
TAKING THE **WHOLE WORD** TO THE **WHOLE WORLD**



WHEN LIFE'S *PRESSURES*
BEAR DOWN ON YOU,
YOU HAVE THE *LIVING,*
victorious Christ
AVAILABLE TO YOU.

J. VERNON MCGEE





WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD

WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN?

Dr. J. Vernon McGee

Many people talk about heaven, but not everybody who talks about heaven is going to heaven.

The question I want to ask you today is, *Why do you want to go to heaven?* Is the idea to miss hell? That's not an unworthy motive, but may I say to you that if you go to heaven, you are going to find yourself either getting down on your face or getting up, worshiping the triune God and especially the Lord Jesus Christ. If you find worship boring down here and you are not interested in worshiping the Lord Jesus and expressing your heart's desire to Him, why in the world do you want to go to heaven? We are going to spend a lot of time up there worshiping Him.

Fellowship with Christ Jesus is the reason we should want to go to heaven.

He's also the only way we are to make it down here. My friend, have you figured out just how much you need the Lord today? When Satan's pressures bear down on you, you have the living, victorious Christ available to you. I don't know what I would do without Him. Oh, that you and I might come to know Him better and that He might occupy a greater place in our lives day by day!

I am convinced in my own experience that the Lord Jesus Christ *in person* is the answer to my life's greatest problems today. When I see plaques with the motto "Jesus is the Answer," I always say it depends on what the question is. But certainly He is the answer to problems for which we are trying to work out our solutions by some humanized method. People will try to convince you to follow their little legal system guaranteed to solve the problems of your personal life, your home, your work, and your church, whatever. I doubt there ever was a day in which there was so much "self-help" teaching in all of these areas, yet there is less victorious living in believers' daily experience.

What is the real problem today? We don't need a method; we need Christ. We need to know Him in a meaningful way. Better and better as the days go by. We need to draw closer to Him.

I WANT TO KNOW JESUS

When Jesus prayed for us on the night He was betrayed, the night before He gave Himself up as our Substitute, He said, "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent" (John 17:3).

When we first come to Christ and receive Him as our Savior from sin, we have started to school. When we begin to know Him, we are in kindergarten and we progress over our life in God, growing in our knowledge of Him, experientially, becoming more thoroughly acquainted with Him, understanding the remarkable wonders of His Person more completely. From one degree to the next we progress.

Since I have retired from the pastorate, I have set before me a goal: I want to know Jesus better every day. I get up every morning, look out the window, and say, "Lord, thank You for bringing me to another day. I love You,

Lord Jesus, but, oh, You seem to be so far away at times. I want to know You. May the Spirit of God make You real to me.” The name Jesus—oh, what it means, and what a person He is!

I WANT TO KNOW OTHERS BETTER

Not only will we come to know the Lord better throughout eternity, we are also going to get to know one another better. I really don't think we know each other as we should. I find, at times, that I am greatly misunderstood. I make certain statements on the radio, and then I receive letters that almost shock me. It is difficult to understand how I could have been that misunderstood.

But in heaven we are going to know as we are known. I think that will be good. Also, we will know ourselves. And we are going to know our loved ones.

One summer when I tried to recuperate from an illness by resting, it allowed me time to sit on my patio with my wife and get acquainted with her. It was quite wonderful. I discovered the sacrifices that she has made and her faithfulness down through the years. And I think I am *really* going to get acquainted with her in heaven.



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for free here.

My friend, how glorious heaven is going to be! Even in this earthly life down here we find that when we grow in our love for Christ, we also grow in our love for each other.

MY TURN

Ask yourself, *Why do I want to go to heaven?* As you ponder that question, think of your relationship with Jesus Christ. If you want to be with Him in heaven, begin your relationship here and now.

I WANT TO KNOW HIM MORE

Read and meditate on Philippians 3:8-10:

“But more than that, I count everything as loss compared to the priceless privilege and supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord [and of growing more deeply and thoroughly acquainted with Him—a joy unequalled]. For His sake I have lost everything, and I consider it all garbage, so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him [believing and relying on Him], not having any righteousness of my own derived from [my obedience to] the Law and its rituals, but [possessing] that [genuine righteousness] which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith. And this, so that I may know Him [experientially, becoming more thoroughly acquainted with Him, understanding the remarkable wonders of His Person more completely] and [in that same way experience] the power of His resurrection” (AMP)

I WANT TO LOVE HIM MORE

Dr. McGee asks, “When was the last time you told Jesus you love Him? He has said He loves you, and you ought to tell Him that in return.”

In whatever way is personally best for you, express your love to the Lord Jesus. It could be by singing Him a song/hymn, by writing Him a letter in your prayer journal, by making something for Him, or by sharing your love for Him with someone else. Why not take a walk or a car ride—just you and the Lord. Imagine Him with you. Tell Him how you feel about Him. Worship Him in spirit and in truth ... and include your heart in your expression.

A MODERN-DAY APOSTLE PAUL

Recently we heard this story from one of our partners in the Middle East* and couldn't wait to share it with you.


Our partner writes,

"In Scripture we come across one Paul, a one-of-a-kind minister of the gospel. And yet, if I were to consider one person that would resemble Paul, it would be the face and name of Fadi.

"This young man from 'country X' lived in 'country Y' and had made a good life for himself ... until the day he questioned Islam. That landed Fadi in jail with an eight-year sentence. His property was seized—cars, trucks, and his bank account stripped of millions of dollars, everything that was in his name was gone. Not only that, they whipped Fadi's frail body with 800 lashes and threw him out of the country.

"After prison, friends smuggled Fadi back into 'country Y' to be with his wife and five kids. His wife owned a supermarket where they had hid stacks of gold bars.

"Once back at home, Fadi started watching *Kol El Ketab* and there the Word of God satisfied his questions that for years had nipped at his heart. Now he had a name—Jesus Christ—attached to the answers. He believed on that name and gave his life to Christ.

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 [YOUTUBE.COM/KOLELKETAB](https://www.youtube.com/kolelketab)

"By then the authorities caught up with Fadi. They seized his wife's supermarket and the hidden gold. They threw Fadi back in jail with more lashes.

"But this time, prison was a mission field. Fadi used whatever money he could scrounge and paid \$7,000 for a contraband cellphone to continue to watch *Kol El Ketab*. Now, he invited other prisoners to watch with him and, eventually, he led nine to the Lord and baptized them. Yes, the new believers inside a jail in 'country Y' were baptized! Incredible, yet true.

"All this was only the beginning of a difficult but more than marvelous journey of faith, of hardship, of joy.

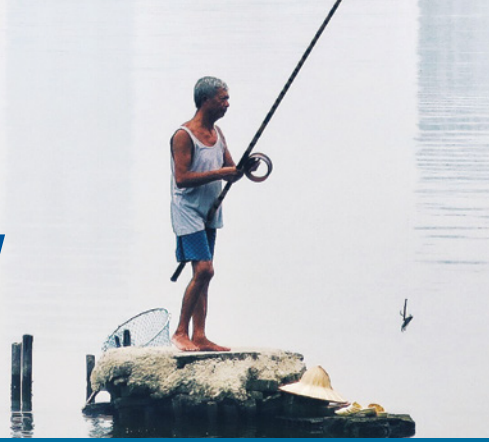
"We moved Fadi and his family to another country and continue to provide for their needs.

"So, what is Fadi doing now? If ever there was a convert who had a heart for his people, it is Fadi. He has led as many as 40 of his countrymen to the Lord, mostly refugees like him. He also uses remote electronic communication to tell his countrymen back home about the Lord Jesus. He uses FaceTime to lead a house church. He keeps up with the new believers in 'country Y' and disciples them on Facebook, etc. Fadi also prepares weekly talks that air on TWR. And of course, the house church and the discipleship program he leads all watch *Kol El Ketab*.

"Please ask the Lord to protect Fadi. Many want him dead, including his parents. He is often questioned by the secret service in this new country, and of course he never shies away from presenting the gospel. He's been warned of his former country's plots to kidnap or kill him. Also ask the Lord to guard his family and Fadi's zeal for the gospel.

"This is an incredible young man, and the story goes on. Please intercede for this modern Paul and for the glory to be all to God."

*For their security, names and locations have been changed.



DHAN IN VIETNAM TELLS US WHY HE LOVES THE BIBLE

So you may walk in the way of goodness, and keep to the paths of righteousness. –Proverbs 2:20

Complex, diverse, and compelling. That's how many describe the country of Vietnam.

Welcome, prayer travelers. As we make our way through the streets of Hanoi lined with motorbikes and hike the evergreen hills around Bac Ha, we stop in between and meet with Dahn, a fellow listener who has traveled quite a distance to meet with us and tell us why he loves God's Word.

"I live in a rural area where there is no church. A pastor visits regularly, but because of Covid-19 we have not seen Him much. Your program keeps me growing in the Lord. I have learned many things as I listen.

"During this time, people in my village have abandoned their former way of life and participate in evil practices, such as drinking to get drunk, burning charms, and worshipping ancestors. But

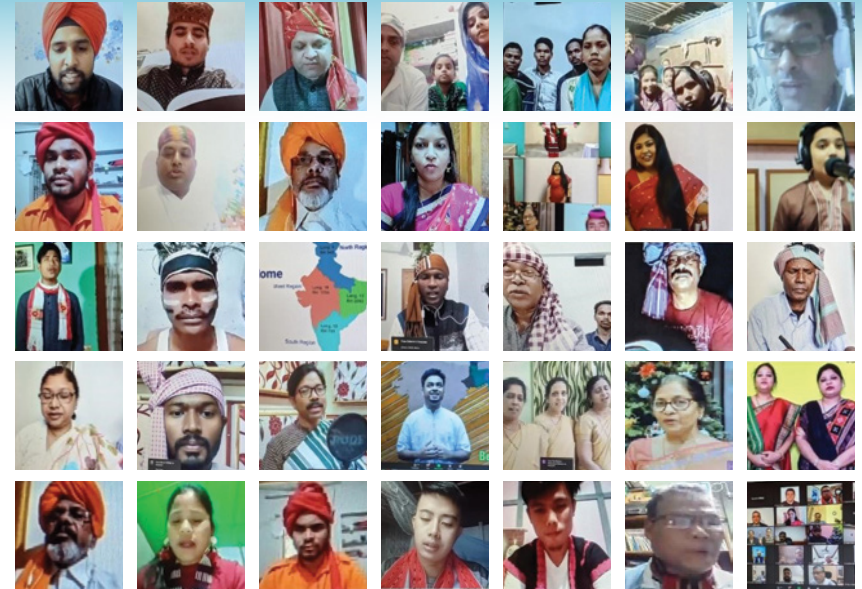
God's Word helps me walk in the path of righteousness. As I study the Bible, day by day my faith is strengthened and my heart is softened. Like it says in Proverbs 2:20, I pray to walk in the way of goodness."

Praise God for Dhan and others who are faithful to Him in Vietnam. Pray more people in remote areas of Southeastern Asia will hear His Word and walk away from their evil practices and turn to the paths of righteousness.

This is an example of the email our World Prayer Team receives every weekday. Together, we are traveling the world on our knees, interceding for one country at a time. We invite you to join us in covering the entire earth with prayer every year.

GO TO [TTB.ORG/PRAY](https://ttb.org/pray) TO SIGN UP.

What's Happening at THRU the BIBLE



CELEBRATION IN INDIA FROM GREGG HARRIS

Yesterday, I got up at 3AM to participate in the most extraordinary Zoom call ... TWR-India held an international virtual Christmas celebration. At one point, there were 550 participants on the call (22 screens of Zoom pictures)!

SOME HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Bible was read in more than 80 languages
- There was singing of carols in many languages
- There was a presentation of TTB-India's vision for the future
- I had the unique privilege of offering a prayer of dedication for the newly launched app (funded by TTB-Canada) that will serve TTB Home Groups in more than 90 languages.

ALL I CAN SAY IS WOW!





THRU the BIBLE

Until We're All Home

A WORD FROM GREGG HARRIS

This month marks the end of our 5-year journey through the whole Word of God—our 10th trip. This April, we'll begin the 11th trip. Many of you have been on several of these complete tours—and some have been on all 10. (We'd love to hear from you, by the way! Tell us all about your journeys.)

As we finish up our time in the book of Revelation, our studies grow very solemn. A tragedy is coming ... not for us who know Jesus as our Savior, but for a world that rejects Him. There will be no escape from the judgments that will descend on the earth. As sorrowful as it should make us feel, Dr. McGee tells us it should do more than that—"It not only ought to affect our hearts, it ought also to affect our wills and our feet to start us moving to get the Word of God out to the world. That is our solemn responsibility."

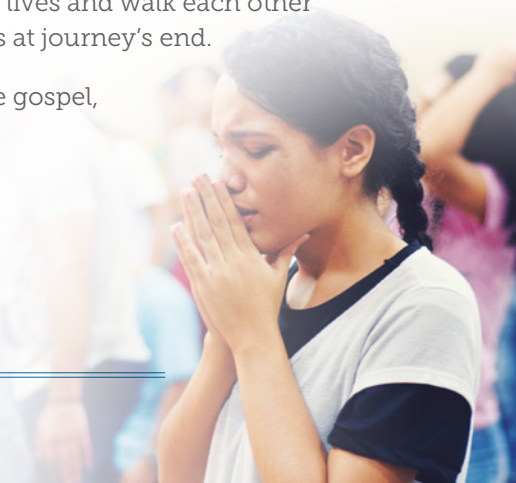
We do consider it our solemn responsibility to get out the Word of God while we can. I know you feel the same way. We thank God for your partnership in prayer and for the privilege we have of watching Him work in hearts around the globe. We're going to do this together for as long as we can. Because we're not home yet.

Until then, the Bible Bus will continue our journey through the peaks and valleys of the whole Word of God. We'll call out to whoever will listen and encourage each other on with God. In so doing, we testify to God's power in and through our lives and walk each other home, safely into the arms of Jesus at journey's end.

Grateful for your partnership in the gospel,

Gregg Harris
THRU the BIBLE, President

*We've got your seat saved on the Bible Bus. See you in the new journey, beginning April 2.



WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?

Join in the studies on *Thru the Bible* APRIL 2-15 or anytime online, by podcast, or by mobile app.

Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law. —Psalm 119:18

"There are certain guidelines each of us should follow relative to the Word of God. I guarantee that if you will follow these guidelines, blessing will come to your heart and life. Here are seven very simple, yet basic, preliminary steps that will guide you in the study of God's Word."

—J. Vernon McGee

- ① Begin with prayer
- ④ Meditate on the Bible
- ⑥ Obey the Bible
- ② Read the Bible
- ⑤ Read what others have written on the Bible
- ⑦ Pass it on to others
- ③ Study the Bible

THE BIBLE:

KNOW IT IN YOUR HEAD
STOW IT IN YOUR HEART
SHOW IT IN YOUR LIFE
SOW IT IN THE WORLD.



God told us to be witnesses. He didn't say we should be scholars, walking encyclopedias, or memory books. **Do not bury God's truth in a notebook.** Someone has said that education is a process by which information in the professor's notebook is transferred to the student's notebook, without passing through the mind of either. Well, there is a great deal of Bible truth like that. It isn't practiced, not shared. **We are called to be witnesses today, therefore we ought to pass it on to others.**

I learned this lesson when I was in seminary. I pastored a little church, as did five other fellows, and we found that when we were graduated, we were at least a year ahead of the other members of the class. Why? Because we were smarter than the others? No. **Because we were passing it on. God was able to funnel into us a great deal more than He might have otherwise.**

My friend, pass it on.



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