

# Reading Scripture with Paul

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All Scripture is given by inspiration of God...

# “Have they not heard?”

Yes they have!

- Proof? Psalm 19v4 in Romans 10v18
  - “Their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.”
- Psalm 19v4 KJV
  - “Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.”
- Psalm 19v4 LXX
  - “Their voice is gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world”

# The Septuagint or LXX

## The tradition

- A translation from Hebrew to Greek
- Made by 70 Jewish scholars – hence the title
- Took place in Alexandria
- Commissioned by Ptolemy Philadelphus II in 282BC



# The Scriptures

- 1 Corinthians 15v3-4 “For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures...”
- Romans 15v4 “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope”
- 2 Timothy 3v16 “from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures”

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## 2 Timothy 3v16 JB Philips

- *“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the faith and correcting error, for resetting the direction of a man's life and training him in good living.”*

# How did Paul use Scripture?

- Quotation
  - “*As Esaias said before*”
  - “*David saith*”
- Allusion
  - “*as in Adam all die*” 1 Corinthians 15v22 alluding to Genesis 3
- Echo
  - “*I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion*” 2 Timothy 4v17, echoing the language of Daniel 6 and Psalm 22
- At least 135 direct quotations and over 570 allusions/echoes in the letters of Paul



# The letter to the brethren at Rome

- Romans 1v1-2 “*the gospel of God*” was “*promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures*”
- This is what Paul sets out to prove this using 51 quotations and at least 95 allusions and echoes from Scripture

# Romans iv16-17 ESV

*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

*For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."”*

Where has Paul drawn these concepts and words from?

# Where's Romans 1v16-17 from?

- Psalm 98v2 LXX “The Lord has made known His salvation, He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.”

Psalm 98v3 LXX “He has remembered His mercy to Jacob, and His truthfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.”



# Where's Romans 1v16-17 from?

- Isaiah 51v4-5 LXX “Hear Me, hear Me, My people; and you kings, hearken to Me; for a law shall proceed from Me, and My judgment shall be for a light of the nations. My righteousness speedily draws near, and my salvation shall go forth as light, and on My arm shall the Gentiles trust.”
- Isaiah 52v10 LXX “And the Lord shall reveal His holy arm in the sight of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation that comes from our God.”

# Where's Romans 1v16-17 from?

- Isaiah 50v7-8 LXX “*But the Lord God became my helper; therefore I was not ashamed, but I set my face as a solid rock; and I know that I shall never be ashamed, for He that has justified me draws near.*”
- Isaiah 50v7-8 reworded “*I know that I shall not be ashamed because the one who makes me righteous is near.*”

# “The righteous shall live by faith...”

- Habakkuk 1v2 LXX *“How long, O Lord, shall I cry out, and You will not hear? How long shall I cry out to You when I am wronged, and You will not save?”*
- Habakkuk 1v13 LXX, *“You, whose eye is too pure to behold evil doings, and to look upon grievous afflictions: why do You look upon despisers? Will You be silent when the ungodly swallows up the just?”*



# “The righteous shall live by faith...”

- Habakkuk 2v4 MT “*The just shall live by his faith.*”
- Habakkuk 2v4 LXX “*The just shall live by my faith.*”
- Romans 1v17 citing Habakkuk 2v4 “*The just shall live by faith.*”
- Whose faithfulness will the just live by?
  - In the gospel, God’s righteousness is revealed
  - By the gospel, God will give life to the faithful
- By the faithfulness of God, we are encouraged to be faithful, or as Paul puts it, “*the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith*”

# Paul's attitude towards Scripture

- “*Esaiias saith*” is the same as “Isaiah says” – the tense is present continuous Romans 10v16
- “*Esaiias is very bold, and saith*” is the same as “Isaiah is very bold and says” – the tense is present continuous Romans 10v20
- “*Moses says*” Romans 10v19
- “*David says*” and “*David also describeth*” Romans 11v9; 4v6
- “*For he [God] says to Moses*” Romans 9v15; Hebrews 1v5-13
- “*he [Jesus] is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying...*” Hebrews 2v11-13

# The vital question

- “*Understandest thou what thou readest?*” Acts 8v30  
KJV
- “*Do you understand what you are reading?*” Acts 8v30  
JB Philips
- “I don’t understand” is a crossroads and we choose which path we will take.