



Weekly Bible Study Resources

Bible verse translations for your weekly study

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Mortals and Immortals**

Golden Text

Job 29:14 (to :) NLT - Everything I did was honest. Righteousness covered me like a robe,

CEB - I put on justice, and it clothed me, righteousness as my coat and turban;

Responsive Reading

II Timothy 1:1–5, 7–10 NLT - This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. I have been sent out to tell others about the life he has promised through faith in Christ Jesus. **2** I am writing to Timothy, my dear son.**3** Timothy, I thank God for you—the God I serve with a clear conscience, just as my ancestors did. Night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. **4** I long to see you again, for I remember your tears as we parted. And I will be filled with joy when we are together again. **5** I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you. **7** For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. **8** So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me, either, even though I'm in prison for him. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News. **9** For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. **10** And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News.

II Tim 1:7 AMP – God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm *and* well-balanced mind *and* discipline *and* self-control.

PHIL - God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power and love and a sound mind.

NRSV - ---for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

NLT - For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

CEB - God didn't give us a spirit that is timid but one that is powerful, loving, and self-controlled.

MSG - God doesn't want us to be shy with his gifts, but bold and loving and sensible.

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Section 1

1 | II Corinthians 5:4 *we* NLT - we live in these earthly bodies, we groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and get rid of these bodies that clothe us. Rather, we want to put on our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by life.

2 | I Corinthians 15:51–53 NLT - But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! 52 It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed.

3 | Ephesians 4:22 *put, 24 put* NLT - 22 throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. 24 Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

CEB - 22 change the former way of life that was part of the person you once were, corrupted by deceitful desires. ²⁴ and clothe yourself with the new person created according to God's image in justice and true holiness.

MSG - everything—and I do mean everything—connected with that old way of life has to go. It's rotten through and through. Get rid of it! And then take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you.

PHIL - what you learned was to fling off the dirty clothes of the old way of living, which were rotted through and through with lust's illusions, and, 24 to put on the clean fresh clothes of the new life which was made by God's design for righteousness and the holiness which is no illusion.

AMP - 24...put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God's image, [Godlike] in true righteousness and holiness.

4 | Romans 8:6, 16 NLT - 6 So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

Section 2

5 | Jonah 1:1–7, 10, 12, 15, 17 MSG - One day long ago, God's Word came to Jonah, Amittai's son: 2 "Up on your feet and on your way to the big city of Nineveh! Preach to them. They're in a bad way and I can't ignore it any longer." 3 But Jonah got up and went the other direction to Tarshish, running away from God. He went down to the port of Joppa and found a ship headed for Tarshish. He paid the fare and went on board, joining those going to Tarshish - as far away from God as he could get. 4 But God sent a huge storm at sea, the waves towering. 5 The sailors were terrified. They called out in desperation to their gods. They threw everything they were carrying overboard to lighten the ship. Meanwhile, Jonah had gone down into the hold of the ship to take a nap. He was sound asleep. 6 The captain came to him and said, "What's this? Sleeping! Get up! Pray to your god! Maybe your god will see we're in trouble and rescue us." 7 Then the sailors said to one another, "Let's get to the bottom of this. Let's draw straws to identify the culprit on this ship who's responsible for this disaster." So they drew straws. Jonah got the short straw. 10 At that, the men were frightened, really frightened, and said, "What on earth have you done!" As Jonah talked, the sailors realized that he was running away

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from God. 12 Jonah said, "Throw me overboard, into the sea. Then the storm will stop. It's all my fault. I'm the cause of the storm. Get rid of me and you'll get rid of the storm." 15 They took Jonah and threw him overboard. Immediately the sea was quieted down. 17 Then God assigned a huge fish to swallow Jonah. Jonah was in the fish's belly three days and nights.

Section 3

6 | Psalms 139:1, 7, 9, 10 NLT - O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. ⁷ I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! ⁹ If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me.

CEB – LORD, you have examined me. You know me. 7 Where could I go to get away from your spirit? Where could I go to escape your presence? 9 If I could fly on the wings of dawn, stopping to rest only on the far side of the ocean— 10 even there your hand would guide me; even there your strong hand would hold me tight!

7 | Jonah 2:1–3 (to ;), 4, 7, 9 I will, 10 MSG - Then Jonah prayed to his God from the belly of the fish. 2 He prayed: "In trouble, deep trouble, I prayed to God. He answered me. From the belly of the grave I cried, 'Help!' You heard my cry. 3 You threw me into ocean's depths, into a watery grave, 4 I said, 'I've been thrown away, thrown out, out of your sight. I'll never again lay eyes on your Holy Temple.' 7 When my life was slipping away, I remembered God, And my prayer got through to you, made it all the way to your Holy Temple. 9 But I'm worshiping you, God, calling out in thanksgiving! And I'll do what I promised I'd do! Salvation belongs to God!" 10 Then God spoke to the fish, and it vomited up Jonah on the seashore.

Section 4

8 | Jonah 3:1 the, 2, 4–8, 10 (to 1st ;) MSG - Next, God spoke to Jonah a second time: 2 "Up on your feet and on your way to the big city of Nineveh! Preach to them. They're in a bad way and I can't ignore it any longer." 4 Jonah entered the city, went one day's walk and preached, "In forty days Nineveh will be smashed." 5 The people of Nineveh listened, and trusted God. They proclaimed a citywide fast and dressed in burlap to show their repentance. Everyone did it - rich and poor, famous and obscure, leaders and followers. 6 When the message reached the king of Nineveh, he got up off his throne, threw down his royal robes, dressed in burlap, and sat down in the dirt. 7 Then he issued a public proclamation throughout Nineveh, authorized by him and his leaders: "Not one drop of water, not one bite of food for man, woman, or animal, including your herds and flocks! 8 Dress them all, both people and animals, in burlap, and send up a cry for help to God. Everyone must turn around, turn back from an evil life and the violent ways that stain their hands. 10 God saw what they had done, that they had turned away from their evil lives.

Section 5

9 | Matthew 14:14 Jesus, 35, 36 NLT - 14 Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. **35** When the people recognized Jesus, the news of his arrival spread quickly throughout the whole area, and soon people were bringing all their sick to be healed. ³⁶ They begged him to let the sick touch at least the fringe of his robe, and all who touched him were healed.

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10 | Matthew 9:16, 17 NLT - 16 Besides, who would patch old clothing with new cloth? For the new patch would shrink and rip away from the old cloth, leaving an even bigger tear than before. ¹⁷ “And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the old skins would burst from the pressure, spilling the wine and ruining the skins. New wine is stored in new wineskins so that both are preserved.”

11 | II Corinthians 5:17 *if* anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

Section 6

12 | Psalms 93:1 (to ;) **NLT** - The Lord is king! He is robed in majesty.

13 | Isaiah 61:10 MSG – I will sing for joy in God, explode in praise from deep in my soul!

CEB - I surely rejoice in the LORD; my heart is joyful because of my God, because he has because he has clothed me with clothes of victory, wrapped me in a robe of righteousness like a bridegroom in a priestly crown, and like a bride adorned in jewelry. wrapped me in a robe of righteousness like a bridegroom in a priestly crown, and like a bride adorned in jewelry.

NLT - I am overwhelmed with joy in the Lord my God! For he has dressed me with the clothing of salvation and draped me in a robe of righteousness.

14 | Revelation 7:12 Blessing (to 1st .) **NLT** - Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength belong to our God forever and ever!

15 | Romans 6:23 the gift God’s gift is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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