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# PHILIPPIANS

## COMMENTARY

### TOP RESOURCES:

- Dr. Thomas L. Constable: [Expository Notes on Philippians](#)
  - Outstanding commentary. **Very highly recommended!**
  - Very thorough—one of the best! (141 pages)
  
- John F. MacArthur: [Sermons on Philippians](#)
  - Each of these links will allow you to listen to the sermon online, download an MP3 audio file, print a transcript or download a PDF file of the sermon.
  - **Excellent exposition!**
  
- W.A. Criswell: [Sermons on Philippians](#)
  - Dr. Criswell was Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dallas for over 50 years.
  - Each link is to the audio file, sermon transcript, sermon outline, and sermon notes. **Outstanding expositions!**
  
- J. Ligon Duncan: [Sermons on Philippians](#)
  - Dr. Duncan is the Chancellor & CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary and the John E. Richards Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology.
  - These expository messages were preached at First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Mississippi.
  - Links to both audio files and manuscripts are available. **Superb!**
  
- Charles Haddon Spurgeon: [Spurgeon on Philippians](#)
  - Known as the “Prince of Preachers,” this Victorian, Calvinistic, Baptist minister testified as a powerful gospel witness in his time, but his influence endures today.
  - So much so that Carl F.H. Henry, the dean of twentieth-century evangelical theologians, once called Spurgeon “one of evangelical Christianity’s immortals.”
  - These are every sermon Spurgeon preached on Philippians. **Outstanding!**

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## MORE EXCELLENT RESOURCES:

- ESV Reformation Study Bible: [Notes on the Book of Philippians](#)
  - Links to the notes in the ESV Reformation Study Bible at Bible Gateway.
  - **Solid and reliable.**
  
- Got Questions: [Questions Related to Philippians](#)
  - Answers to 944 various questions concerning the Book of Philippians.
  - **Good Resource.**
  
- Third Millennium Ministries: [Study Notes on Philippians](#)
  - Third Millennium Ministries was launched in 1997 to create multimedia curriculum for Christian leaders everywhere.
  - All our instructors are seminary professors, and our writers and editors are theologically trained educators.
  
- Brian Bell: [Sermons on Philippians](#)
  - Brian Bell is Senior Pastor of Calvary Chapel in Murietta, California.
  
- John Calvin: [Commentary on Philippians](#)
  - Calvin (1509 – 1564) was a French theologian, pastor and reformer in Geneva during the Protestant Reformation.
  - He was a principal figure in the development of the system of Christian theology later called Calvinism.
  
- Robert L. Deffinbaugh: [To Live is Christ: A Study of the Book of Philippians](#)
  - Deffinbaugh graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary in 1971 with a Masters in Theology (majoring in Old Testament/Hebrew).
  - He served at Community Bible Chapel in Richardson, Texas, as a Bible teacher/preacher and elder for 37 years.
  
- John R. Dummelow: [The Book of Philippians](#)
  - Dummelow's Bible commentary was one of the twentieth century's most popular Bible study resources.
  - Seeking to provide a glimpse into the "intense reality of the message delivered," his commentary helps readers who are used to studying the Bible with only an English translation take the next step in understanding the context of the Bible's diverse parts.

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- Joseph S. Exell: [Biblical Illustrator: Philippians](#)
  - Without question *The Biblical Illustrator* comprises the greatest amount of biblical exposition ever assembled.
  - It contains sermons, outlines, quotations, anecdotes, similes, emblems, and illustrations.
  - Originally published in 1887, *The Biblical Illustrator* is one of the most robust commentaries ever published, covering every chapter and verse of the Word of God by some of the best preachers and teachers of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
  
- Arno C. Gaebelein: [Annotated Bible Commentary on Philippians](#)
  - For more than half a century evangelist, author, journalist, and Bible expositor Arno C. Gaebelein passionately proclaimed the prophetic truths of the Bible and daily lived with the hope of their fulfillment.
  - With a ministry that bridged two centuries and endured two world wars, Gaebelein never doubted the relevance of the study of prophecy for spiritual growth and for interaction with the chaos of culture.
  
- John Gill: [Commentary on Philippians](#)
  - Gill preached in the same church as Charles Haddon Spurgeon over one hundred years earlier.
  - Yet most people today have never heard of John Gill. This is unfortunate, since his works contain priceless gems of information that are found nowhere except in the ancient writings of the Jews.
  
- Greg Herrick: [Philippians: The Unconquerable Gospel](#)
  - Herrick holds a Th.M. and Ph.D. from Dallas Theological Seminary and has a passion to teach and disciple others.
  - He lives in Calgary Alberta, Canada with his wife and 4 kids.
  - He is currently serving as Project Director for KnowingGod.org
  
- Bruce Hurt: [Philippians Verse by Verse](#)
  - Outstanding research
  
- H.A. Ironside: [Commentary on Philippians](#)
  - Pastor of Moody Memorial Church in Chicago (1929-1948)
  - Ironside was one of the most prolific Christian writers of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and published more than 100 books, booklets and pamphlets, a number of which are still in print.

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- Jamieson, Fausset, Brown: [Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible: Philippians](#)
  - Published in 1871, this is one of the better older Old Testament commentaries as it generally interprets the Scripture literally.
  
- Robert Johnstone: [Lectures Exegetical and Practical on The Epistle of Paul to the Philippians](#)
  - Johnson was a Presbyterian minister in Glasgow, Scotland.
  - This book was first published in 1875.
  
- John Henry Jowett: [The High Calling](#)
  - 39 Meditations on St Paul's Letter to the Philippians
  - **Excellent thoughts for expositors!**
  
- Alexander MacLaren: [Expositions of Holy Scripture: Philippians](#)
  - Called the "prince of expositors," Alexander MacLaren was a renowned preacher of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century.
  - *Expositions of Holy Scripture* brings together many of the sermons over his fifty years in ministry. Although it discusses many different books and passages of the Bible, *Expositions of Holy Scripture* isn't a commentary in the fullest sense—for example, MacLaren doesn't comment on every verse. Rather, this volume contains MacLaren's powerful sermons, arranged by the text of the sermons.
  - Broadly evangelical in nature, MacLaren's sermons are not historical—rarely referring to the current events of his day—allowing them to retain their interest and power since he first gave them.
  - *Expositions of Holy Scriptures* is thus highly practical and lively. It makes a wonderful companion to more textually oriented commentaries. To read *Expositions of Holy Scripture* is to be in the presence of one of the greatest preachers of the last few centuries. **Superb!**
  
- David Malick: [An Argument of the Book of Philippians](#)
  - Malick received a Masters of Theology in Bible Exposition, with honors, from Dallas Theological Seminary in 1984.
  - In 2003, he earned his Juris Doctorate, magna cum laude, from Capital University Law School, where he received the Order of the Curia.
  - He has engaged in post-graduate studies at Dallas Theological Seminary, Chicago Theological Seminary, and McMaster Divinity College.
  - As a theologian, Dave planted The Chapel in North Canton, Ohio, taught biblical courses at Dallas Theological Seminary and Southeastern Bible College, and published several journal articles.

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- David Malick: [An Introduction to the Book of Philippians](#)
- David Malick: [A Selected Bibliography for the Book of Philippians](#)
- J. Vernon McGee: [Through the Bible: Philippians](#)
  - In 1941, Dr. McGee was persuaded to begin a Sunday radio program, *The Open Bible Hour*, on just one station.
  - It later became *High Noon Bible Class*, which laid the foundation for the 1967 launch of *Thru the Bible* as we know it today.
  - Dr. McGee recorded the “Sunday Sermon” messages from the pulpit of the Church of the Open Door in Los Angeles, where he served as pastor from 1949 to 1970.
- Frederick B. Meyer: [Devotional Commentary on Philippians](#)
  - Meyer was a Baptist pastor and evangelist in England involved in ministry and inner-city mission work on both sides of the Atlantic.
  - Meyer wrote over 75 books, including Christian biographies and devotional commentaries on the Bible.
- Henry Morris: [The Defender’s Study Bible: Notes on the Book of Philippians](#)
  - **Excellent, conservative, literal notes from a leading Creationist!**
- John Piper: [Sermons on Philippians](#)
  - Piper is a theologian, pastor, and chancellor of Bethlehem College & Seminary in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
  - Piper taught biblical studies at Bethel University for six years (1974-1980), before serving as pastor for preaching and vision of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis for 33 years (1980-2013).
- Robert Rainy: [The Expositors Bible: Philippians](#)
  - Containing outlines, expositions, and illustrations of Bible texts, with full References to the best homiletics literature.
  - **Recommended resource!**
- Grant C. Richison: [Expositions on Philippians](#)
  - A highly experienced pastor, lecturer, and Bible expositor, Richison has been senior pastor of three churches from 1965 to 1992. His most recent pastorate was at Grant Memorial Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, where, for a 20-year period, he had oversight of a ministry that grew to be one of the largest churches in Canada.

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- Richison has taught at William Tyndale College, Providence Theological Seminary, Northwest Baptist Seminary, International School of Theology, and Briercrest Graduate School.
  - Brief expositions verse-by-verse, but insightful and quite helpful!
- A.T. Robertson: [Commentary of Philippians](#)
- Robertson was a Southern Baptist preacher and biblical scholar whose work focused on the New Testament and Koine Greek.
  - He was educated at Wake Forest College (MA, 1885) and at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky (ThM, 1888), where he was thereafter instructor and professor of New Testament interpretation.
- Charles Simeon: [Horæ Homileticæ: Sermons on the Book of Philippians](#)
- One thing to note about Simeon was that he did not emphasize theology or systematic theology in his sermons.
  - He called himself a “Bible Christian” and not a “system Christian.” Even in the 1900s, people like Martyn Lloyd-Jones and some others pushed back on that emphasis, but there it was in Simeon.
  - So, first, we see his influence on pastors and preachers not only in his time but for two centuries.
  - In fact, John Stott is probably the prime example of a twentieth-century figure who was influenced by Simeon.
- Chuck Smith: [Commentary and Sermon Notes on Philippians](#)
- Founding Pastor of Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa, California
- Ray Stedman: [Sermons on Philippians](#)
- Long time Pastor of Peninsula Bible Church in Palo Alto, California.
- Dr. Geoff Thomas: [Sermons on Philippians](#)
- Thomas was the Pastor of Alfred Place Baptist Church in Aberystwyth, Wales for over 50 years where he preached through (almost) every verse in the Bible
  - Geoff received his theological training at Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, and was awarded an honorary doctorate in 2011. He is the author of several books, including *The Holy Spirit*, and is a frequent conference speaker all over the world. He also holds the position of Visiting Professor of Historical Theology at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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- Daniel B. Wallace: [Philippians: Introduction, Argument, and Outline](#)
  - Wallace has taught Greek and New Testament courses on a graduate school level since 1979.
  - He has a Ph.D. from Dallas Theological Seminary, and is currently professor of New Testament Studies at his alma mater.
  - His Greek Grammar *Beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament* (Zondervan, 1996) has become a standard textbook in colleges and seminaries.
  - He is the senior New Testament editor of the *NET Bible*, and also serves as the Executive Director for the Center for the Study of New Testament Manuscripts.
  
- Kenneth S. Wuest: [Wuest's Word Studies in the Greek New Testament](#)
  - Wuest became professor of New Testament Greek at Moody Bible Institute in 1929, where over the next few decades, he published more than a dozen books on the New Testament.
  - An influential Dispensationalist scholar, Wuest is credited as one of the translators of the original New American Standard Bible (NASB).
  - He later went on to produce his own English translation of the New Testament, the Wuest Expanded Translation, based on Nestle's critical text. In his translation of the New Testament, Wuest attempts to make the original Greek more accessible to the lay reader by drawing out (in translation) the full variety of possible meanings and translations of the underlying Greek words.

## DEVOTIONALS

- Our Daily Bread: [Devotional Illustrations from the Book of Philippians](#)
  - From RBC Ministries
  
- Oswald Chambers: [Devotionals on Philippians](#)
  - From *My Utmost to His Highest*
  
- R.C. Sproul: [Devotional Thoughts on Philippians](#)
  - From *Tabletalk* Magazine, Ligonier Ministries
  
- Charles Haddon Spurgeon: [Devotionals on Philippians](#)
  - From the Prince of Preachers!

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- Ray Stedman: [Devotionals on Philippians](#)
  - Long-time pastor of Peninsula Bible Church in Palo Alto, California.
- Back to the Bible: [Philippians Devotionals](#)
  - From *Back to the Bible Ministries*

## MORE RESOURCES

- Cyril Barber: [The Minister's Library: Philippians](#)
  - Excellent analysis of commentaries on Philippians. **Reliable!**
- Various Scholars: [Miscellaneous Journal Articles on Philippians](#)
  - **Be a Berean!**
  - Scholarly and in-depth articles, but helpful in your study!
- Various Scholars: [Philippians: Introductions & Overviews](#)
  - Great research sources!
- Various Scholars: [Philippians: Dictionaries & Encyclopedias](#)
  - Great research sources!
- Various Scholars: [Philippians: Maps Related to Philippians](#)
  - Excellent maps!
- Various Scholars: [Philippians Resources by Chapter](#)
  - **Very helpful!**
- Various Scholars: [Commentaries on Philippians](#)
  - More commentary resources—14 pages!
- Various Scholars: [Miscellaneous Resources on Philippians](#)
  - Even more resources—26 pages!