



## Let's Read! June, 2013 Hosted by Open Doors

\*Books of Kings I and Kings II

\* Psalms 64-73

\* Proverbs (chapters 14-16)

\* Book of Romans

Greetings!

Already the year is almost half over—which also means that we are almost half way through the Bible! Whether you're reading all four sections monthly, a small part, or you just happen to fall somewhere in between... we are delighted to share our journey with you. Our *Things Jesus Said to Draw Us Closer to Him* booklet now has an opening introduction:

FOLLOWING JESUS TODAY AND EVERY DAY, 52 Things Jesus Said to Bring us Closer to Him

His words are timeless:

they echo through the centuries  
and become a part of who we are.

His teachings are priceless...

they admonish, challenge, inspire and empower us  
as we live this life to the fullest—for *his* glory.

His messages are life-changing...

they bring us purpose, comfort, peace, hope  
and the promise of an eternity with him.

May the words herein, spoken by our Savior,

be a beacon and a blessing as we read and apply them,  
helping us draw closer to him each and every day!

Let's surround each other in faith-filled prayer as we find more and more meaning in each and every day.

### **And now... our agenda for June!**

Kings I and II: the continuation of the history of Israel, including David's death, the reign of Solomon, and the divided kingdom (Israel in the North and Judah in the south, and their respective kings good and bad. We'll also meet that flamboyant and emotional prophet Elijah, who challenged King Ahab and Queen Jezebel, who ruled the northern kingdom. Watch for that exciting contest between Elijah and the prophets of the false god, Baal.

Psalms 64-73: more of those wonderfully intimate songs of praise and petition that unite the psalmist (often David) with his God. After reading this month's selections, let's go back and review our favorites and then write some modern-day psalms of our own. Let's lift up our souls in praise and petition, expressing as best we can our innermost thoughts, feelings and desires (cares, concerns and complaints, too!) Let it all hang out in poetic-like words for our next feedback page.

Proverbs 14-16: sayings dealing with topics like "Wisdom Makes Good Sense," "The Lord Sees Everything," and "The Lord has the Final Word." See what choice verses jump out at you and speak directly to your heart and life.

Romans: Paul's letter to the church in Rome, a church he didn't establish (It was there before he ever visited, started most likely by the earliest converted Jews and/or God-fearers, non-Jews attracted to the Lord.) The letter deals in large part with the controversy as to whether the non-Jewish Christians should be required to keep the Jewish law. It's a great Book for all who want to know what Christianity is and how to live a Christian life. Be on the lookout for one of the most beloved of all Bible passages: Romans 8:31-39, which includes such verses as "If God is for us, who can be against us?" and "In everything we have won more than a victory because of what Christ has done for us," and..."Nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love for us in Christ Jesus our Lord!"