

BIBLE PHRASES THAT ARE INFLUENCING THE WORLD DAILY.



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WARM GREETINGS! God bless you. The other day I was thinking: 'Gosh, there are so many **phrases** that are in the Bible, which have passed into the English speaking world!' So many! I tried to explain to my son what I meant, and began by saying the **'The Handwriting on the Wall'** which we see in the Book of Daniel chapter 5 v 5-12. This is an excellent example, because it doesn't just mean the hand which God sent to write on the wall for the wicked King Belshazzar of Babylon, but after being absorbed into the English language it now also means;

"The writing is on the wall" is a phrase used to suggest that a particular situation or outcome is guaranteed, and there's little that can be done to prevent it. It's similar to saying that the signs or evidence of something are so apparent that it's as if the message has been written on a wall for everyone to see.

Because the Bible is truly the inspired Word of God, even its phrases of just 1(!) 2, 3 or 4 words and not even a whole verse; have continued to inspire millions, and possibly billions of people! These phrases can be positive or negative: for example **Scapegoat**, meaning a person

that is required to take the punishment for another, even though he or she is actually innocent!

The Land of Nod [The Land of Nod meaning today - Google Search](#)

THE CONDITION OF BEING ASLEEP OR NOT BEING 'SWITCHED ON' TO WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND YOU. (PLUS OTHER MEANINGS).

Forbidden Fruit, something you shouldn't mess with if you are wise.

Fire and Brimstone (which destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah)

The Good Samaritan. A person who helps others in need or distress.

How the mighty have fallen. An expression meaning someone who was great before but has fallen to a low terrible condition, usually because of pride.

Reap what you sow. Surely everybody knows the meaning for that.

Consider for example **'Jesus Wept'**, the shortest verse I think in the Bible. People use that as an expression today! (John 11:35) (link below)

As I was wondering this the other day, I thought, Lord, I really wish

I could remember more. Today I did some internet research and actually found two web sites which are light years ahead of my thinking and they have already listed a lot or most of them.

Big Kudos to the City church in Christchurch New Zealand, from where I took these 85 phrases from the Bible below and also a Mr Howard Culbertson who has come up with 300 phrases!

Please check this link, because this page also gives you an explanation of all 85 phrases, down there in the wonderful New Zealand. [85 Bible Sayings | City Church Christchurch](#) Have a look and I will get back to close up in a few minutes! Praise the Lord.

Listed in order of occurrence, discover 85 common sayings that originate from the Bible.

1. Let there be light
2. Forbidden fruit
3. By the sweat of your brow
4. Ashes to ashes, dust to dust
5. Am I my brother's keeper?
6. The land of Nod
7. As old as Methuselah

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| 8. Fire and brimstone | 36. Fly in the ointment | 64. The eleventh hour |
| 9. Philistine | 37. A little birdie told me | 65. Many are called, but few are chosen |
| 10. Land of milk and honey | 38. Four corners of the earth | 66. Kiss of death |
| 11. Of biblical proportions | 39. Drop in a bucket | 67. He who lives by the sword, dies by the sword |
| 12. An eye for an eye, a tooth for tooth | 40. See eye to eye | 68. Wash your hands of the matter |
| 13. Golden calf | 41. No rest for the wicked | 69. Head on a platter |
| 14. Scapegoat | 42. Rise and shine | 70. Good Samaritan |
| 15. Man does not live by bread alone | 43. Like a lamb led to the slaughter | 71. O ye, of little faith |
| 16. Apple of my eye | 44. Can a leopard change his spots? | 72. Give up the ghost |
| 17. A man after my own heart | 45. Sour grapes | 73. Throw the first stone |
| 18. How the mighty have fallen | 46. Feet of clay | 74. The truth will set you free |
| 19. Put words in one's mouth | 47. Writing is on the wall | 75. Better to give than receive |
| 20. Be a man | 48. Ends of the earth | 76. A law unto themselves |
| 21. Jezebel | 49. Baptism of fire | 77. The powers that be |
| 22. Put your house in order | 50. Salt of the earth | 78. Twinkling of an eye |
| 23. Nothing but skin and bones | 51. Go the extra mile | 79. Letter of the law |
| 24. By the skin of your teeth | 52. To cast pearls before swine | 80. Fall from grace |
| 25. The root of the matter | 53. Straight and narrow | 81. Reap what you sow |
| 26. Weighed in the balance | 54. Wolves in sheep's clothing | 82. Labour of love |
| 27. Behemoth | 55. A house divided against itself cannot stand | 83. The love of money is the root of all evil |
| 28. Broken heart | 56. Fall by the wayside | 84. Fight the good fight |
| 29. Bite the dust | 57. The blind leading the blind | 85. Armageddon |
| 30. Wits' end | 58. Sign of the times | |
| 31. Spare the rod, spoil the child | 59. Flesh and blood | |
| 32. Pride comes before a fall | 60. Cross to bear | |
| 33. There's nothing new under the sun | 61. Move mountains | |
| 34. For everything there is a season | 62. Millstone around your neck | |
| 35. Eat, drink, and be merry | 63. What God has joined together, let no one separate | |

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CLOSING THOUGHTS!

So the Bible itself became the source and foundation for so much other literature in Christian history.

For example Shakespeare, William Blake, John Bunyan (Pilgrim's Progress) and if you look careful, even George Orwell (1984, and Animal Farm fame) understood that Christian principles held the society together, he just couldn't stand the religiosity of established churches. C.S. Lewis who gave us a vast array of books many of them allegories full of the Gospel message hidden in them! God didn't require these authors to be perfect but God allowed them to write much that caused people

to look more deeply at the both the evils of society and also the desire inherent in most of us to be 'righteous' and make the right choices!

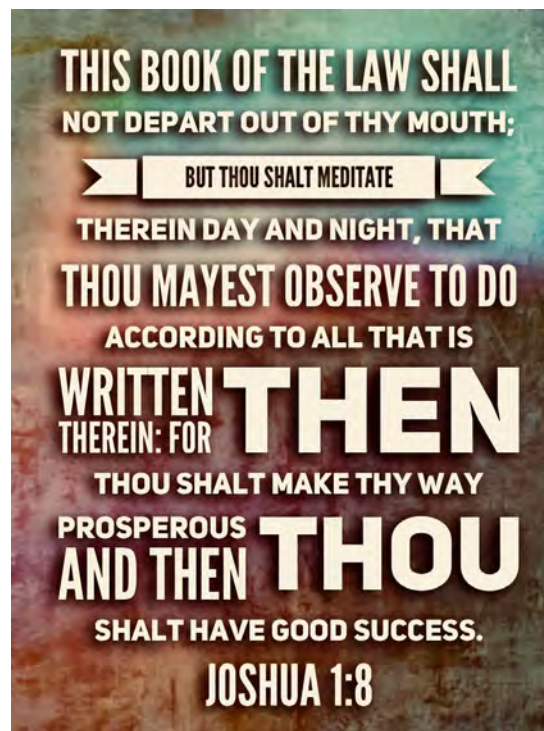
Bible verses and phrases have passed so much into our minds and hearts, **even among people who are not believers** and they may be using these phrases, or at least recognising them when they are spoken in English. The same may be true in your languages; perhaps phrases from the Bible exist as part of frequent spoken language!?

Why not try this New Year to use these phrases in your speech

more? For one thing, being a part of the inspired Word of God, they will automatically inspire respect and spiritual hunger among the people who hear the phrases you speak! Some people may ask; 'Oh yeah, that's right, where does that (phrase) come from?'

With much love,

Jerry for the WCF TEAM



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