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WORD OF GOD Psalm 138:2

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BLUE LETTER BIBLE MAGNIFYING GOD'S WORD



Meet Pam: Mentor Extraordinaire

It is our great pleasure to introduce you to a special friend who has been using the Blue Letter Bible study resources for over six years. Pam Larson, from Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis, is not just a user of BLB herself, but she personally introduces hundreds of others to our free online study tools. Pam is a devoted wife and busy mother of four, who recently stepped into the position of Interim Director of Women's Ministry at her church—which enrolls 300 to 400 women each year in Bible study.

Several times a year, Pam teaches women in her classes how to use BLB. She encourages students to utilize the "word and verse" search tool, as well as the "copy and paste" feature, to expedite the copious number of Bible verses they review each week. One of Pam's favorite BLB resources is the Lexicon (Interlinear & Reverse Interlinear) for Greek and Hebrew research. She loves to immerse herself in God's Word, mining the precious riches of Scripture, and is thankful that BLB makes this process easy.

Pam teaches the *Precept Upon Precept* Bible study, taking students through the Bible book-by-book, verse-by-verse, using the inductive Bible study method. She told us,

We were excited and blessed to get to know this sweet sister in the faith. We rejoiced to learn how God has extended the influence of Blue Letter Bible into her church's counseling department, and beyond there into the mission fields of the Philippine Islands, where Pam took copies

"Blue Letter Bible is perfectly designed to facilitate the inductive style of study."

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Sounds Like Greek to Me...



Peggy Estrada, Writer/Editor

Digging into the Word and learning more about the “author and finisher of our faith” (Hebrews 12:2) is always spiritually rewarding. In my early years of studying the Bible, I used to pull the five-pound concordance and interlinear volumes off our bookcase and research words in the most miniscule font size! My, how times have changed. Today, with the click of a few computer keys, the Blue Letter Bible renders more information than my entire library contained—back in the day. And one does not have to be a scholar to benefit from Blue Letter Bible’s vast collection of free study resources.

I know this side of heaven that I will never be proficient in the original languages. However, I still love to hunt for insights to meanings of particular words or phrases. BLB’s unique Interlinear and Lexicon tools give wonderful information, including the Strong’s Definitions and audio pronunciations of 14,764 Strong’s Hebrew and Greek words. Simply click on the speaker icon or the audio arrow to hear the word pronounced. This has become one of my favorite Blue Letter Bible features.

When our pastor-friend and prodigious linguist, Justin Alfred, labored for months clearly enunciating and recording all of these words, I had no idea how much I would personally benefit from his work. As I now have opportunities to teach ladies’ Bible studies, it is fun to be able to pronounce a Greek word like εὐαγγέλιον/ euangélion (gospel, Strong’s G2098) and explain how it brings more understanding to a verse. If you haven’t already been utilizing this awesome study option, check it out today. [QR](#)

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of the BLB CD to people who have no Internet access.

When we hear stories like Pam’s, we are reminded of Jesus’ instructions in Matthew 28:19–20,

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

We are truly humbled at the way God is using the Blue Letter Bible ministry to help make disciples. [QR](#)



The ladies of Blue Letter Bible were blessed to spend time with Pam at a conference in January 2016



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Last summer, we received a phone call from the National Bible Bee, a ministry committed to helping children grow in Christ through inductive Bible studies and Scripture memorization. Through the National Bible Bee's program, thousands of children from all over the United States commit themselves to studying and memorizing hundreds of Bible verses over a period of seven months, which culminates with a national competition in San Antonio, Texas.

Helping people to hide God's Word in their hearts through an in-depth study of Scripture is at the very core of our ministry and mission. So, when the National Bible Bee contacted us for permission to integrate our resources into their Bible study materials, we were thrilled to learn how God would use BLB to help thousands of children fill their hearts with God's Word.

*Your word I have hidden in my heart,
That I might not sin against You. Psalm 119:11 NKJV*

In November, we had the privilege of attending the national competition, where we learned about the many ways that children, ages seven through eighteen, are using BLB. That's right, even seven-year-olds! When the children eagerly shared their favorite thing about BLB, to our delight, most often it was the original language tools.

One young man, Everett, showed us his personal Bible study notes, as well as a GoogleDocs Bible study project that he and his fellow contestants collaborated on. Their

notes and documents were filled with Bible passage themes, outlines, and Greek word studies gleaned from Blue Letter Bible! Throughout the seven months of study,



the contestants were challenged to not only memorize Scripture, but to look deeper into the truths that God intended to reveal to us in His Word.


Partnerships and stories of young lives impacted by an in-depth study of God's Word encourage us to provide the most helpful resources possible. We are grateful for our partnership with the National Bible Bee, and encourage our network of families to look into the wonderful resources the National Bible Bee provides. For more information, visit BibleBee.org.

New Content Added

Blue Letter Bible is so thankful for the resources the Lord allows us to share with its faithful users! Newly released and updated content that you may have missed includes:

- *Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible*, reformatted for ease of navigation
- Updated F.E. Marsh's *Five Hundred Bible Readings*
- Fifty-five additional messages from Elisabeth Elliot

- *Strong's Definitions*, an original language study resource
- A digital book by John Flavel (1630–1691), *A Saint Indeed*
- Dr. Thomas Ice's *An Interpretation of Matthew 24–25*

Please know that there is a lot of prayer and thought that goes into what is put on BLB. We hope that the Lord uses these resources to bring glory to Himself in your study of His Word! 



GOD'S WORD IS ALIVE & ACTIVE

Overwhelmed by the Power of God's Word

By the grace of God, Blue Letter Bible is committed to making His Word available worldwide. From pastors, to students, to stay-at-home moms, and church leaders near and far, the BLB resources are being used by saints in all areas of life and ministry.

In this issue you will learn about thousands of students from all across the United States who use BLB to prepare for a national Bible competition. You will meet Pam Larson, Interim Director of a large women's ministry in the Midwest, who teaches her students to use BLB to help with their weekly lessons. And Hope's testimony touched our hearts, as she shared her dependency on the BLB audio library during her loss of eye sight.

As staff members of Blue Letter Bible, hearing these amazing stories is often overwhelming! We are blessed to know that God is touching lives and growing His Church, and each of you play a role in this growth process. We cannot thank you enough for your faithful support.

May God and His Word be exalted,

Jim Milligan
Chief Executive Officer

P.S. If you have not yet seen our latest video, "Pain Brought Her to the Feet of Jesus," please visit BlueLetterBible.org/Karen. You will be moved by the incredible power of God's Word in Karen's life.



User Testimony: Thank You for Helping Me Stay Connected to God's Word!

"I lost a lot of my vision in 2005. I am now blind in my left eye and have low vision in my right eye. Although I can read using things like a magnifying glass, strong reading glasses, and a screen-reader for my computer, I cannot read the printed word for very long. Reading the Bible, even in an extra-large print, had become almost impossible. My husband found out about Blue Letter Bible back in 2005 and I have been using the "Listen to the Bible" audio feature ever since! Thank you for helping me to stay connected to God's Word. I am now doing the "read the Bible in a year" plan, and BLB makes this possible for me." – Hope

Tell Us Your Story

We love to hear from Blue Letter Bible users about how God is using BLB in their lives and ministry. How has God used BLB in your discipleship and teaching? How have you been personally ministered to through a deeper study of God's Word? If you'd like to share your story, simply fill out our online form and submit, at BlueLetterBible.org/YourStory.

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