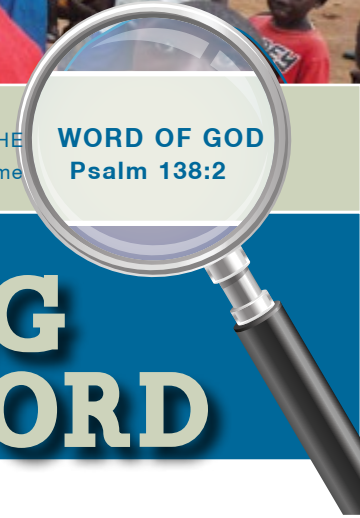




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For You have magnified Your Word above all Your Name

WORD OF GOD
Psalm 138:2



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MAGNIFYING GOD'S WORD

Blue Letter Bible Reaches a Remote Village in Africa

NEVER DID THIS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GIRL NAMED MELISSA IMAGINE THAT SHE WOULD ONE DAY LEAVE HER NATIVE COUNTRY TO MARRY A UGANDAN PASTOR. MELISSA HUBBELL MET VINCENT ANIKU IN 2009 DURING HER FIRST MISSION TRIP TO AFRICA. HER PLAN WAS TO REMAIN IN AFRICA ONLY SIX MONTHS, BUT GOD HAD OTHER PLANS.

As a young child, Vincent and his family had to flee Uganda, becoming refugees in Sudan. Moving from place to place, Vincent was sadly abandoned and left as an orphan. But it was God's plan that Vincent would hear the Gospel, become a child of the King, and eventually attend Bible college in Kampala. He currently serves as an assistant pastor at a church in Midigo, where these two Christians from distant continents met and married. They have an 18-month-old son named Zach, they minister to 13 orphaned children, and Melissa is now carrying their second child.

Having first learned about BLB from his professors at Bible college, Vincent currently uses it to prepare Bible studies and disciple others. Melissa used BLB state-

side, and she is very excited now that it has become available on her phone! She wrote to tell us that she is on strict bed-rest due to complications with her pregnancy and the threat of miscarriage:

"I was convicted knowing that worry and fear are not from God, and that the enemy was using it in my life. I started going to the place I was supposed to go all along...His Word, through Blue Letter Bible. As I read His promises and truths, they have ministered to me! I need God's Word constantly, and I use BLB all the time."

The Blue Letter Bible staff is so blessed that this young family is being lifted up and encouraged by God through His Word on our website. To all who support our

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Over 700 New Bible Studies from Pastor Bill Acton

Blue Letter Bible has received a highly-treasured collection of insightful and memorable sermons from Pastor Bill Acton to share with its users. This 93-year-old preacher has the remarkable legacy of being a faithful minister, church planter, and disciple-maker for more than 65 years. Pastor Bill credits his love of Charles Spurgeon's writings, as well as his personal friendship with Dr. J. Vernon McGee, as having greatly influenced his preaching. He's been married to his beloved wife, Fay, for 59 years and they currently attend Reverence Bible Church in Southern California, where Pastor Acton still ministers to the church body. Acton's mission statement is: "To point people to the truths of God's amazing and sovereign grace." We invite you to listen now to one of Pastor Bill's messages entitled, "Saved by Grace and Not by Ourselves" at BlueLetterBible.org/Acton. 

New Content from Pastor Thabiti Anyabwile


Blue Letter Bible is pleased to offer 270 messages from Pastor Thabiti Anyabwile, recently added to our library of audio commentaries. He currently serves as Assistant Pastor for Church Planting at Capitol Hill Baptist Church, and has authored numerous books including: *Captivated: Beholding the Mystery of Jesus' Death and Resurrection*, *The Gospel for Muslims*, and more. He is a co-founder of The Front Porch—a website that hosts conversations about biblical faithfulness in African-American churches and beyond.

Pastor Anyabwile's heart for feeding and shepherding God's people is most apparent in his direct yet compassionate style of teaching. His audio collection includes several expositional series, as well as helpful topical studies centered on God's Word. We invite you to listen to his message entitled, "When the Pain Won't Stop," at BlueLetterBible.org/Anyabwile. This excellent study on Job will encourage anyone who is experiencing suffering. 



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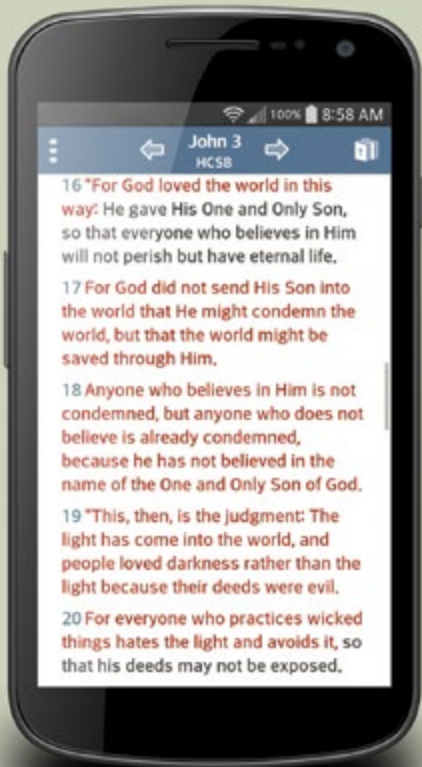
ministry, please know that you also play an integral role in ministering to these young believers in this remote village of Uganda. Let us continue to praise God for allowing us to labor together for His glory! 



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The BLB App for Android

Android users, we hear your cries and feel your pain! It's been a long time coming, but our small team is working diligently around-the-clock to get the Android app out. We can safely say that we are getting closer and closer to announcing the launch date. In the meantime, you can use our mobile site (m.BLB.org) for a small-screen version of the BLB website. Want to be the first to receive the BLB app for Android? Sign up for our email newsletter at BlueLetterBible.org/newsletter where it will make its debut. We appreciate your continued support and prayers. Stay tuned!



Newly Added Translation: Holman Christian Standard Bible



The Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB) is now available for free on Blue Letter Bible's website and iPhone/iPad mobile app!

The HCSB is a trusted, original translation of God's Word. A team of more than 100 scholars from 17 denominations pursued two ideals with every translation decision: each word must be faithful to the original languages of the Bible, and each word must reflect clear, contemporary English.

We are very thankful for the generosity of Holman Bible Publishers, an imprint of B&H Publishing Group, who have offered Blue Letter Bible the free use of HCSB! For more information about the HCSB version, visit HCSB.org.

For Mobile Users

The HCSB is now available for free to download in your BLB iOS app. Just download the newest app update by going to the App Store and clicking "Updates." If you don't already have our free BLB iApp, you can download it in the iTunes App Store or by going to BlueLetterBible.org/iPhone.

Thomas Goodwin: A Theologian Who Withstands the Test of Time

Our desire at Blue Letter Bible is to provide an ever-increasing collection of rich resources to help our users grow in the faith. We are pleased to announce two additions to our growing list: *Christ Set Forth* and *The Heart of Christ in Heaven Towards Sinners on Earth*, by the classic Puritan author, Thomas Goodwin.

Consistent with our commitment to make studying God's Word readily accessible, we have worked diligently to make these classic writings readable and engaging by extensively proofing, contemporizing language, and linking Scripture for ease of use.

Thomas Goodwin served as chaplain to Oliver Cromwell, and as President of Magdalene College, Oxford. His sincere love for Christ and his firm convictions are evident in both of these works. *Christ Set Forth* triumphantly promotes Christ as our complete and perfect justification. *The Heart of Christ* beautifully expounds the deep love of Christ that readily bridges the distance between heaven and earth, and between sinner and Savior.

Watch for these great new additions, coming soon!





GOD'S WORD IS **ALIVE &** ACTIVE

Spanning the Ages— Ministering to All Ages

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND GENEROSITY TO BLUE LETTER BIBLE. LIKE YOU, I EXPERIENCE GREAT JOY WHEN I ENCOUNTER THE STORIES OF LIVES CHANGED BY THE WORD OF GOD.



We like to think of the Blue Letter Bible ministry as a tool that spans the ages. Our website offers a surplus of unique resources dating from the writings of the early Church Fathers, to the 17th century Puritan writings of Thomas Goodwin, to the newly released Holman Christian Standard Bible. Thus, we see ourselves standing at a crossroad where current digital technology intersects with traditional Christian theology.

In addition to being a tool that crosses the ages, BLB is a tool *for all ages*. Like Dr. Andrewartha, an 80-year-old Bible college professor, who utilizes BLB to teach his young students. Another gentleman, Jeffrey, whose testimony is below, is enrolled in the Masters of Apologetics program at Luther Rice Seminary. And there is the young man who is taking our BLBi courses, “Christology” and “Soteriology” as part of his high school homeschooling curriculum. We are also very blessed to

feature, in this newsletter, the addition of over 700 audio messages from my dear friend, Pastor Bill Acton. Still preaching at age 93, Bill’s wisdom and knowledge of Scripture is priceless.

As you can imagine, the number of BLB users has grown exponentially since our inception nearly 20 years ago. We truly praise our Lord for all of you who have partnered with us to keep these Bible study resources free and available for believers of all ages.

May God and His Word be exalted,

JIM MILLIGAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

We are tremendously blessed to receive letters and emails from you. Jeffrey, one of our faithful BLB users, shares:

“I have been using BLB almost since its inception. It’s been so long, I can’t remember when I wasn’t using it. It has been a tremendous resource for me, and I use it almost daily. I am now in the Masters of Apologetics program at Luther Rice Seminary, and BLB serves as the best resource for almost everything I would ever need. I have become so used to having it as a resource; it’s like having a sharp sword available for every encounter. I tell everyone I witness to about BLB, and when I meet a new

Christian or someone who needs some help, the first resource I always point them to is BLB. I love you guys and know that God has led you into this work. Through you, He is being glorified on a moment-by-moment basis, seven days a week, 24 hours a day. May God bless you and this ministry.”

Jeffrey Humbles
Lithonia, GA



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