

# Easy Bible meanings

## Good news about God, His Son and the Bible

### 1. God our Heavenly Father

God is the creator of all things. In the Bible, God is called our 'Heavenly Father'. We can be His children if we please him in our lives. God is also called 'Love' because of all the good things He does and promises to His children who obey His requirements and have true faith in Him.

Psa.103, 145:14-21; Isa.45:18; Matt.6:25-34; 1 John 4:7-21

### 2. God's Son Jesus Christ

Jesus is God's Son who was born to the virgin Mary 2000 years ago in Israel. Although Jesus was human like us He always pleased God and did not sin. Jesus' life was a perfect example of how we should live. The name 'Jesus' means, 'Saviour', the title 'Christ' means, 'anointed'.

Matt.1:20-23; Luke 2:8-14; John 3:16-17; Heb.2:14-18

### 3. Jesus is our Mediator

A mediator is one who requests a special favour for you. Jesus is now our mediator in heaven. If we are truly sorry for our sins, Jesus will request that God forgives us. Jesus is a good Mediator because during His life on earth he experienced the same temptations that we have in our lives.

Rom.8:34; 1 Tim.2:5; Heb.4:14-16, 7:25, 9:15, 12:24

### 4. God's Spirit Power

God's power is also called His 'Spirit' or 'Holy Spirit'. All life is created and kept alive by the power of God. If God took away His Spirit Power we would all die. Many times in the past God has used His Spirit Power to protect His obedient children and deliver them from harmful situations.

Gen.1:2; Psa.104:29-30; Mic.3:8; Acts 10:38, 12:5-19

### 5. God's Glory

In the past God has shown His Glory with miracles, visions, fire, earthquake, storm and bright light. When God shows His love for us that is also an example of His Glory. God has promised that in the future His Glory will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Num.14:21; Psa.72:18-19; Hab.2:14; John 11:4; Col.3:4

### 6. God's Name

God's name is difficult to pronounce because it appears in the original Hebrew language as, 'YHWH' with no vowels. God's name is presented as 'LORD' in our English Bibles. 'Yahweh' and 'Jehovah' are two suggested ways of spelling God's Name in the English language.

Gen.4:26, 12:8; Zech.14:9; Mal.3:16; Acts 15:17

### 7. God's angels

Angels are God's messengers. They are immortal beings who always carry out God's will. Angels offer protection to God's children. When Jesus returns He will be accompanied by His own personal angels. These angels will gather together God's children to be with Jesus.

Psa.34:7, 91:11-12, 103:20-21; Matt.25:31; Heb.1:14

### 8. God's knowledge

God's knowledge about His creation is unlimited (infinite). He also knows what will happen in the future. This is called 'foreknowledge'. God uses His unlimited foreknowledge to reveal to us important events that will happen in the future. We can read about these events in the Bible.

Job ch38 to ch41; Isa.42:9, 48:3-5, 55:8-11; Dan.2:20-23

### 9. The Holy Bible

The Holy Bible is God's Book. It is a collection of 66 books containing words of comfort, prophecy, poetry, history and instruction. It was written over a period of about 2000 years. The prophet Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible and the last book called Revelation was written around AD90.

Prov.30:5-6; Ezek.1:3; Rom.15:4; 2 Tim.3:16; Heb. 4:12

### 10. What is inspiration?

This is when God moves his chosen servants to either speak or write his word as a message for the benefit of others. God guided many men and prophets (inspired them) to write down messages teaching us how to live correctly and many other messages about the future (Bible prophecy).

Deut.18:18-22; Jer.1:1-10; 2 Tim.3:16; Rev.1:9-11

### 11. Bible Prophecy

True Prophecy is the ability to accurately predict what will happen in the future. Much of God's Holy Book is devoted to prophecy. We are told about the days we now live in which the Bible calls, 'the latter days'. We are also told about Jesus' return and what the future holds for this earth.

Dan.ch 2; Luke 1:70, 21:7-38; Acts 3:18-26; 2 Pet.1:19-21

### 12. God's care for us

God has promised us in His Book that He will call us His children and care for us if we are loving and obedient to Him and His Son Jesus. Even after we die we are still in God's care if we have our names in His 'book of life', awaiting the resurrection when Jesus returns.

Psa.103:11-18, 145:14-21; Matt. 6:25-34; Phil.4:3

## Some interesting Bible facts!

**The word 'Bible'** comes from the Greek word 'biblia', a word of Latin origin and simply meaning, 'books'. This word had its beginnings with the word 'biblos', which referred to any kind of written document, but originally to one written on the inner bark of the papyrus plant that was imported from Egypt.

**Did you know** that in 1947 a collection of the oldest manuscripts of the Bible were discovered in a cave in Wadi Qumran on the north of the Dead Sea. Among this collection was a 23-foot leather scroll containing the complete book of Isaiah. This copy of Isaiah is unique proof of the reliability of the Holy Scriptures, for the text agrees exactly with what we have in our present day Bible. From a total of 11 caves many more scrolls of different books were discovered. In the early 1960s a special museum in Jerusalem called, the Shrine of the Book, was built to house many of the scrolls.

**By 500AD the Bible** had been translated into many languages. Not long after this though, the church ruled that all Bibles had to be in Latin, which effectively took the Bible away from the ordinary folk of many countries. An early break from this ruling were the Gospels written in Anglo-Saxon in the 10th century, and known as the 'Wessex Gospels'.

**The very first book printed** was the Bible at Mentz in Germany, by Johannes Guttenberg who was the inventor of the 'movable type' printing press. By 1455 he had printed the Bible in Latin, the first edition being 180 copies.

**The first English translation** of the Bible was made and hand written in the 1380's by John Wycliffe. It is possible to go back to manuscripts earlier than Wycliffe, but the language is very "Anglo-Saxon", and not very close to today's English.

**The Geneva Bible** was the first Bible to add verses to chapters for easier reference. This Bible was published in 1560 and remained the most popular Bible for decades after the 1611 King James version was released. The Geneva Bible was the first Bible taken to America by the Puritans and Pilgrims.

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