

## How to Use BibleGateway.com

BibleGateway.com is a free online resource offering more than 200 versions of the Bible in over 70 languages. You can easily look up passages, switch translations, and compare versions side by side.

You can use Bible Gateway without an account. They offer a free account, which gives you additional features, such as writing and saving personal notes, highlighting and bookmarking Bible passages, and syncing your notes across multiple devices. To create a free account, go to <https://www.biblegateway.com/>.

For a small monthly fee, you can subscribe to Bible Gateway Plus, which suppresses ads and provides unlimited access to reference books about the Bible.

### To Look Up a Passage

- Go to [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com).
- In the search box at the top, type a passage (for example, John 1:1-5) or a keyword.
- Press Enter or click the Search icon to view the passage.

### To Change Translations

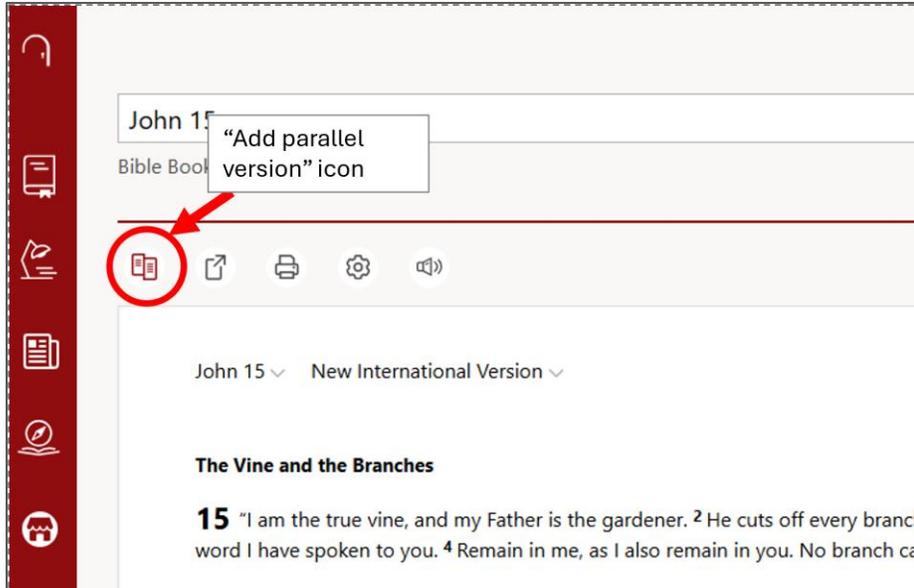
- To change the version, click the down arrow beside the name or the version to reveal the dropdown menu.
- Choose from the list of translations.

### To View Multiple Translations Side by Side

BibleGateway's Parallel Bible View lets you compare up to five translations on one page.

#### 1. *Open the Parallel View*

- While viewing any passage, click the "Add parallel version" icon above the text area.



- A new column appears next to your current translation.

## 2. Choose Another Translation

- In the new column, click the down arrow beside the name of the version to reveal the dropdown menu.
- Select a version to display it side by side with the first.

## 3. Add or Remove Columns

- To add more translations, click 'Add Parallel' again (up to five total).
- To remove a translation, click the small 'X' in the corner of that column.

## Audio Bibles

Bible Gateway offers audio Bible reading at <https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/audio/>. You can choose from several translations, and for some translations, you can choose from different reading voices. Other sites also offer audio Bibles. Simply do an internet search for "audio Bible."

## Joel's Comments about Bible Translations

Once, Joel was asked about using Bible translations other than the King James Version. He responded:

"As far as I'm concerned, my favorite version of the Bible is the King James Version. I love its beauty and its poetry. And whatever I have caught of biblical understanding has come to me from the King James Version. On the other hand, I have all of the versions that are available, including the New English Bible, and I have found them useful in this way: When I

am working with a particular passage or story of scripture, I find it very interesting to turn to these other versions, to see how they present it, and sometimes from one version or another, you get quite a different slant. And so, just for comparison or just for clarification, I often find it handy to refer to these other versions to get their view. And I have, on many occasions, caught something worthwhile in doing that. ...

“If you really want to know the Bible; if you really want to study Scripture; what could be more wonderful than any one of these, or all of these [translations] along with the King James? And certainly, these should be studied with concordances and probably with cross-index concordances, for those who really want to make something of scriptural study.”<sup>1</sup>

Of course, the search function on an online Bible site can do one of the major jobs of a concordance. You can enter any word or phrase, and the search tool will produce a list of all the places in your selected Bible translations where that word or phrase appears. You can filter the results by Old Testament or New Testament, or even by a specific book of the Bible.

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<sup>1</sup> Recording 399A: 1961 Los Angeles Closed Class, “The Function of Mind.”