

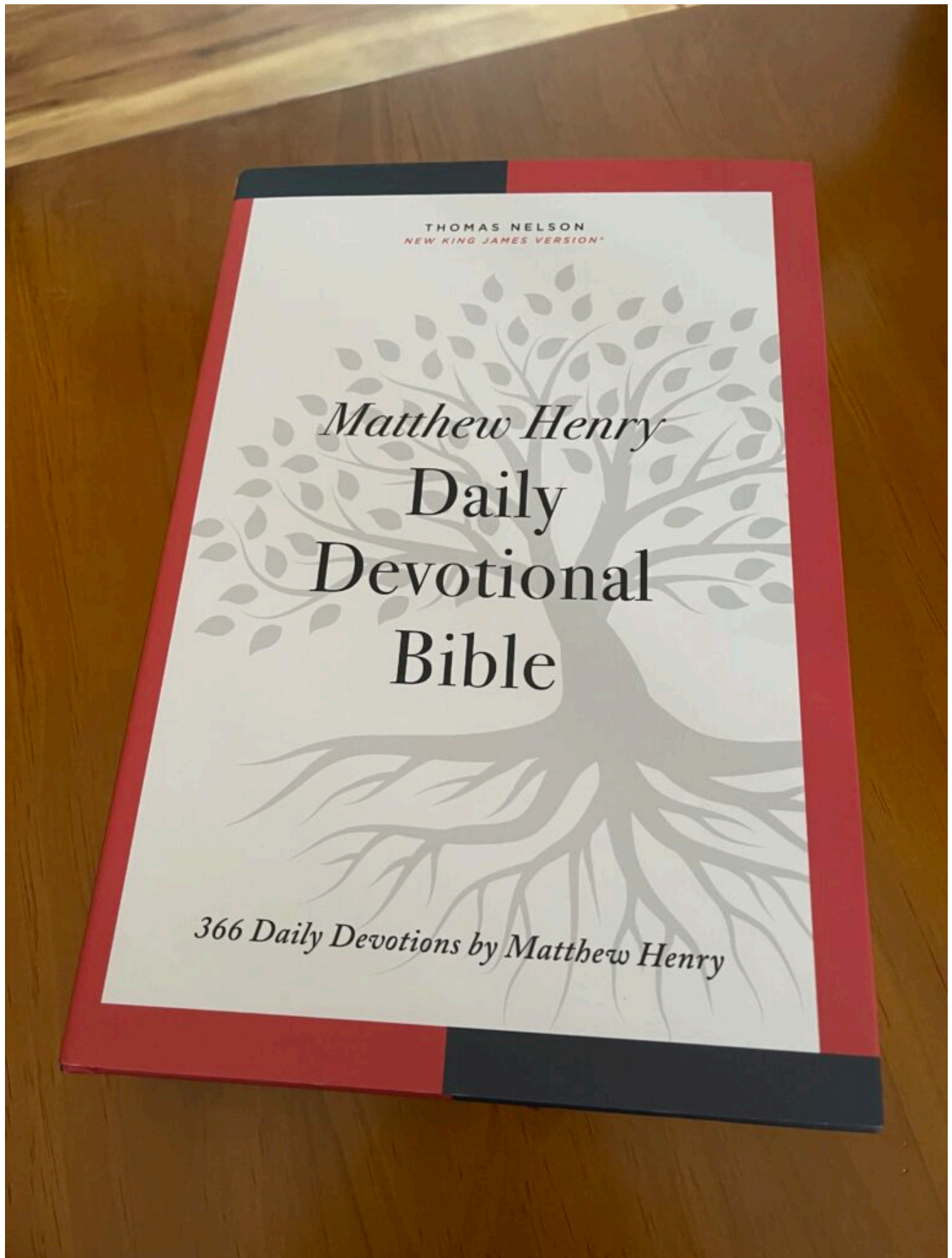
# Review: Matthew Henry Daily Devotional Bible

*I am a member of the Bible Gateway Blogger Grid (BG<sup>2</sup>). As a #BibleGatewayPartner, I have received a copy of the ["Matthew Henry Daily Devotional Bible – NKJV Translation"](#) published by Thomas Nelson Publishers at no cost to me in exchange for an honest review here on the Adonai Shalom USA blog. #BG<sup>2</sup>*

## ["Matthew Henry Daily Devotional Bible" \(NKJV Translation\)](#)

### Book Review and Description

The [Matthew Henry Daily Devotional Bible – NKJV](#) contains the entirety of the Scriptural text in the New King James Version Bible translation along with devotional passages drawn from Matthew Henry's commentaries, which are interspersed throughout the text.



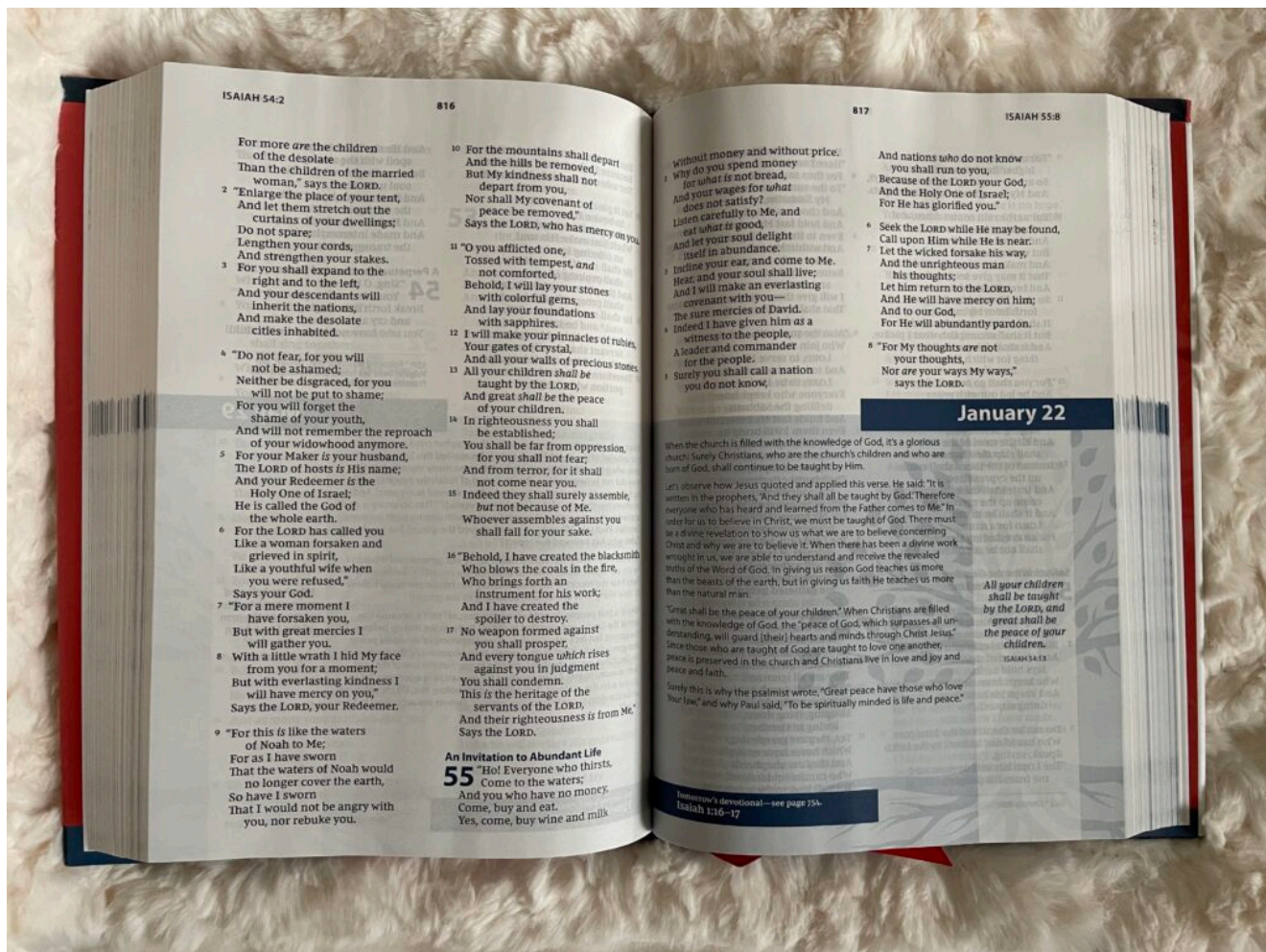
Matthew Henry Daily Devotional Bible: 366 Daily Devotions by Matthew Henry

The introduction to this devotional Bible gives detail about Matthew Henry's life. According to the introduction written by

Philip Nation, Henry was a 17th century Presbyterian pastor in England. Nation shares background about some of Henry's struggles, such as frequent childhood illness, loss of his wife and four of his infant children. Henry consistently turned to God's Word as a source of comfort, making this devotional appropriate to any who likewise seek to draw encouragement and comfort from the Holy Scriptures.

Matthew Henry is well known to many for his numerous and thoughtful commentaries on Scripture. Many of us have relied on his thoughtful analysis of Scripture whether as students or as pastors. Because of my familiarity with Matthew Henry's commentaries, I assumed this Bible would contain *commentary*, rather than devotional material – more of a “study Bible.”

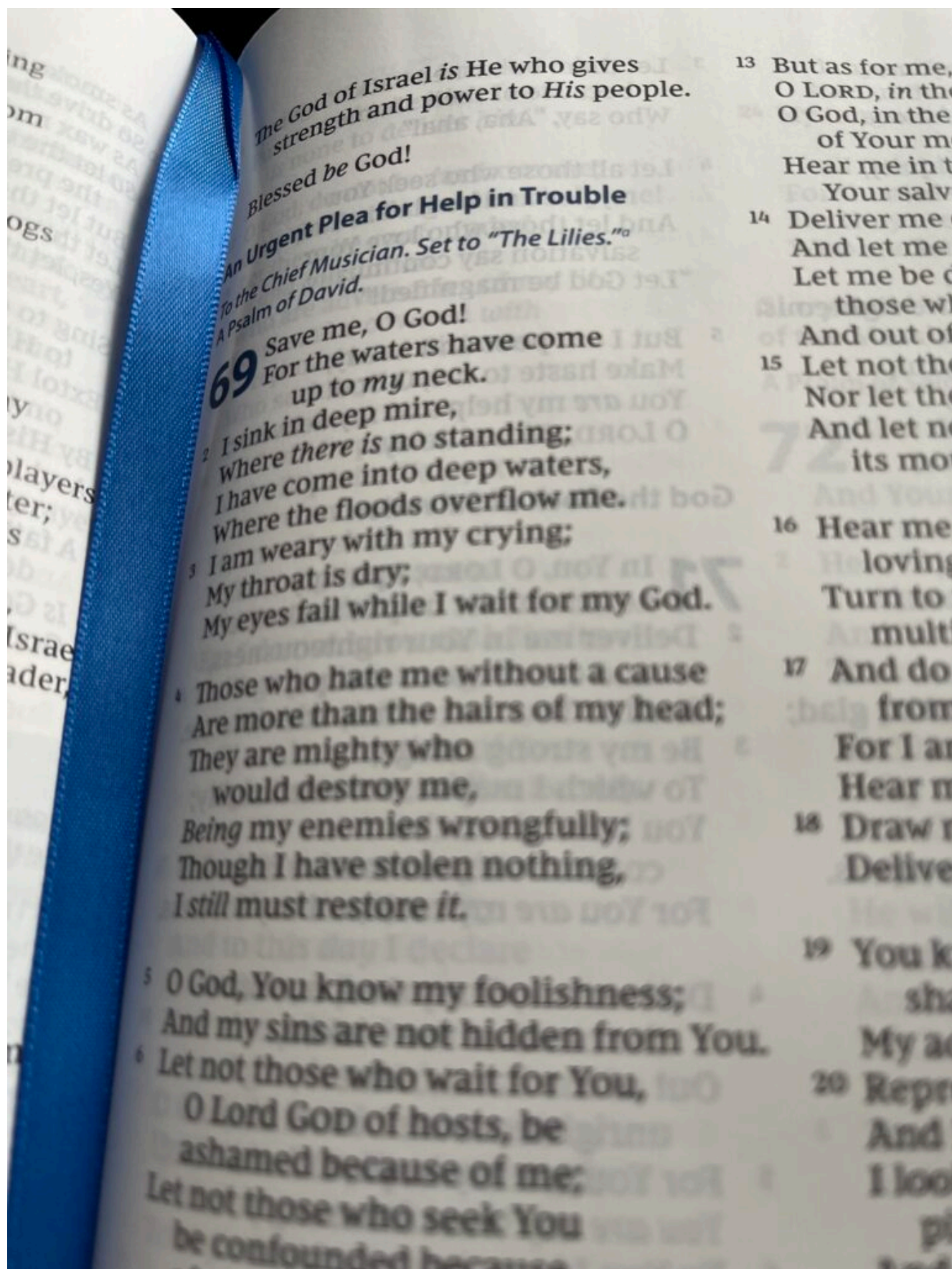
The devotions in the [Matthew Henry Daily Devotional Bible](#) relate to the passage on the corresponding page, and they are dated for anyone who would enjoy following a devotional reading plan.



## Matthew Henry Daily Devotional Bible

You will find the next day's devotion listed at the bottom of the page, so you can place one of the two satin bookmarks there, ready for the next day, if you would like.



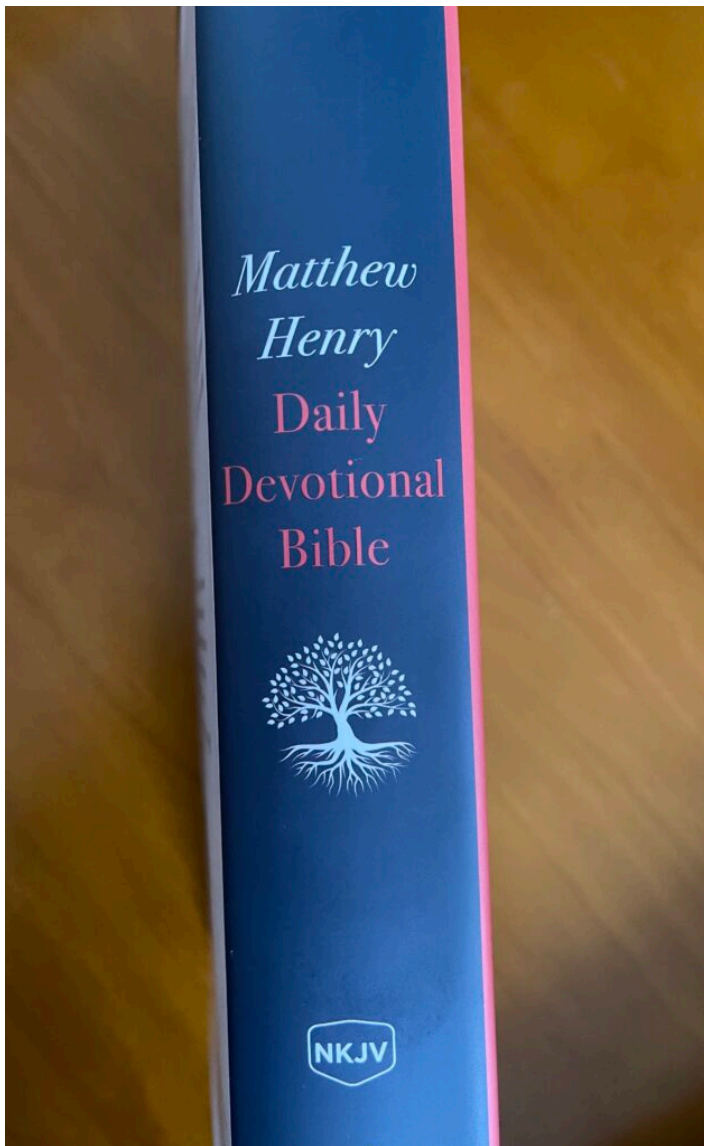


The Mathew Henry Daily Devotional Bible (NKJV) comes with two satin ribbons, one red and one blue as pictured, here placed at Isaiah 69.

With this format, one could easily find another interesting

passage to read along with the day's devotional, so I actually like the fact the devotions are spread throughout the Bible rather than arranged in a more traditional format. This allows the reader to spend time prayerfully in the Word and invite the Ruach haKodesh (the Holy Spirit) to truly guide one's reading and devotional time.

## ***A Devotional Bible***



Matthew Henry Daily Devotional Bible (NKJV)

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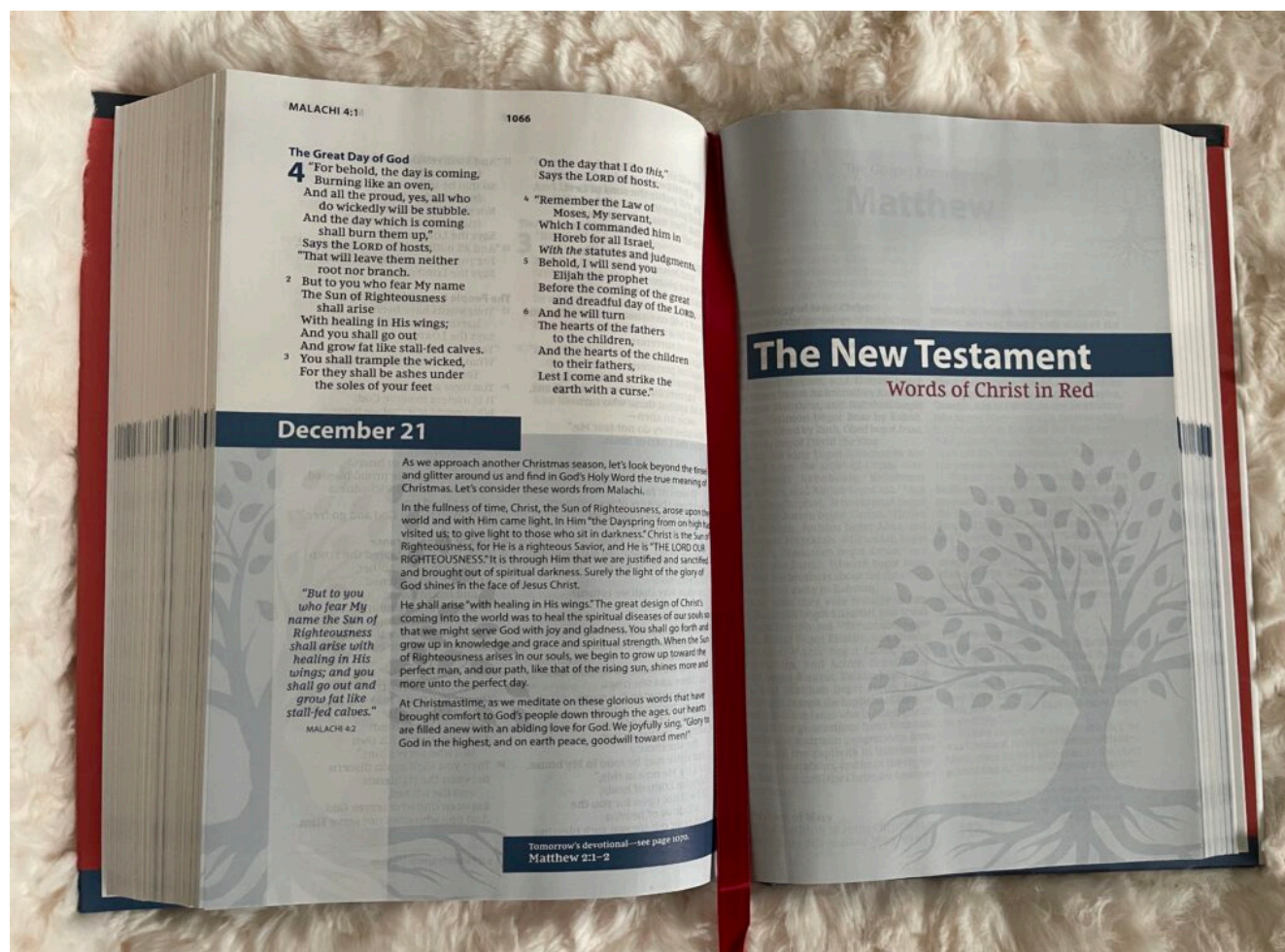
For anyone interested in a “devotional” *introduction* to Matthew Henry, this Bible will be very appropriate. It is less scholarly than jumping straight into his Bible commentaries. I could see this being an excellent gift for a young person going off to college or someone considering vocational ministry.

It is important to note that the [Matthew Henry Daily Devotional Bible](#) is aptly named and is not a Bible commentary nor a Study Bible. It is strictly intended as a devotional Bible.

The [Matthew Henry Daily Devotional Bible](#) can encourage any of



us to put away the study Bibles for a moment and just focus our attention in a devotional format. With all the apps and electronic means of accessing the Scripture, having an actual book to hold and look through can help us slow down and focus on our personal devotional life with our Heavenly Father rather than studying all the time! The devotions in this Bible are Scripturally-based and free of distraction.



## My recommendation:

★★★★★

Rating: 5 out of 5.

My initial reaction was to give the [Matthew Henry Daily Devotional Bible](#) 4 out of 5 stars, but the more I thought about the **purpose** of this non-study Bible, I decided it is worth **5 out of 5**.

This Bible does not purport to give commentary nor to serve as a study Bible. It is intended as a devotional Bible, and it serves that purpose very well. I highly recommend this Devotional Bible to anyone seeking a devotional that can be used all year, and reused every year if desired.

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If you are looking for other wonderful Scripture resources, check out my reviews of [“Spurgeon and the Psalms: The Book of Psalms with Devotions from Charles Spurgeon”](#) and [“Eternity Now: The New Testament Series” \(NET\)](#) also published by Thomas Nelson.



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## Review: “Eternity Now: The New Testament Series” (NET)

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### [“Eternity Now: The New Testament Series” \(New English Translation](#)

The [“Eternity Now: New Testament Series”](#) comes as a boxed set of five books. Each cover is appealing and each title captures the essence of the New Testament books contained within them. The titles are creative but remain theologically appropriate. I was particularly struck by the [“Now but not Yet”](#) title for John’s writings because it reminded me of one of my seminary professors who always reminded us of this aspect of John’s record. To me, this suggests **accuracy and faithfulness to the original texts** while tastefully displaying the creativity of those who compiled this series.





“Eternity Now: The New Testament Series” set of 5 books

## ***The New English Translation (NET)***

Of note, the Bible version used here is the *NET*, the *New English Translation*. This is a fairly recent translation, completed in 2019. The translators’ aim according to the series’ note to the reader was to “creat[e] an English Bible translation that could overcome old challenges and boldly open the door for new possibilities.”

I’m assuming the “challenges” may refer to moving beyond the archaic language of the *King James Version*, but I am unsure as to of what exactly consistent the “new possibilities” hoped for by the translators. It seems to me that the *New English Translation* seeks a more vernacular tone making it easier for modern readers to understand without losing accuracy.

In each book, a letter to the reader explains more about the NET translation. One thing that I found particularly interesting was this claim: “Throughout the NET’s translation process, every working draft was made publicly available on the Internet. Bible scholars, ministers, and laypersons from around the world logged millions of review sessions. No other translation is so openly accountable to the worldwide church

or has been so thoroughly vetted” ([Eternity Now, viii](#)). Additionally, the NET allows ministries to use the translation freely due to “ministry-first copyright innovations” ([Eternity Now, x](#)).

That really is very unique and an awesome use of modern technology for the sake of the Gospel!

## Book Review and Description

The [“Eternity Now”](#) series is a compilation of all of the books of the New Testament/*B’rit Chadashah* arranged in a manner making it read more like a novel. This book set would be a wonderful gift idea for a young person in your life who might not otherwise read the Bible.



*“Eternity Now: The New Testament Series” New English*

### *Translation*

Each book contains the writings of the New Testament, still divided into chapters, but verse number superscripts are left out. Again, this makes the text read more like a novel than a traditional Bible, but the Biblical text remains the same and has not been altered. This series would perhaps not be appropriate for traditional "study" due to the lack of verse number indicators, but would work well for any type of personal devotional.





*Eternity Now spine*

The paperback format makes these books easy to carry. Someone sitting beside another on the metro will not immediately recognize that the person with one of these books is reading

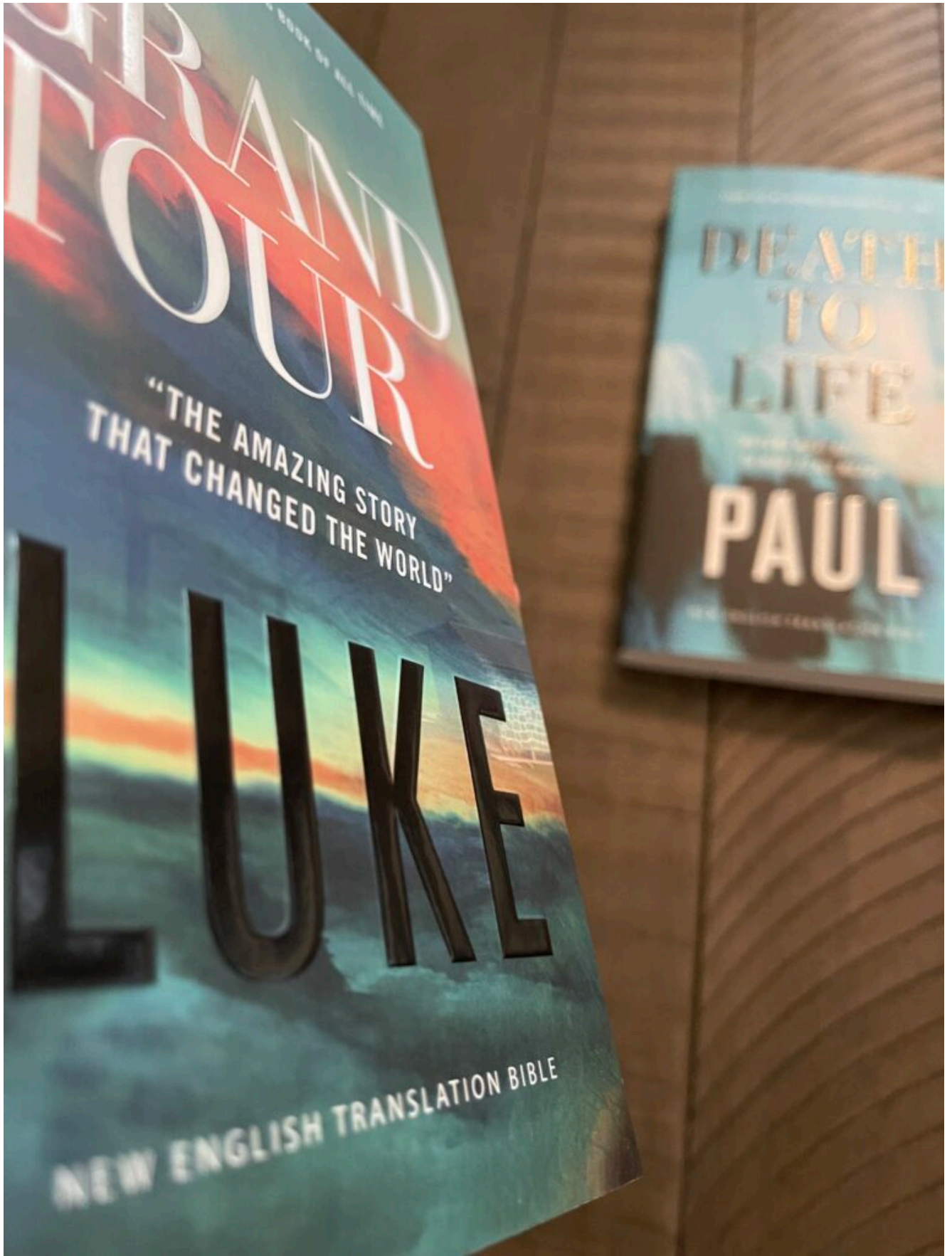


Scripture. It is reader-friendly, eye-catching, and somewhat unconventional.



*Eternity Now* back cover





*"Grand Tour" (Luke) and "Death to Life" (Paul) Eternity Now NET*

# My recommendation:

★★★★★

Rating: 5 out of 5.

I value anything that gets Scripture out to people, especially to people who might not otherwise read the Bible for themselves. This is a useful evangelical tool that I could see placed on coffee tables at clinics and coffeeshops with the hope that someone might pick it up to read and be surprised by the wonderful Good News it contains.

I recommend the ["Eternity Now: New Testament Series"](#) and hope that you find it to be a blessing either for yourself personally or for someone who you are praying will come to the saving knowledge of and relationship with our LORD.

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“Eternity Now: The New Testament Series (NET)” New English Translation



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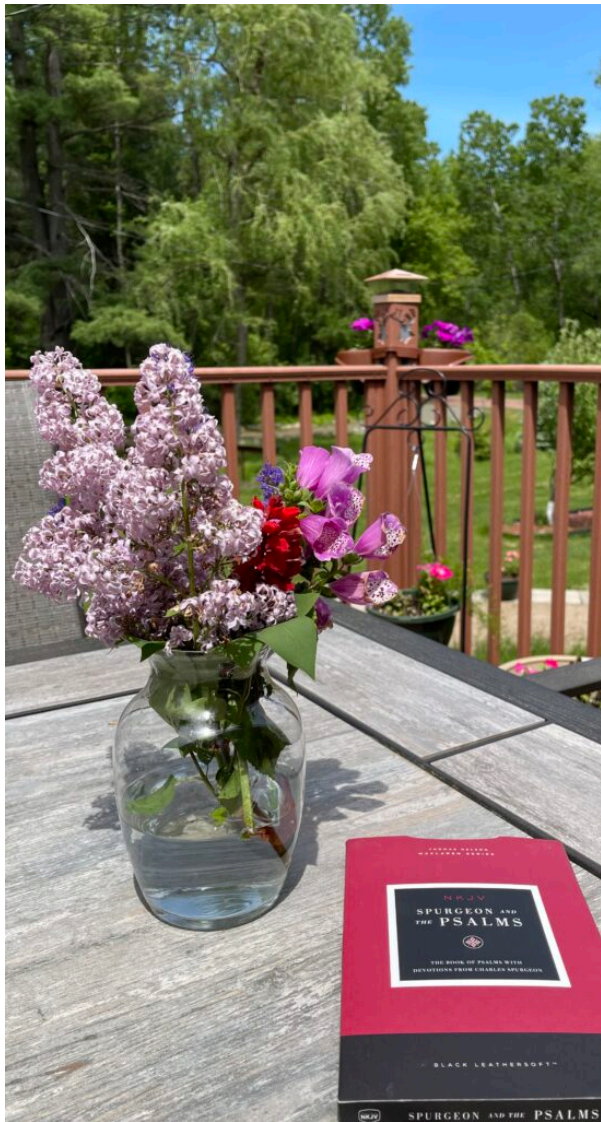
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## **“Spurgeon and the Psalms”** **Leathersoft Edition**

Few devotionals truly captivate my attention. I find that many of them are full of overly simplistic stories and cutesy platitudes. Certainly, for a new believer or a young person, these types of devotional books may be suitable, but for the serious and mature believer, I often recommend simply turning to the Scriptures themselves because everything else falls short.

That is why **this devotional resource is WONDERFUL!** [“Spurgeon and the Psalms”](#) will get you straight into the Scriptures and focusing on the LORD. That’s the point of having a devotional time, isn’t it!?

**It is essentially a “Psalter”:** the [Book of Psalms](#) published in a lightweight edition. Each [Psalms](#) is appropriately prefaced with words written by Charles Spurgeon, a well-known and beloved Christian pastor who lived in England and preached during the 1800’s. His timeless commentary and exhortation will bless you.

## **Book Review and description**

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Like any high quality Bible, ["Spurgeon and the Psalms"](#) has gold page-edge gilding.

Interestingly, near the back of the book, you will find a note on the selection of type/font. I found it to be such a nice touch that the explanation was included, as I had noticed the unique font used in this Psalter.

This definitely seems like a book that the publishers want you to treasure. I'm quite certain of that because there is a guarantee printed on the back of the book jacket: Thomas Nelson guarantees their Leathersoft ["Spurgeon and the Psalms"](#) for *life!*

The book contains all 150 [Psalms](#) with unobtrusive devotional commentary preceding each [Psalms](#). There are also blank "notes" pages at the back.

The selections from Spurgeon's own writings help connect the Psalms to the Gospel narrative. If you are unfamiliar with Spurgeon, you will find his writing to be eloquent, detailed, yet exceptionally applicable. There is no doubt he sought the LORD because his writing reflects that type of close relationship with the Father.

## My recommendation:

★★★★★

Rating: 5 out of 5.

If you are looking for a Psalter, this is your book. As Spurgeon laments in the Preface, God's people don't know the [Psalms](#) the way they used to – and he was saying that well over 100 years ago! I encourage you to take the opportunity to truly meditate on and learn the [Psalms](#), and this book will



truly help you to do that.

If you are looking for high-quality devotional material for yourself or as a gift, you will very likely enjoy the newly published

I wholeheartedly recommend the newly published [“Spurgeon and the Psalms”](#) book to everyone! It is appropriate for believers at all stages in life, and quite honestly, is the type of book every follower of our Messiah should own.

This would make a wonderful gift for anyone you love and care about.

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I am always a fan of books that primarily use the Scriptures! Check out my review of the [Word for Word Bible Comic’s Gospel of Mark!](#) There are so many wonderful resources that directly refer us back to God’s Word, and I love to recommend them so you can grow closer to the LORD each and every day!

[I have treasured Your word in my heart, so I might not sin against You. Psalm 119:11, TLV](#)

**Do you read the [Psalms](#) as a daily devotional? Let us know! Leave a comment below!**

