

**Bible verses from the *New Living Translation* for your weekly Bible study**

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**Truth**

Golden Text

[Psa 119:151 NLT] 151 But you are near, O LORD, and all your commands are true.

Responsive Reading

[Deu 32:3-4 NLT] 3 how glorious is our God! OR [Deu 32:3 NKJV] 3 Ascribe greatness to our God. 4 He is the Rock; his deeds are perfect. Everything he does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright he is!

[Psa 33:4, 9-11 NLT] 4 the word of the LORD holds true, and we can trust everything he does. ... 9 For when he spoke, the world began! It appeared at his command. 10 The LORD frustrates the plans of the nations and thwarts all their schemes. 11 But the LORD's plans stand firm forever; his intentions can never be shaken.

[Psa 26:1-3 NLT] 1 Declare me innocent, O LORD, for I have acted with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD without wavering. 2 Put me on trial, LORD, and cross-examine me. Test my motives and my heart. 3 For I am always aware of your unfailing love, and I have lived according to your truth.

Section I

1] [Jer 10:10 NLT] 10 the LORD is the only true God. He is the living God and the everlasting King!

2] [Jer 29:13-14 NLT] 13 If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. 14 I will be found by you," says the LORD.

3] [Psa 86:10-11, 15 NLT] 10 For you are great and perform wonderful deeds. You alone are God. 11 Teach me your ways, O LORD, that I may live according to your truth! Grant me purity of heart, so that I may honor you. ... 15 you, O Lord, are a God of compassion and mercy, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness.

4] [Psa 42:2, 11 NLT] 2 I thirst for God, the living God. ... 11 hope in God! I will praise him again--my Savior and my God!

5] [Psa 9:9-10 NLT] 9 The LORD is a shelter for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. 10 Those who know your name trust in you, for you, O LORD, do not abandon those who search for you.

Section II

6] [Psa 25:4-5 NLT] 4 Show me the right path, O LORD; point out the road for me to follow. 5 Lead me by your truth and teach me,

7] [Psa 91:1, 11 NLT] 1 Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. ... 11 For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go.

8] [Dan 9:9-10, 19, 21-22 NLT] 9 But the Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him. 10 We have not obeyed the LORD our God, for we have not followed the instructions he gave us through his servants the prophets. ... 19 "O Lord, hear. O Lord, forgive. O Lord, listen and act!" ... 21 As I was praying, Gabriel, whom I had seen in the

earlier vision, came swiftly to me at the time of the evening sacrifice. 22 He explained to me, "Daniel, I have come here to give you insight and understanding.

9] [Dan 10:18-19, 21 NLT] 18 Then the one who looked like a man touched me again, and I felt my strength returning. 19 "Don't be afraid," he said, "for you are very precious to God.

Peace! Be encouraged! Be strong!" ... 21 I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one helps me against these spirit princes except Michael, your spirit prince.

10] [Isa 30:21 NLT] 21 Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, "This is the way you should go," whether to the right or to the left.

### Section III

11] [Jhn 1:17 NLT] 17 God's unfailing love {grace} and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ.

12] [Luk 18:9-14 NLT] 9 Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: 10 "Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else. For I don't cheat, I don't sin, and I don't commit adultery. I'm certainly not like that tax collector! 12 I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.' 13 "But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.' 14 I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

13] [Phl 4:8 NLT] 8 dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

### Section IV

14] [Jam 2:14 NLT] 14 What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions?

15] [Mat 9:35 NLT] 35 Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness.

16] [Jhn 10:23-25, 37-38 NLT] 23 He was in the Temple, walking through the section known as Solomon's Colonnade. 24 The people surrounded him and asked, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." 25 Jesus replied, "I have already told you, and you don't believe me. The proof is the work I do in my Father's name. ... 37 Don't believe me unless I carry out my Father's work. 38 But if I do his work, believe in the evidence of the miraculous works I have done, even if you don't believe me. Then you will know and understand that the Father is in me, and I am in the Father."

17] [Jhn 14:12 NLT] 12 "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done,

### Section V

18] [Jhn 8:32 NLT] 32 And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

19] [Act 3:1-9 NLT] 1 Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. 2 As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money. 4 Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" 5 The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. 6 But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the

name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" 7 Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. 8 He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them. 9 All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God.

#### Section VI

20] [Act 5:12, 15-21, 25, 27-29, 34-35, 38-39, 42 NLT] 12 The apostles were performing many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. ... 15 As a result of the apostles' work, sick people were brought out into the streets on beds and mats so that Peter's shadow might fall across some of them as he went by. 16 Crowds came from the villages around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those possessed by evil spirits, and they were all healed. 17 The high priest and his officials, who were Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. 18 They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. 19 But an angel of the Lord came at night, opened the gates of the jail, and brought them out. Then he told them, 20 "Go to the Temple and give the people this message of life!" 21 So at daybreak the apostles entered the Temple, as they were told, and immediately began teaching. When the high priest and his officials arrived, they convened the high council--the full assembly of the elders of Israel. Then they sent for the apostles to be brought from the jail for trial. ... 25 Then someone arrived with startling news: "The men you put in jail are standing in the Temple, teaching the people!" ... 27 Then they brought the apostles before the high council, where the high priest confronted them. 28 "Didn't we tell you never again to teach in this man's name?" he demanded. 29 But Peter and the apostles replied, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ... 34 But one member, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, who was an expert in religious law and respected by all the people, stood up and ordered that the men be sent outside the council chamber for a while. 35 Then he said to his colleagues, "Men of Israel, take care what you are planning to do to these men! ... 38 " leave these men alone. Let them go. If they are planning and doing these things merely on their own, it will soon be overthrown. 39 But if it is from God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You may even find yourselves fighting against God!" ... 42 And every day, in the Temple and from house to house, they continued to teach and preach this message: "Jesus is the Messiah."

#### Section VII

21] [1Jo 2:21 NLT] 21 So I am writing to you not because you don't know the truth but because you know the difference between truth and lies.

22] [2Jo 1:1-4 NLT] 1 This letter is from John, the elder. I am writing to the chosen lady and to her children, whom I love in the truth--as does everyone else who knows the truth-- 2 because the truth lives in us and will be with us forever. 3 Grace, mercy, and peace, which come from God the Father and from Jesus Christ--the Son of the Father--will continue to be with us who live in truth and love. 4 How happy I was to meet some of your children and find them living according to the truth, just as the Father commanded.

23] [Psa 119:30, 45 NLT] 30 I have chosen to be faithful; I have determined to live by your regulations. ... 45 I will walk in freedom, for I have devoted myself to your commandments.

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