

Prophets and People

Bible Knowledge, Part 2

☑ **Target: Follow Bible principles!**

Key Verses

John 8:31b–32—If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. (32) And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Philippians 3:13–14—I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, (14) I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Suggested Bible Reading

- ☐ Psalms: 18 (God’s deliverance); 119 (the Word); 46 and 121 (help in trouble)
- ☐ God’s people who were heroes because of their faith: Hebrews 11
- ☐ A victory won through prayer and praise, not self-strength: 2 Chronicles 20

Other Recommended Reading

- ☐ “Fulfilled Bible Prophecies” in the book *Understanding God’s Word* (pages 80–87)

Prayer and Praise: “We Praise You, Lord, For Your Help!”

(Based on Psalm 145)

We will extol You, our God, O King; and we will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day we will bless You, and we will praise Your name forever and ever.

Great are You, and greatly to be praised; and Your greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.

We shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, and we will declare Your greatness. They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, and shall sing of Your righteousness.

You are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. You are good to all, and Your tender mercies are over all Your works.

All Your works shall praise You, O Lord, and Your saints shall bless You. They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and talk of Your power, to make known to the sons of men Your mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of Your kingdom.

You uphold all who fall, and raise up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look expectantly to You, and You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

You are righteous in all Your ways, gracious in all Your works.

You are near to all who call upon You, to all who call upon You in truth. You will fulfill the desire of those who fear You; You also will hear their cry and save them.

You preserve all who love You, but all the wicked You will destroy. My mouth shall speak Your praise, and all flesh shall bless Your holy name forever and ever.

Meditation: God's Strength, Not Your Own

You must learn to live in the Lord's strength; you cannot live in your own!

If you try to do the Master's work without the Master's power, you're tackling an impossible task! You cannot strive and wrest in your own strength. You must look to the Lord in very earnest prayer for the strength and the spirit and inspiration to help you through, or you're apt to wear yourself out.

It's like the story of the small boy who was trying very hard to lift a heavy object when his father came into the room and asked him, "Are you using all your strength?" "Yes, of course I am," the boy impatiently exclaimed. "No, you're not," the father answered, "you haven't asked me to help you!"

Even a little help from Jesus is a bigger help than everybody else can give you! A little help from the Lord is the biggest help you can get! And that's all the help we need, just a little help from Jesus. Just a little help from Jesus will make it right, all right! Without Him you're nothing, but with Him you're everything! (John 15:5; Philippians 4:13).

"Give me a task too big, too hard for human hands, then shall I come at length to lean on You, and leaning find my strength" (Attributed to Witt Fowler).

<To think about> *Do you pray and ask the Lord to help you before beginning a task?*

Quiz: True or False?

(Look up the references to check your answers.)

1. The Bible contains countless prophecies. Many have been fulfilled. (2 Peter 1:21)
2. Studying fulfilled prophecies in the Bible is a great faith increaser. (John 13:19)
3. The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem was predicted hundreds of years before it happened. (Micah 5:2)
4. The characters we read about in the Bible made mistakes. (Romans 3:23)
5. The apostle Paul did not count himself as having attained perfection. (Philippians 3:13)
6. To serve God successfully, we should depend on the Lord's strength, not our own. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)
7. When faced with difficult tasks, if we call on the Lord, He will help us. (Jeremiah 33:3)