

Today's Bible Verses

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Today's 4 verses are David's request of God to protect him from evil and sinful men.

"Yahweh, set up a guard for my mouth; keep watch at the door of my lips."
Psalms 141:3 (1 of 4 for Oct 20)

"Do not let my heart turn to any evil thing or perform wicked acts with men who commit sin."
Psalms 141:4 (2 of 4 for Oct 20)

"Protect me from the trap they have set for me, and from the snares of evildoers."
Psalms 141:9 (3 of 4 for Oct 20)

"Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I pass by safely."
Psalms 141:10 (4 of 4 for Oct 20)

(ALL VERSES ARE EXCERPTED FROM THE HOLMAN CHRISTIAN STANDARD BIBLE, HCSB.)

The Bible verses in the box above are this day's verses which I selected for my daily posting on both [FACEBOOK](#) and [TWITTER](#).

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ADDITIONAL VERSES:

**JESUS OF NAZARETH IS MESSIAH:
OT PROPHECIES AND THEIR NT FULFILLMENT**

Then Jesus told them, "Everything written about Me
in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

LUKE 24: 44

**Messiah / Christ:
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace
— King of Kings and Lord of Lords —**

Part 1: "You are a Priest Forever after the Order of Melchizedek"

I began this series of "Additional Verses," in which we have studied the Messianic prophecies and their fulfillment, 46 days ago, on 4 September 2018. Since that time, we

have together read 108 such OT prophecies, and more NT fulfillments than I care to go back and count!

With this issue of the *Daily Bible Verses* email edition, we come to the final section of OT Messianic prophecies – those finding fulfillment by Jesus of Nazareth **after** His death, resurrection, and ascension to Heaven. That will take us to where and Who He is today, on into the furthest reaches of the book of Revelation. By my count, we have 33 individual prophecies (including today's 3) remaining for this study.

As I began to put together this final section of who Messiah / Christ **is now and will be**, for some reason the motto "The Real Once and Future King" went through my mind. Novelist T.H. White wrote a popular book on the legend of King Arthur (1958) and gave it the English title *The Once and Future King*. That's the English translation of the supposed inscription on the tombstone of the fictional (so far as we know) King Arthur. White borrowed the phrase from the widely revered 15th century Arthurian romance *Le Morte d'Arthur*, in which Sir Thomas Malory quoted the "actual" Latin from Arthur's tomb as *rex quondam rexque futurus*.

At the end of His earthly ministry, Jesus the Christ told His followers that "all authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (Matthew 28:18). From that time, He was truly our King (as we will explore in this last section of OT Messianic prophecies), and NT prophecies assure us that He is destined to come again and rule eternally as our King and High Priest. **Messiah / Christ clearly is the Real Once and Future King.**

"Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Eternal Father," "Prince of Peace," "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" — these are powerful descriptions of the One Whom the Hebrew OT calls Messiah and the Greek NT calls Christ. In this last section of Messianic prophecies, we will work through the remaining aspects of what is revealed about Messiah, Jesus the Christ – from now, to His second coming, the Kingdom of God, and into eternity.

We begin with a brief look at something the author of the Book of Hebrews thought was one of the most important parts of the office of Messiah, which is serving as our High Priest "in the order of Melchizedek." Who, you may ask, is or was **Melchizedek**? You will see below his one entrance into the narrative of the Bible in Genesis 14, where he encounters Abram (Abraham).

If our knowledge of him stopped there, he would be little more than a footnote in the rich and varied story of God's friend Abraham. But in the Book of Hebrews, we find this amazing "King of Salem" and "priest to God Most High" (as Melchizedek was described in Genesis) was also "without father, mother, or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, [and] resembling the Son of God." Whom, I might ask, does this make him sound like? And is there any chance that this was not done on purpose by the author of Hebrews?

There is not nearly enough space here to go through all that the Book of Hebrews tells about Christ as our "High Priest" (entire books have been written on the subject!), so I send you to the first chapters of the book to learn how important this aspect of Messiah's mission has been and will be.

MESSIAH WOULD BE A HIGH PRIEST LIKE MELCHIZEDEK

[OT] Then Melchizedek, king of Salem [*translator's note*: Jerusalem], brought out bread and wine; he was a priest to God Most High. [Genesis 14:18]

[OT] Yahweh has sworn an oath and will not take it back: "Forever, You are a priest like Melchizedek." [Psalm 110:4]

[OT] Yes, He will build Yahweh's temple; He will be clothed in splendor and will sit on His throne and rule. There will also be a priest on His throne, and there will be peaceful counsel between the two of them. [Zechariah 6:13]

JESUS WAS MADE A HIGH PRIEST IN THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK

[NT] In the same way, the Messiah did not exalt Himself to become a high priest, but the One who said to Him, **You are My Son; today I have become Your Father**, also said in another passage, **You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek**. After He was perfected, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him, and He was declared by God a high priest in the order of **Melchizedek**. [Hebrews 5:5–6, 9–10]

[NT] Jesus has entered there on our behalf as a forerunner, because He has become a high priest forever in the order of Melchizedek. [Hebrews 6:20]

JESUS SEEMS TO BEAR A STRONG RESEMBLANCE TO MELCHIZEDEK

[NT] For this **Melchizedek** —

King of Salem, priest of the Most High God,
who met Abraham and blessed him
as he returned from defeating the kings,
and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything;
first, his name means king of righteousness,
then also, king of Salem,
meaning king of peace;
without father, mother, or genealogy,
having neither beginning of days nor end of life,
but resembling the Son of God —

remains a priest forever.

Now consider how great this man was — even Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the plunder to him! [Hebrews 7:1–4]

JESUS BECAME OUR HIGH PRIEST THROUGH THE DECREE OF GOD HIS FATHER

[NT] If then, perfection came through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there for another priest to appear, said to be in the order of Melchizedek and not in the order of Aaron?

And this becomes clearer if another priest like Melchizedek appears, who did not become a priest based on a legal command concerning physical descent but based on the power of an indestructible life. For it has been testified:

**You are a priest forever
in the order of Melchizedek.**

None of this happened without an oath. For others became priests without an oath, but He became a priest with an oath made by the One who said to Him:

**The Lord has sworn,
and He will not change His mind,
You are a priest forever.**

So Jesus has also become the guarantee of a better covenant.
[Hebrews 7:11,15–17,20–22]

JESUS WAS TESTED IN EVERY WAY AND COMMITTED NO SIN

[NT] Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens — Jesus the Son of God — let us hold fast to the confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tested in every way as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us at the proper time. [Hebrews 4:14–16]

111 OT PROPHECIES OF MESSIAH HAVE BEEN QUOTED HERE IN 47 ISSUES TO DATE.
(UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL SCRIPTURE IS QUOTED FROM HCSB)

NOTES ON PROPHECIES AND FULFILLMENTS: OT prophecies are consistently shown against the left margin, with their NT fulfillments indented immediately underneath. In order to be included, each “fulfillment” must have been described as such in the works of at least one Biblical scholar. Therefore, not every OT reference will be joined to a NT verse. (See my current References list for this series, found at bottom.)

USAGE OF THE NAME OF GOD

As I do in all my Daily and Additional Verses, whenever an OT passage contains the four-letter Name of God יהוה (transliteration: YHVH or YHWH), I change the translation from The LORD to Yahweh. I don’t do this for reasons of doctrine (*or because I think my prayers won’t be heard if I don’t pronounce God’s name correctly!*) – but simply because in the original Hebrew, **the word is a proper name.** (See Exodus 3:15 below.)

And as such, I believe to read the text in a way that uses a proper name (and not a title, like Lord) conveys more accurate information. Paul told us that “All Scripture is inspired by God,” and so why wouldn’t we want to read it the way He inspired it? While it is true that the correct pronunciation of YHWH has been lost, “Yahweh” is probably our era’s most commonly used equivalent.

God also said to Moses, "Say this to the Israelites: Yahweh, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever; this is how I am to be remembered in every generation." [Exodus 3:15]

*All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable
for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness,
so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 (HCSB)

The additional verses which are below the Daily Verses will only appear in these emails (which are also posted on some websites). The current series (begun September 4, 2018) of these "extra" verses codifies and examines the Old Testament prophecies of Messiah, and matches them with their New Testament fulfillment. The series begins with a structured look at the earliest OT Messianic prophecies, and then examines aspects of Christ's earthly ministry (e.g., birth, ministry, character, death, resurrection, etc.)

If you know of others who would like to receive these Daily Verses emails – free of charge, of course – just have them send me their email address.

I will never allow anyone but me to see or to use the email addresses entrusted to me, and I will use them only for the purpose of these Daily Verses. Promise.

–GBP2

How Did All of This Get Started?

In early 2017, I wrote a computer app that "knows" all 66 books and 1189 chapters which the Bible comprises. When run, it selects a totally random chapter in the Bible, and keeps track of the ones that have been selected. That way, I can work my way through all 1189 chapters, without the app ever giving me a duplicate.

I first used this for Bible study, and later decided that choosing one or more verses from each chapter would make a good series of Facebook posts.

I began posting them on December 8, 2017, and have been doing it daily ever since. I later added them to my Twitter account, and am now sending them by email, for those who prefer to get them this way.

If you do not wish to receive these daily emails, please feel free any time to hit "Reply" and tell me. I know that mailbox clutter is greatly annoying, and that is certainly not my intention for this!



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