

WISDOM FROM GOD

An open Bible is shown from a top-down perspective, lying flat. The pages are filled with text, and several horizontal lines of text are highlighted in vibrant colors: green, orange, red, and blue. A yellow highlighter is positioned vertically across the center of the open book, resting on the pages. The background is dark and out of focus, emphasizing the Bible and the highlighter.

a look into
influential Bible passages and themes

Today's Scripture Reading:

PSALM 1



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THE BLESSED MAN

PSALM 1





"As Tim's influence grew over the years, so did his dependence on the hidden, ordinary graces of daily Scripture reading and prayer. He maintains, at age 66, a youthful posture of learning that has him reading about 150 books per year. **His long-time habit is to pray through Psalms every month and read the entire Bible every year.**"

« **SCOTT SAULS** / "A Tribute to Tim Keller"

"Psalm 1 is a gate-keeper to the entire Bible, and especially a gatekeeper to the book of Psalms. Its principles are extremely basic to everything in the Psalter, and in the Bible. "

« **REV. TIM KELLER**

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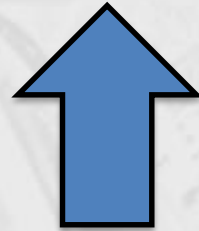
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“happy, satisfied”

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ASHAR • אָשַׁר

“to make straight;
to go on; to advance”

PSALM 2:12

PSALM 34:9

PSALM 41:1

PSALM 65:4

PSALM 84:12

PSALM 89:15

PSALM 106:3

PSALM 112:1

PSALM 127:5

PSALM 128:1

PSALM 144:15

**"A genuine joy,
independent of
circumstances,
and produced
by confidence
and faith in
God"**

MATTHEW 5:1-13

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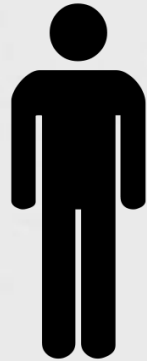


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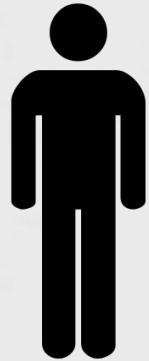
"The 'walk-stand-sit' sequence envisions a progression from relatively casual association with the wicked to **complete identification** with them."

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" **Blessed** is the man who remains steadfast under trial...each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own **desire**. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to **sin**, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth **death**."

« **JAMES 1:12, 14-15**

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ASSOCIATION

VS.

ASSIMILATION

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"For many people, thinking and feeling are like oil and water. They repulse each other. Yet, **God has given us minds** and demanded we use them in understanding and applying his Word. And **God has given us emotions**, which are equally essential and which he commands we vigorously engage in his service.

If we neglect the mind, we will drift into all sorts of doctrinal error. And if we neglect the heart, we will be dead while we yet live, no matter how right our creed may be. **Let us be clear in our heads and warm in our hearts. Let us feel with all our might and think with all our might.** "

« **PASTOR JOHN PIPER**

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ABIDES





DISCERNs



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A sky with birds flying over a landscape. The sky is a mix of blue and white, with several birds in flight. Below the sky, the tops of trees with green and yellow leaves are visible.

PERSEVERES

A tree with green and yellow leaves. The tree is the central focus, with its branches and leaves filling most of the frame. The colors suggest a transition between seasons.

DISCERNIS

A landscape with a river, grass, and a tree. In the foreground, there is a river with water flowing over rocks. To the right, there is a large patch of tall, golden-brown grass. In the background, a tree with green and yellow leaves stands on a grassy bank.

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"In this you **rejoice**, though now for a little while, if necessary, **you have been grieved** by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

« **1 PETER 1:6**

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"Pippin glanced in some wonder at the face now close beside his own, for the sound of that laugh had been gay and merry. Yet in the wizard's face **he saw at first only lines of care and sorrow**. Though, as he looked on more intently, **he perceived that under all there was a great joy**: a fountain of mirth enough to set a kingdom laughing, were it to gush forth. "

« **J.R.R. TOLKIEN** / "The Lord of the Rings: the Return of the King"

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ALLEGIANCE



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MY HAPPINESS

“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans pursue all these things, and your Heavenly Father knows that you need them. **But seek first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness,** and all these things will be added unto you.”

« **MATTHEW 6:32-33**

"And the son said to him, 'Father, **I have sinned against heaven and before you.** I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants...'Let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.'"

« **LUKE 15:21-24**

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→ THE PATH OF THE RIGHTEOUS

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, '**I never knew you**; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'"

« MATTHEW 7:21-23



“The Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field,
which a man found and covered up. Then, in his joy, he goes
and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

« **MATTHEW 13:44**

