

Session Four

“Open My Eyes, Lord”
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Isaiah 58

1. To See My Sin (vs. 1-5)

- A. The problem is *not* with God.
- B. My sins have separated me from God.

2. To See God’s Heart (vs. 6-7)

- A. He wants me to set the prisoners free.
- B. He wants me to show mercy.
 - 1. Analyze my time.
 - 2. As I am going...
 - 3. Do it with others.
 - 4. Set aside a Sabbath of mercy.

3. To See God’s Blessing (vs. 8-14)

- A. Light
- B. Health
- C. Righteousness
- D. Protection
- E. Answered Prayer
- F. Guidance
- G. Satisfaction
- H. Repair and Restoration
- I. Joy

To Study Later

1. Jesus refers to Himself often as the “light of the world.” Look up each of these passages and write what you learn about Jesus and what you also learn about yourself:

	More About Jesus:	More About Myself:
John 1:5		
John 1:9		
John 3:19		
John 8:12		
John 12:35		
John 12:36		
John 12:46		

2. When Jesus opens your eyes, God promises great fruit in your life. Look up each of these passages and write the fruit that you should see growing:

	The fruit I should see is...	Do I see it growing?
Matthew 3:8, Luke 13:5-9		
Colossians 1:10, Matthew 7:16-21		
John 15:7-8		
Romans 15:26-28		
Romans 1:13, Colossians 1:6		

3. Are you a baby Christian or are you mature? Read Hebrews 5:12-14 and list some ways God describes a mature believer:

4. Hebrews 6:1-3 lists the subject areas baby Christians need to know in order to grow. Check those you've studied and plan how you can learn more about any areas you've missed.

- of the doctrine (teachings) of Christ
- of _____
- of _____
- of _____
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Growing in God's Word

God's Word is vital to our growth! The next page is a Bible-reading schedule that is very similar to the one used in Israel during the times of Jesus and the Apostles (Acts 15:20-21).

Each week, I have three goals:

1. **To ask the Holy Spirit to be my teacher.** For this reason, I open my reading time with prayer, asking Him to open my eyes.
2. **To write any questions I have in a journal.** Since I'm reading the entire Bible in one year, if I write my questions down, I am giving the Holy Spirit a chance to use His Word to teach me.
3. **To discuss what I read with other believers.** Before each week ends, I try to share what I'm learning or discuss concepts from my reading with my husband and other women, so that we can grow together and share true fellowship.

I usually read these sections on Monday through Friday, then I take the weekend to discuss the passages with others and look up answers to specific questions I might have.

Checklist:

- I own a Bible that I love to read and feel comfortable marking in.
- I own a journal and a pen that I love to write with.
- I have set aside a place and time for reading my Bible each day.
- I have at least two other friends who are committed to reading with me and discussing it each weekend. Their names and phone numbers are:
 - 1.
 - 2.

If you've read through the Bible before, purchase a box of colored pencils and try marking the following in your Bible:

Color	Topic
Light Blue	Prayer
Dark Blue	Blessings & Curses
Orange	Resurrection
Red	Sanctification/Holiness
Pink	Marriage & Divorce
Light Green	Millennium/God's Kingdom
Dark Green	Man's Mortality
Black/Gray	Satan/Demons
Purple	Promises God Made
Yellow/Gold	Law & Commandments
Brown	Repentance/Baptism

*Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit Divine!*

Bible Reading Schedule

Week 1	Genesis 1-4	Joshua 1-8	Psalms 1-14	Matthew 1-4	James 1-3
Week 2	Genesis 5-10	Joshua 9-16	Psalms 15-22	Matthew 5-7	James 4-5
Week 3	Genesis 11-16	Joshua 17-24	Psalms 23-33	Matthew 8-10	1 Peter 1-3
Week 4	Genesis 17-20	Judges 1-5	Psalms 34-40	Matthew 11-12	1 Peter 4-5
Week 5	Genesis 21-24	Judges 6-11	Psalms 41-50	Matthew 13-14	2 Peter 1-3
Week 6	Genesis 25-27	Judges 12-18	Psalms 51-62	Matthew 15-17	1 John 1-3
Week 7	Genesis 28-30	Judges 19-21, 1 Samuel 1-4	Psalms 63-70	Matthew 18-19	1 John 4-5
Week 8	Genesis 31-33	1 Samuel 5-13	Psalms 71-78	Matthew 20-22	2 John
Week 9	Genesis 34-37	1 Samuel 14-19	Psalms 79-88	Matthew 23-24	3 John
Week 10	Genesis 38-41	1 Samuel 20-26	Psalms 89-98	Matthew 25-26	Jude
Week 11	Genesis 42-45	1 Samuel 27- 2 Samuel 3	Psalms 99-106	Matthew 27-28	Hebrews 1-3
Week 12	Genesis 46-47	2 Samuel 4-12	Psalms 107-115	Mark 1-2	Hebrews 4-6
Week 13	Genesis 48-50	2 Samuel 13-19	Psalms 116-119	Mark 3-4	Hebrews 7-9
Week 14	Exodus 1-6	2 Samuel 20-24	Psalms 120-135	Mark 5-6	Hebrews 10-11
Week 15	Exodus 7-10	1 Kings 1-5	Psalms 136-146	Mark 7-8	Hebrews 12-13
Week 16	Exodus 11-13	1 Kings 6-10	Psalms 147-Pro 4	Mark 9-10	1 Thess. 1-5
Week 17	Exodus 14-17	1 Kings 11-16	Proverbs 5-10	Mark 11-13	2 Thess. 1-3
Week 18	Exodus 18-21	1 Kings 17-22	Proverbs 11-15	Mark 14	1 Cor. 1-3
Week 19	Exodus 22-25	2 Kings 1-5	Proverbs 16-19	Mark 15-16	1 Cor. 4-6
Week 20	Exodus 26-29	2 Kings 6-12	Proverbs 20-24	Luke 1-2	1 Cor. 7-9
Week 21	Exodus 30-32	2 Kings 13-19	Proverbs 25-31	Luke 3-4	1 Cor. 10-13
Week 22	Exodus 33-36	2 Kings 20-25	Job 1-5	Luke 5-6	1 Cor. 14-16
Week 23	Exodus 37-40	Isaiah 1-8	Job 6-11	Luke 7-8	2 Cor. 1-3
Week 24	Leviticus 1-3	Isaiah 9-17	Job 12-19	Luke 9	2 Cor. 4-6
Week 25	Leviticus 4-7	Isaiah 18-27	Job 20-26	Luke 10-11	2 Cor. 7-9
Week 26	Leviticus 8-11	Isaiah 28-34	Job 27-31	Luke 12-13	2 Cor. 10-11
Week 27	Leviticus 12-14	Isaiah 35-41	Job 32-37	Luke 14-15	2 Cor. 12-13
Week 28	Leviticus 15-16	Isaiah 42-48	Job 38-42	Luke 16-18	Gal. 1-3
Week 29	Leviticus 17-20	Isaiah 49-57	Song of Solomon	Luke 19-20	Gal. 4-6
Week 30	Leviticus 21-24	Isaiah 58-66	Ruth 1-4	Luke 21-22	Rom. 1-2
Week 31	Leviticus 25-27	Jeremiah 1-4	Lamentations	Luke 23-24	Rom. 3-4
Week 32	Numbers 1-2	Jeremiah 5-9	Ecclesiastes	John 1-2	Rom. 5-6
Week 33	Numbers 3-4	Jeremiah 10-17	Esther 1-10	John 3-4	Rom. 7-8
Week 34	Numbers 5-7	Jeremiah 18-24	Daniel 1-4	John 5-6	Rom. 9-10
Week 35	Numbers 8-11	Jeremiah 25-30	Daniel 5-8	John 7-8	Rom. 11-12
Week 36	Numbers 12-14	Jeremiah 31-37	Daniel 9-12	John 9-10	Rom. 13-14
Week 37	Numbers 15-17	Jeremiah 38-45	Ezra 1-5	John 11-12	Rom. 15-16
Week 38	Numbers 18-21	Jeremiah 46-52	Ezra 6-10	John 13-15	Philemon
Week 39	Numbers 22-24	Ezekiel 1-6	Nehemiah 1-5	John 16-18	Col. 1-4
Week 40	Numbers 25-28	Ezekiel 7-12	Nehemiah 6-10	John 19-21	Eph. 1-3
Week 41	Numbers 29-31	Ezekiel 13-18	Nehemiah 11-13	Acts 1-2	Eph. 4-6
Week 42	Numbers 32-33	Ezekiel 19-25	1 Chron. 1-6	Acts 3-4	Phil. 1-4
Week 43	Numbers 34-36	Ezekiel 26-32	1 Chron. 7-12	Acts 5-7	1 Tim. 1-3
Week 44	Deuteronomy 1-4	Ezekiel 33-39	1 Chron. 13-18	Acts 8-9	1 Tim. 4-6
Week 45	Deuteronomy 5-8	Ezekiel 40-48	1 Chron. 19-25	Acts 10-11	2 Tim. 1-3
Week 46	Deuteronomy 9-12	Hosea 1-8	1 Chron. 26-29	Acts 12-13	Rev. 1-3
Week 47	Deuteronomy 13-16	Hosea 9 - Joel	2 Chron. 1-7	Acts 14-15	Rev. 4-6
Week 48	Deuteronomy 17-20	Amos 1-9	2 Chron. 8-14	Acts 16-18	Rev. 7-9
Week 49	Deuteronomy 21-25	Obadiah thru Micah	2 Chron. 15-21	Acts 19-20	Rev. 10-12
Week 50	Deuteronomy 26-28	Nahum thru Zephaniah	2 Chron. 22-27	Acts 21-23	Rev. 13-15
Week 51	Deuteronomy 29-31	Haggai thru Zechariah 8	2 Chron. 28-31	Acts 24-26	Rev. 16-19
Week 52	Deuteronomy 32-34	Zechariah 9 thru Malachi	2 Chron. 32-36	Acts 27-28	Rev. 20-22