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*Compiled by the*  
**SAMUEL BAGSTER**  
*family*



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# Introduction

*Daily Light on the Daily Path* is one of the most beloved classic devotionals of all time. It was prepared by Jonathan Bagster and other members of his family, who were descendants of noted London bookseller Samuel Bagster. The patriarch of the family, Samuel Bagster established a strong tradition of daily family Bible reading and meditation on the Scriptures. His descendants drew from the well of this heritage as they compiled this devotional for the benefit of other believers. A timeless volume, *Daily Light on the Daily Path* is the fruit of the devotions of this devout Christian family.

One of the unique features of this devotional is the order and presentation of the Scripture verses. Each reading is designed around a central biblical theme and includes verses specifically chosen to give you insight into the theme as you read, meditate on, and apply the Scriptures to your life. Sometimes this means that a later verse of a chapter will precede an earlier verse of the same chapter. This is intentional; the verses have been arranged in this way in order to bring out the progression of thought and the themes that the Bagsters wanted to emphasize.

A helpful feature of this new edition of *Daily Light on the Daily Path* is that the Scripture citations follow immediately after each verse or verses, for easy reference, instead of being listed at the bottom of the page. The Scriptures have also been put into the *New King James Version* for clarity for today's reader. The theme Scripture for each reading is in italics at the beginning of the reading, and the verses that follow it relate to this general theme.

*Daily Light on the Daily Path* can be used year after year. Since the Scriptures are always fresh, and our life circumstances are always changing, you will continually gain new insights, and the breadth of your understanding of the Scriptures will deepen each year as you read the daily selections.

This devotional is also ideal for meditating on the Scriptures. Psalm 1:2 shows us how we are to relate to the Word of God in our everyday lives: "*His delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.*" Joshua 1:8 reinforces this theme:

*This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all*

*that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

Meditating on the Word of God—deeply pondering its meaning over a period of time and absorbing its truths into one's inner being—has almost become a lost art in our day. We often read a portion of Scripture, answer a few questions about it, and move on to something else. We may read a longer passage in context or just read unconnected verses in a haphazard way. In *Daily Light on the Daily Path*, each Scripture was chosen with great care by the Bagster family to give the greatest spiritual insight and to inspire the greatest devotion to God. As you read the selections, you will see connections between Scriptures and themes from various books of the Bible, both Old Testament and New. This will help you to reflect on biblical truths in the context of the entire Scriptures and to see associations you may not have noticed before. A deeper and broader scope of the Scriptures will open up to you. Through the juxtaposition of the verses, you will see the Bible's themes, promises, and purposes as a whole and not as isolated pieces. You will see the nature of God, His great love for mankind, His unfolding plan for humanity, His way of salvation, and our future hope, with new and enriching insights. Most of all, you will reach out to God in true worship and gratitude as you are refreshed and taught by His Word.

May you be blessed daily as the Word of God permeates and transforms your life, bringing salvation, faith, hope, love, healing, wisdom, and an ever-deepening personal knowledge of God the Father and our Savior Jesus Christ through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

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# January 1



## Morning Reading

*One thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind...I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 3:13–14

Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me. JOHN 17:24 • I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. 2 TIMOTHY 1:12 • He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. PHILIPPIANS 1:6 •

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. 1 CORINTHIANS 9:24–25 • Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus. HEBREWS 12:1–2 •

## Evening Reading

*The LORD, He is the one who goes before you.  
He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you.*

Deuteronomy 31:8

If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. EXODUS 33:15 • O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps. JEREMIAH 10:23 •

The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the LORD upholds him with His hand. PSALM 37:23–24 •

I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand. You will guide me with Your counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. PSALM 73:23–24 • For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. ROMANS 8:38–39 •