



Feeling comfortable with the Bible – PART 2 – Memorising bits of the Bible

2 You've already memorised bits of the Bible! Look at this, Psalm 23.1.....
"The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want"



Why do I know that verse? Because many of the parts of the Bible we know have come from hymns and prayers and readings we've sung and read for years. Can you recall this:

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth"

That sounds familiar! Course it is, and you've learned the

very first verse of the Bible – Genesis 1.1.

Now what? With any parts we have

memorised, it's good to turn the words over in our minds and think what they are telling me about God and my relationship with Him.... "The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want"

- Genesis is the BOOK NAME in the Bible
- 1 is the CHAPTER number
- 1 is the VERSE number

- When King David wrote Psalm 23, he knew that God was the Lord. In other words, God is the King of the universe. He has everything, including me and you in His care.
- King David compares the creator of the universe to a shepherd – the job he once had as a boy. He thinks of all the things he did to protect those sheep. Fighting off attackers, making sure they had food to eat, and caring for their injuries and wounds. Then, amazingly, he is convinced that this exactly what the Lord is like!
- David has already gone through many ups and downs in his life, yet he is certain that Lord will always provide for him and his family and his people Israel.

Now think about Genesis 1.1.... "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth"

- Moses wrote Genesis, and in this verse he tells us that even before time started God was there. That means God is not controlled by time. He knows my past and will care for my present and future
- For Moses, God is the creator. He created the beginning (time) the earth (matter) and the heavens (space). By His unlimited power, He is able to bring anything into being. He can deal with the things that seem like impossibilities to me

Homework

Probably the most popular verse for Christians to remember is this one:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3.16)

1. Can you memorise this verse?
2. Turn it over in your mind and think what John 3.16 is telling you about God and your relationship with Him
3. Could you create a prayer to go with this verse?



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