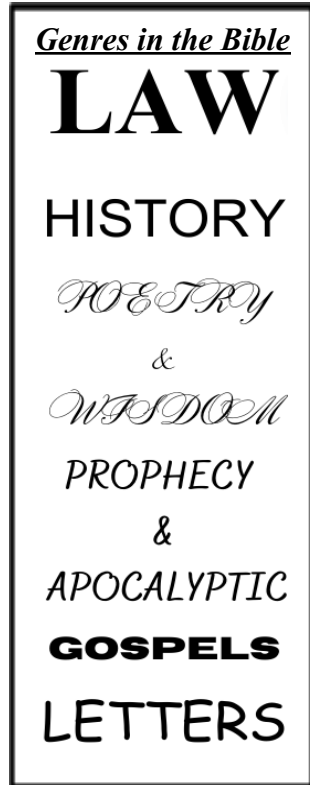




Read the Bible with Understanding

1. **Context:** (Who, What, When, Where, Why?)
 - a. What Genre is the book?
 - b. When was the book written?
 - c. Why was the book written?
 - d. To whom was the book written?
 - e. What is the context of the chapters before and after?
 - f. What is the context of the verses before and after?
 - g. What other scriptures are related to this passage?
2. **Meaning:**
 - a. What did it mean to the original audience?
 - b. What does it mean for us?
3. What is **Law** and what is **Gospel**?
 - a. Law (Rules): What God requires me to do or not do.
 - b. Gospel (Good News): What God has done for me.
4. **Jesus:**
 - a. Where does this passage point us to Christ?
 - b. Does this passage show us Jesus or our need for him?
 - c. **Old Testament** → † ← **New Testament**



Discovery Bible Study

REVIEW: What did I read last and what has God been teaching me?

READ: Read through the passage x2, and then retell it in your own words.

REFLECT & DISCUSS: (Your passage may not have an answer to all of these questions.)

1. What does this passage tell me about people?
2. What does this passage tell me about God?
3. What is God calling me to repent of? (What should I stop and what should I do instead?)
4. What promise is God calling me to believe? (What should I meditate on?)

REJOICE, REPENT & REQUEST IN PRAYER:

Adoration - Praise God for who he is. (*"We praise you God, for you are mighty"*)

Confession - Confess your sin, as specific as possible. (*"God forgive me for..."*)

Thanksgiving - Thank God for all that he has given you. (*"Thank you God for..."*)

Supplication - Ask God for his help with the challenges of life. (*"God, please help..."*)

(If you're doing this study with a group, ask the person on your right how you can pray for them and pray aloud for them.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

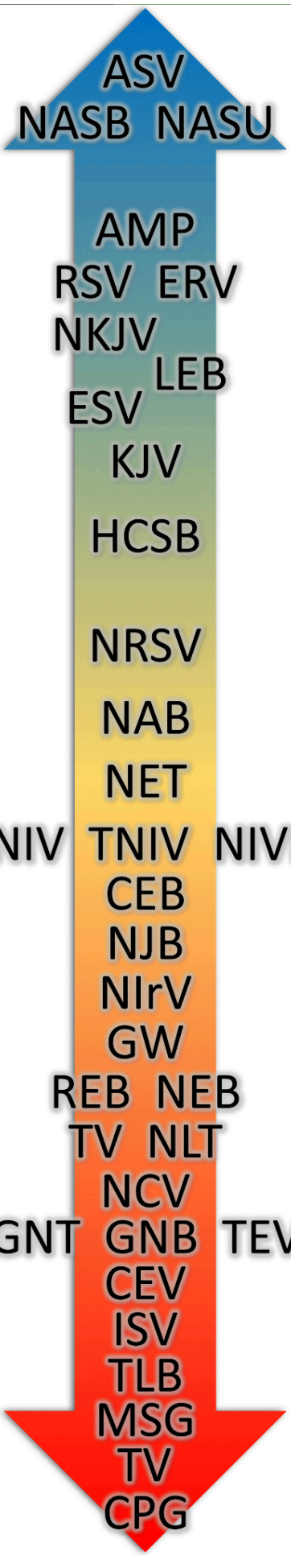
Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Word for Word
Formal Equivalent
Literal
Form Based

Thought for Thought
Dynamic Equivalent

Paraphrase
Functional Equivalent
Paraphrase
Meaning Based



- AMP - Amplified Bible (12)
- CEB*^v - Common English Bible (7)
- CEV*^v - Contemporary English Version (5)
- ERV^v - Easy to Read Version (3.5)
- ESV* - English Standard Version (9.5)
- GNB* - Good News Bible (6)
- GNT - Good New Translation (6)
- GW - Gods Word (4.5)
- HCSB - Holman Christian Standard (8)
- ISV^v - International Standard Version (8.5)
- KJV* - King James Version (13)
- MSG - The Message (4.5)
- NAB* - New American Bible (7)

- NASB - New American Standard Bible (11)
- NASU - New American Standard Update 1995 (11)
- NCV^v - New Century Version (5)
- NEB*^v - New English Bible (7)
- NET*^v - New English Translation (7)
- NIV - New International Readers Version (3.5)
- NIV - New International Version (8)
- NIV2011^v - New International Version 2011 (8)
- NIV^v - New International Version Inclusive (8)
- NJB* - New Jerusalem Bible (7.5)
- NKJV - New King James Version (9)
- NLT^v - New Living Translation (6.5)
- NRSV*^v - New Revised Standard Version (10.5)

- REB - Revised English Bible (7)
- RSV* - Revised Standard Version (11)
- TEV* - Today's English Version (6)
- TLB - The Living Bible (8.5)
- TNIV^v - Today's New International Version (7.5)
- TV - The Voice (7)

^v No gender neutral language for God, moderate inclusive language for man.
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^{*} Apocrypha available or included
^(#) Grade reading level