

Philemon

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A verse can express a spiritual truth even if it is in a story which may not be historical.

There is no reference to “Yahweh” in the right column of this book.

(Because of Microsoft software problems, verses can independently move from where they have been placed. A ` has been placed on each vacant line in order to try to stop the verses from moving so much from where they have been placed.)

1769 King James Version	2019 King James Version
<p>`</p> <p>1:1 Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellow labourer,</p> <p>`</p> <p>2 And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in thy house:</p> <p>3 Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>4 I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,</p> <p>5 Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints;</p> <p>`</p> <p>6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.</p> <p>7 For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>8 Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that which is convenient,</p> <p>9 Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Greetings</p> <p>1:1 From Paul,¹ imprisoned for preaching the good news of Jesus Christ, and from Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dearly beloved and fellow laborer,</p> <p>2 and to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:</p> <p>3 grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>`</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Paul prays for Philemon</p> <p>4 I thank my God, speaking of you always in my prayers,</p> <p>5 hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints (the believers in the Lord).</p> <p>6 I pray that the sharing of your faith may become more effective by the evidence to all of every good thing which is in you, as you are in Christ Jesus.</p> <p>7 For we have great joy and consolation in your love because the hearts of all the saints (the believers in the Lord) have been uplifted by hearing of you, brother.</p> <p>`</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Paul makes a request on behalf of Onesimus</p> <p>8 Therefore, though I might be so bold in Christ as to command you to do what is right,</p> <p>9 yet for love's sake, I would rather simply ask you,</p>

such an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

10 I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:

11 Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:

12 Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels:

13 Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:

14 But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.

15 For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever;

16 Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?

17 If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself.

18 If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account;

19 I Paul have written it with mine own hand, I will repay it: albeit I do not say to thee how thou owest unto me even thine own self besides.

20 Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my bowels in the Lord.

21 Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.

22 But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.

23 There salute thee Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus;

24 Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellow labourers.

25 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

being Paul the aged, and now also in prison for the sake of Jesus Christ.

10 I ask you on behalf of my son Onesimus, whom I have been a father to in my imprisonment.

11 Onesimus in times past was not helpful to you but now is useful to you and to me.

12 I am sending him back again, as dear to me as my heart; therefore, receive him gladly.

13 I would have retained him with me so that in your place he might have ministered to me in the bonds of the gospel (the good news).

Take Onesimus back as a fellow Christian, not just as a slave

14 But without your agreement I would do nothing, so that what you would do would be done willingly, and not because you were forced to do it.

15 Therefore, perhaps he left you for a time so that you could receive back him forever,

16 no longer as a servant, but more than a servant, as a beloved brother, especially to me, but how much more to you, Philemon, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

17 Therefore if you count me a partner, receive him as you would receive me.

18 If he has wronged you, or owes you anything, put that on my account.

19 I Paul have written with my own hand that I will repay what he owes you, although I could say to you that you owe even your own self to me.

20 Yes, brother, please give me this joy from you in the Lord; cheer my heart in the Lord.

21 Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do more than I say.

22 Please prepare me a room to stay in, for I trust that through your prayers I shall be able to come to you.

Last Greetings

23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, and

24 so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow laborers.

25 May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

¹ (1:1) Mainstream Bible scholars consider Philemon to be one of the seven books of the Bible by Paul along with Romans, 1 Thessalonians, 1 Corinthians, Galatians, Philippians and 2 Corinthians.