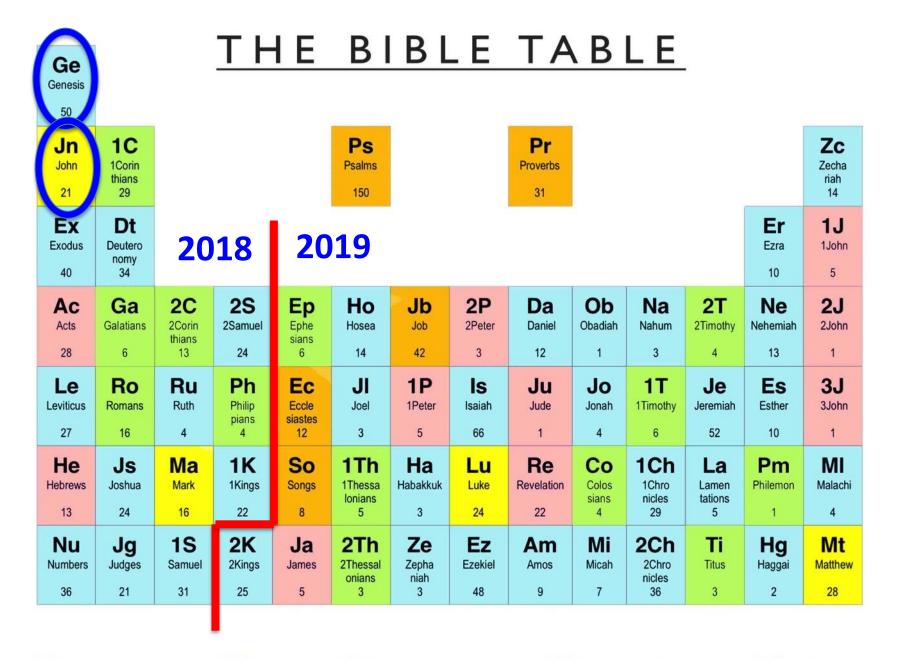
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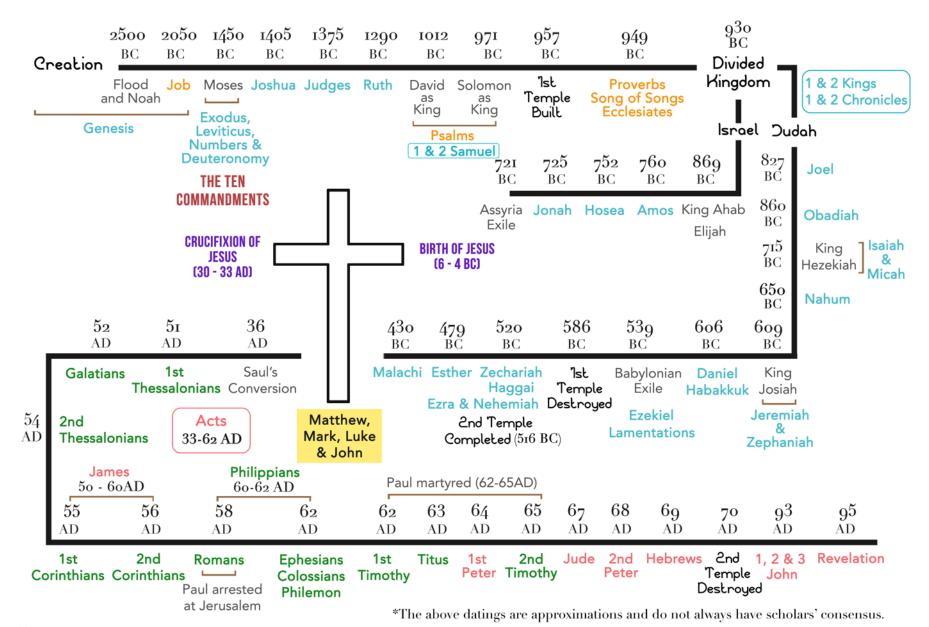
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- 2. What is the <u>link</u> between daily Bible readings and weekly sermons?
- > Total of 100 sermons will be preached in
- 2 years, covering most of the Bible's 66 books.
- > Daily readings will be synchronised to sermons;
- e.g. when reading Genesis, Sunday sermon will be preached from Genesis.
- > Aim -- provide a "deep and wide" appreciation of the Bible's message.



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- ("Genesis" 24 Dec, 1.30pm)
- d. Training and Live-It-Out guides for Life Groups

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Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Luke 6:46

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?

Conned

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James 1:22-24

- Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves.
- Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

Deuteronomy 8:11

Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe His commands, His laws and His decrees that I am giving you this day.

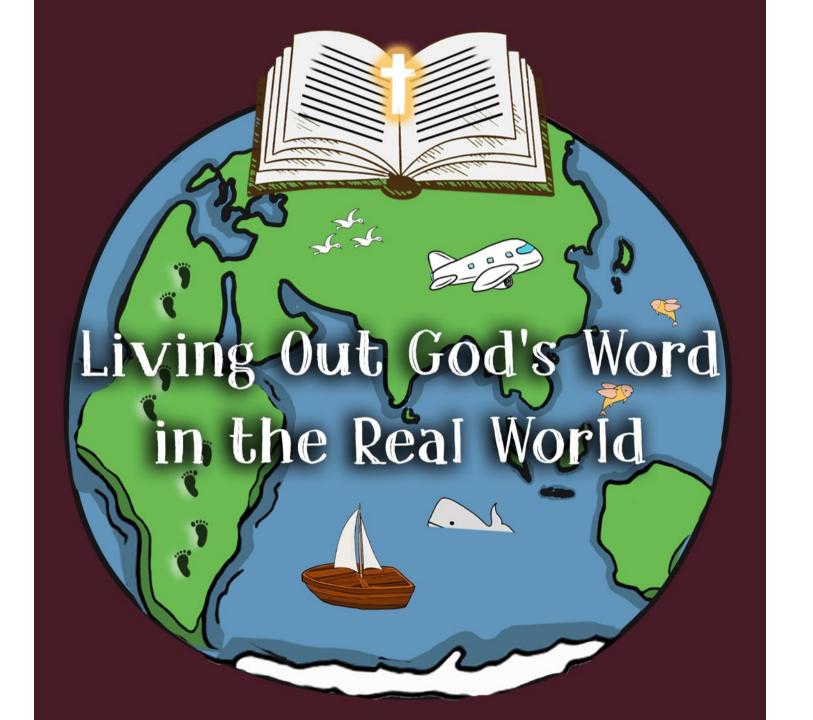
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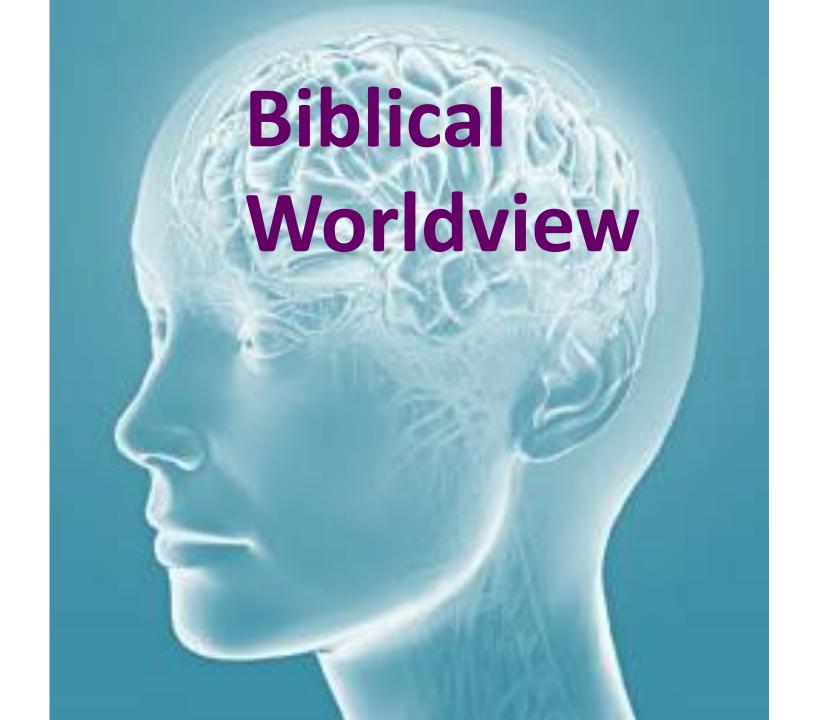
If you ever forget the Lord your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed.

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- Clarity





James 1:25

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Eccl 3:12-13

I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God.

Exodus 20:12

Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Proverbs 19:17

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done.

Luke 5:15-16

Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

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3. Self-control	3. Suffering – unsatisfied
(Dealing with anger & lust)	emotions/desires
4. Love enemies	4. "It's not fair!"
	(Sense of injustice)
4. Forgiving others	5. Bearing the hurt, injured pride/ego
4. Trusting God	6. Feelings of uncertainty
(Dealing with Worry)	fears for future
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Mark 10:28

Then Peter began to speak up.
"We've given up everything to follow you,"
he said.

Mark 10:29-30

"Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

BLESSINGS of Living Out God's Word

- Sleeping well at night (Ps 127)
- Able to enjoy the simple (and inexpensive) things in life (Eccl 3:13)
- Happy and wholesome relationships at work and at home (Jn 13:34-35)
- Conscience clear before God (Acts 24:16)
- Having enough to give to others and be a blessing (Matt 10:8)

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Overcoming the GAP

- Conned!
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- > Cost



5 Key Areas

1. Biblical Integrity

Honesty in workplace

1. Biblical Justice

Treatment of "aliens"

2. Rest (4th Comd)

Overworking

4. Honor (5th Comd)

Caring for aged parents

5. Submission to Authority

Increasing selfcenteredness & critical spirit

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