

# The Bible's "Top Forty"

The following list is a compilation of 40 core passages from the Bible. This list was taken from the book, *The Disciple Making Church*, by Rev. Glen McDonald. If you read one of the selections each day during Lent (excluding Sundays), then by the time Easter comes you will have experienced a good overview of the Bible. Following are some tips to keep you consistent:

- 1) Set your Bible and this list out in a prominent place so you will see it each day and be reminded to read.
- 2) Create a routine by reading at the same time and place each day.
- 3) Never make an exception! Do whatever it takes not to miss your reading.
- 4) If you miss reading don't try to play catch up just start where you left off and keep moving. Pick-up a missed reading on a Sunday or one of the lighter days of reading.

1. Creation, Eden and the Fall (Genesis 1-3)
2. Noah and the Ark (Genesis 6-8)
3. Abraham and the Sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis 22)
4. The Story of Joseph and His Brothers (Genesis 37-45)
5. Moses in the Nile and at the Burning Bush (Exodus 1-4)
6. The Ten Plagues, Passover and the Red Sea (Exodus 7-14)
7. The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20)
8. Joshua Confronts the Walls of Jericho (Joshua 1-6)
9. The Misadventures of Samson (Judges 13-16)
10. The Love Story of Ruth (Ruth 1-4)
11. David vs. Goliath (1 Samuel 17)
12. Job's Plight and God's Response (Job 1-3, 38-42)
13. The Shepherd's Psalm (Psalm 23)
14. David's Personal Confession (Psalm 51)
15. Psalms of Worship and Praise (Psalm 93-100)
16. God's Intimate Love and Care (Psalm 139)

17. Soaring on Wings like Eagles (Isaiah 40)
18. The Messiah as Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53)
19. The New Covenant is Predicted (Jeremiah 31)
20. Three Men in the Oven (Daniel 3)
21. Daniel and the Lion's Den (Daniel 6)
22. The Story of Jonah the Reluctant Preacher (Jonah 1-4)
23. The Christmas Story (Matthew 1-2; Luke 1-2)
24. The Word Became Flesh in Jesus (John 1)
25. Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)
26. Jesus Feeds 5000 and Walk on Water (Mark 4)
27. Jesus Talks to Nicodemus (John 3)
28. Parables of the Good Samaritan & Lost Son (Luke 10,15)
29. Jesus' Prediction of the End of the World (Matthew 24)
30. Palm Sunday, Last Supper, Trial and Crucifixion (Mark 11-15)
31. Jesus Rises from the Dead (Luke 24, John 20)
32. The Holy Spirit Arrives on Pentecost (Acts 2)
33. Paul Meets Jesus on the Road to Damascus (Acts 9)
34. Nothing Can Separate Us From God's Love (Romans 8)
35. Love is the Greatest Quality (1 Corinthians 13)
36. The Fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5)
37. Rejoice in the Lord Always (Phillipians 4)
38. The Hall of Fame of Faith (Hebrews 11)
39. Because God is Love, We should Love Each Other (1 John 3-4)
40. Our Future in Heaven (Revelation 21-22)