

INTRODUCING THE DAILY BIBLE COMMENTARY SERIES

A Guide for Reflection and Prayer

Congratulations! You are embarking on a voyage of discovery—or re-discovery. You may feel you know the Bible very well; you may never have turned its pages before. You may be looking for a fresh way of approaching daily Bible study; you may be searching for useful insights to share in a study group or from a pulpit.

The Daily Bible Commentary series is designed for all those who want to study the Scriptures in a way that will warm the heart as well as instruct the mind.

- If you have never really studied the Bible before, the series offers a serious yet accessible way in.
- If you want to have both head and heart knowledge of the Bible, the series helps you first understand what the Bible is saying and then reflect on its meaning in your life and in the way you pray.
- If you help to lead a church study group, or are otherwise involved in regular preaching and teaching, you can find invaluable “snapshots” of a Bible passage through the Daily Bible Commentary approach.
- If you are a church worker or pastor, looking to recharge your faith, this series could help you recover the wonder of Scripture.

To help you, the series distills the best of scholarly insights into straightforward language and devotional emphasis. Explanation of background material and discussion of the original Greek and Hebrew will always aim to be brief.

Using a Daily Bible Commentary

The series is designed for use alongside any version of the Bible. You may have your own favorite translation, but you might like to consider trying a different one in order to gain fresh perspectives on familiar passages.

Many Bible translations come in a range of editions, including study and reference editions that have concordances, various kinds of special indexes, maps, and marginal notes. These can all prove helpful in studying the relevant passage.

The Daily Bible Commentaries are designed to be used on a daily basis, with you reading a short passage from the Bible and then learning more about it from the commentary entry. Alternatively, it can be read straight through, or it can be used as a resource book for insight into particular verses of the biblical book.

While it is important to deepen our understanding of a given passage, this series always aims to engage both heart and mind in the study of the Bible. The Scriptures point to our Lord himself and our task is to use them to build our relationship with him. When we read, let us do so prayerfully, slowly, reverently, expecting God to speak to our very being.