

## FIFTEEN MINUTES WITH THE BIBLE

**T**HE SELECTIONS LISTED BELOW take about a quarter of an hour to read. Fifteen minutes is the length required for gaining the Indulgence granted by the Church.

They cover most of the highlights of both the Old and the New Testament, and will therefore be found useful not only for the general reader but also for students and study clubs. In Part I the selections lay stress upon those incidents and revelations which pointed toward the coming of Christ to redeem men. Part II focuses upon the most important phases of the Saviour's life and teachings. In Part III the selections mark out some of the most valuable lessons in both the Old Testament and in the writings of the Apostles in the New Testament.

In each selection a comma between numbers means that the preceding number refers to the chapter, the following number to the verse. A long dash indicates that the reading covers several chapters. Different passages are divided by semicolons.

### **Part I. The Old Testament Story**

#### *God Reveals His Will to the Patriarchs and to Israel*

1. Creation and Fall of Man.....Gen. 1, 1—3, 24
2. Noe and the Deluge.....Gen. 6, 1—9, 17
3. Call and Promise to Abraham.....Gen. 12, 1-7; 13, 14-17; 15, 1-18; 17, 1-22
4. Isaac, Child of the Promise.....Gen. 21, 1-21; 22, 1-18; 24, 1-67
5. Jacob and Esau.....Gen. 25, 19-34; 27, 1-45; 28, 10-22
6. Joseph of Egypt.....Gen. 37, 1-36; 39, 1-23; 41, 1-57
7. Birth and Call of Moses.....Exod. 1, 1—4, 18
8. Passover and Paschal Lamb.....Exod. 11, 1—13, 16
9. Exodus from Egypt.....Exod. 13, 17—14, 31; 15, 19-27
10. Covenant at Sinai.....Exod. 19, 1—20, 21; 34, 1-35
11. Prophecies of Balaam.....Num. 22, 1—24, 25
12. Josue's Conquest of Chanaan.....Jos. 1, 1—3, 17; 6, 1-27

13. Gedeon and the Madianites.....Judges 6, 1—8, 35
14. Ruth, Grandmother of David.....Ruth 1, 1—4, 17
15. Samuel, Last of the Judges...1 Sam. 1, 1-28; 3, 1-19; 7, 1-17
16. Saul, First King of Israel.....1 Sam. 9, 1—10, 27; 15, 1-35
17. Early Life of David.....1 Sam. 16, 1—18, 30
18. King David at Jerusalem.....2 Sam. 5, 1—7, 29
19. David's Sin and Penance.....2 Sam. 11, 1—13, 38
20. Solomon, the Wise.....3 Kings 3, 1-28; 8, 1-66
21. Elias, Foe of Baal.....3 Kings 18, 1—19, 21; 21, 1-29
22. Eliseus, the Miracle-worker.....4 Kings 2, 1-25; 4, 1—5, 27
23. Ezechias and Sennacherib.....4 Kings 18, 1—20, 20
24. Fall of Jerusalem.....4 Kings 22, 1-20; 23, 29—25, 21
25. The Temple Rebuilt..Aggeus 1, 1—2, 24; 1 Esdras 5, 1—6, 22
26. Tobias and Raphael.....Tob. 5, 1—8, 24; 11, 1-21
27. Judith and Holophernes.....Judith 8, 1—13, 26
28. Esther, Queen of Persia.....Esther 2, 1—9, 4
29. Daniel at Babylon.....Dan. 6, 1-24; 13, 1—14, 42
30. Machabean Martyrs.....2 Mach. 6, 1—7, 42

## **Part II. The Gospel Story**

### *God Sends His Son to Establish His Kingdom on Earth for All Mankind*

1. Prophecies of Emmanuel...Isa. 6, 1—7, 16; 9, 1-7; 11, 1-10;  
40, 1—41, 29
2. Salvation Through Christ...Isa. 53, 1—55, 13; 60, 1—62, 12
3. New Covenant Foretold.....Jerem. 23, 1-8; 31, 1—34;  
Ezech. 34, 1-31
4. Birth and Boyhood of Christ.....Luke 1, 5—2, 52;  
Matt. 1, 18—2, 23
5. John the Baptist..John 1, 1-34; Luke 3, 1-20; Mark 6, 17-29
6. Christ's Ministry Begun..Matt. 3, 13—4, 17; Luke 4, 14-44;  
John 2, 1-11
7. The First Disciples.....Matt. 4, 18-22; Luke 5, 1-32;  
John 1, 35-50
8. Sermon on the Mount.....Matt. 5, 1—7, 29; Luke 6, 17-49
9. Miracles of Jesus.....Matt. 8, 1—9, 8; Mark 5, 1-43;  
John 4, 46—5, 47
10. Parables of the Kingdom.....Matt. 13, 1-52; 20, 1-16;  
21, 28—22, 14
11. Christ's Mercy to Women.....Luke 7, 36—8, 3;  
John 4, 1-45; 8, 1-11

12. The Good Shepherd.....Matt. 18, 10-14; Luke 15, 1-32; John 10, 1-18
13. Danger of Riches..Mark 10, 17-31; Luke 12, 1-34; 16, 19-31
14. Doctrine of the Cross.....Matt. 10, 16-39; 16, 21—17, 22
15. Palm Sunday and Holy Week.....John 11, 1—12, 19; Matt. 21, 1-27
16. End at Hand—Vigilance.....Matt. 24, 1—25, 46; Luke 12, 35—13, 9
17. Last Supper.....Matt. 26, 1-35; John 13, 1-38
18. Last Discourse and Prayer.....John 14, 1—17, 26
19. The Sacred Passion..Matt. 26, 36—27, 30; John 18, 1—19, 16
20. The Crucifixion.....Matt. 27, 31—28, 66; Luke 23, 26-56; John 19, 17-42
21. The Resurrection.....Matt. 28, 1-20; Mark 16, 1-20; Luke 24, 1-53
22. Primacy of Peter.....Matt. 16, 13-20; John 20, 1—21, 25
23. The Holy Spirit's Descent.....Acts 1, 1—2, 47
24. Early Church of Jerusalem.....Acts 3, 1—5, 42
25. Martyrdom of St. Stephen.....Acts 6, 1—8, 3
26. Conversion of St. Paul.....Acts 9, 1—11, 30
27. First Journey of St. Paul.....Acts 13, 1—15, 35
28. Second Journey of St. Paul.....Acts 15, 36—19, 22
29. Third Journey of St. Paul.....Acts 19, 23—21, 16
30. St. Paul's Arrest.....Acts 21, 17—24, 27

### **Part III. Spiritual Wisdom of the Bible**

#### *A. The Teaching of the Old Testament*

1. Fidelity to God's Law.....Deut. 4, 1-40; 6, 1-25; 7, 6-26
2. Punishment for Infidelity....Lev. 26, 14-45; Deut. 28, 15-68
3. Blessings of Obedience.....Deut. 10, 11—11, 32; 28, 1-14
4. The Call to Wisdom.....Prov. 1, 20—4, 27
5. Excellence of Wisdom.....Prov. 8, 1—9, 6; Eccus. 1, 1-32
6. Eternal Wisdom.....Eccus. 24, 1-31; 42, 15—43, 37
7. In Praise of Wisdom.....Wisd. 7, 1—9, 19
8. Vanity of Vanities.....Eccles. 1, 1—3, 22; 12, 1-13
9. Good and Bad Women.....Prov. 7, 1-27; 31, 10-31; Eccus. 9, 1-13; 25, 17—26, 24
10. Isaias' Mission Sermons.....Isa. 1, 2-31; 5, 1-30; 28, 1-22
11. Jeremias' Preaching.....Jerem. 2, 1—4, 31
12. The Wages of Sin.....Jerem. 8, 1—10, 25

13. Brevity of Man's Life.....Job 7, 1-21; 10, 1-22; 14, 1-22  
 14. Confidence in God.....Job 16, 1—17, 16; 19, 1-29  
 15. God's Wisdom and Power.....Job 26, 1-14; 38, 1—39, 35

*B. The Teaching of the Apostles*

16. Humanity Without Christ.....Rom. 1, 1—3, 31  
 17. Salvation Through Christ.....Rom. 5, 1—8, 39  
 18. Our Union In Christ.....Ephes. 1, 1—4, 32  
 19. Living In Christ.....Philip. 1, 1—3, 21  
 20. Charity in the Mystical Body.....Rom. 12, 1-21; 1 Cor. 13, 1-13; Col. 3, 1-21  
 21. Labors of the Apostolate.....1 Cor. 2, 1—4, 13; 2 Cor. 4, 1—6, 10  
 22. Apostle of the Gentiles.....2 Cor. 10, 1—13, 13  
 23. Christ, Our High Priest.....Heb. 4, 14—5, 10; 7, 26—9, 28  
 24. Perseverance in Faith.....Heb. 10, 19—12, 29  
 25. Good Works .....James 1, 17—5, 20  
 26. Christian Virtues.....1 Pet. 1, 1—4, 11  
 27. Love for God and Man.....1 John 3, 1—5, 21  
 28. Second Coming of Christ.....1 Thes. 4, 13—5, 11; 2 Thes. 2, 1-17; 2 Pet. 3, 1-18  
 29. John's Visions at Patmos.....Apoc. 1, 1-20; 4, 1—6, 17  
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