

## The Book of Genesis

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## Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God’s Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses that the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

## Morning Study

This morning we begin our study of the book of **Exodus**. The word *exodus* is a Latin word meaning “exit” or “departure.” This book chronicles how God delivered the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt and took them to the base of Sinai, where he established the Covenant of Law with them.

The authorship of **Exodus** has never been in question among conservative scholars. Both the Old and New Testaments are clear that Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible, including **Exodus**. The internal evidence of **Exodus** is also very supportive of his authorship (see **17:14; 24:4-7; 34:27**).

The book of **Exodus** recommences the story from where **Genesis** leaves it off. **Genesis** closes with the death of Joseph, and **Exodus 1:6-7** opens with the continuing narrative with these words:

“Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died, but the Israelites were fruitful and multiplied greatly and became exceedingly numerous, so that the land was filled with them. Then a new king, who did not know about Joseph, came to power in Egypt.”

The stage is now set for the most dramatic demonstration of God’s sovereign power that this world has ever seen. In fact, the whole of the book of **Exodus** is summarized in just two verses, in **Genesis 15:13-14**:

“Then the Lord said to [Abraham], ‘Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.’”

Likewise, the New Testament also recapitulates the story of Exodus.

**Read Acts 7:6-7,17-41**

**Read Hebrews 11:23-29**

Pull up a comfortable chair, open up your Bible, and begin reading **Exodus 1-14**.

# Memory Verse

The Lord said to him, “Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.”

Exodus 4:11-12

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its “address” (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear “reference tag.”
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!