

*Faith comes from hearing the message and the message is heard from the Word of God.*

Romans 10:17

## PICTURES OF THE BIBLE

### A LAMP

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105)

The Bible sheds light on the road we walk and gives guidance for daily living. It shows us the way ahead and what to avoid.

### MILK

Be like newborn babies, always thirsty for the pure spiritual milk, so that by drinking it you may grow up. 1 Peter 2:2

Milk helps people grow physically and the Bible helps us to grow spiritually.

### A SWORD

'Take the word of God as a sword which the spirit gives you. ' Ephesians 6:17

A sword protects us from the attack of the devil.

### A SEED

'The seed is the word of God.' Luke 8:11

In the parable of the sower Jesus tells us of the good earth that is need for the seed to grow and so also the heart needs to be free from anything that will hinder the word of God helping us to grow.

*Jesus told the people who had faith in Him: if you keep on obeying what I have said, you truly are my disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*

John 8:31-32

## HOW SHOULD I START READING THE BIBLE?

The Bible is not easy to read because of a different culture and language but there is plenty of help such Bible Reading notes such a Scripture Union Daily Bread or the Bible Reading Fellowship. There are also commentaries such as those written by William Barclay. Or you can start by reading one of the Gospels; such as Mark.

## WHAT TO DO WITH THE BIBLE

- Pray before reading
- Read it regularly
- Read it in a version you understand
- Read it as a whole
- Read it with imagination
- Read it with expectation
- Respond to what you read.

## WHAT NOT TO DO

- Don't read it cover to cover right away
- Don't worry of you don't understand everything
- Don't look for obscure meanings
- Don't use it as a lucky dip

## WHICH VERSION SHOULD I USE?

There is a huge variety of different versions available today. The best is the one you find easiest to read. Try some out at [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com)

The most popular are:

New International version

Good News version

New living Translation

You can get some of these versions for your computer, kindle or mobile phone.

## WHY READ THE BIBLE?



The Bible is a book that bursts with life. It's exciting reading by any standards. In it are heroes, villains, love songs, assassinations, questions about life and death, and people who make the same sort of mistakes we do.

But the Bible is more than just exciting reading. By opening it up we can learn more about the God who made us, and about Jesus who came to give us a fresh start.

(Chris Wright)



### WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

The bible is God's instruction book for human beings to help them get the best out of the life he gave them.

- It tell us how we can have a good relationship with God.
- It tell us how we can have good relationships with each other.
- It tells us how we can look after the world.

### CAN WE TRUST THE BIBLE ?

Many people who have examined the evidence have concluded that the Bible is both trustworthy and reliable. But we must be careful not just to look to the Bible the evidence and proofs, as critical as those are. It is so easy to miss its grand story: God's redemption of humanity. And ultimately, people find meaning and purpose in this story because it draws us in, speaks to our lives, and nourishes our souls. And maybe more than anything, this is why millions of people throughout history have concluded that the Bible, is not only trustworthy but vitally important in their lives.

*All scripture is inspired (breathed) of God.*

2 Timothy 3:16

### WHO WROTE THE BIBLE?

It took some 1500 years for the bible to be completed and was written by about forty people, a king, a prime minister, a tax official, doctor, fisherman and farmer. Most of the writers never met the others but somehow it all hangs together with an amazing unity and agreement which suggest that God was behind it all.

### DOES GOD SPEAK THROUGH THE BIBLE?

Christians believe God is living and wants to communicate with us. They believe God is true, he is consistent and we can rely on Him. Also, God has authority, he is our maker and we owe obedience to Him.

Because God is living, true and has authority, when we read His word we are exposing ourselves to the Word of God through which God can speak to us.

### HOW TO FIND A PASSAGE

Most bibles have a list of books at the beginning and an index of subjects at the back. If you are looking for example:

*John Chapter 3 verse 16*

John—refers to the Gospel of John  
Chapter 3 —is the chapter in John  
Verse 16 - is the particular verse in Chapter 3

### WHAT DOES THE WORD BIBLE MEAN?

The word Bible from the Greek word Biblia which means books. The bible then is a library of 66 books, with two sections, Old and New Testaments. The Old Testament has books on History, Poetry and Prophecy. The New Testament has books on the Gospel, Letters and Revelation.

### UNDERSTANDING '

'Give us a clear vision that we may know where to stand and what to stand for— because unless we stand for something , we shall fall for anything.'

A prayer of Peter Marshall who was chaplain to the USA Senate.

### WHAT DO I DO WHEN THERE ARE BITS I DON'T UNDERSTAND?

- Don't give up.
- Ask someone who has been studying the Bible for some time.
- Look at Bible Commentaries or a Bible Dictionary
- Pray for God's help

### WHAT IS A BIBLE DISCOVERY GROUP?

It is a group of ordinary people who are trying to discover what the Bible teaches and how it can help there lives.

Here at Kemnay we have four groups and they are open to everyone.,

### BEST SELLER OF ALL TIME

The Bible is the best-selling book of all time. Statistics are hard to come by since it has been published in thousands of languages and by thousands of printers. But historians agree that since the emergence of modern printing techniques in the fifteenth century, the Bible has been printed, distributed, and sold more widely than any other book in history.

*God is always fair , and his laws can be trusted.  
They are true and right and will stand for ever.*

Psalm 111:7-8