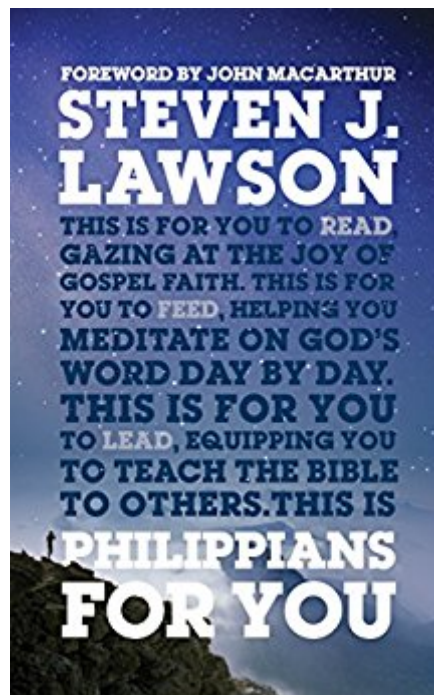




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The book of Philippians is about how to live with great joy and firm faith even when circumstances are hard. Written by Paul from his prison cell, it calls us to rejoice together as we shine gospel hope in a generation that does not know Christ. Dr Steven Lawson brings his trademark faithfulness, precision and passion to this wonderful letter.

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Philippians is one of the most popular books of the Bible to study in personal devotions and in small groups, due to it being one of Paul's shorter yet practical epistles. Many a book has been written on how to study Philippians, yet some are very cumbersome while others are too watered down to be much help. Philippians for You by Steven J. Lawson has theological depth while remaining understandable to all. Philippians for You is the newest volume in the God's Word for You series published by the Good Book Company Publishers. This

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While this commentary is primarily intended for personal use, the Good Book Company Publishers has produced a companion piece for *Philippians for You* called *Philippians: Shining with Great Joy* which aids in using *Philippians for You* in small group Bible studies. *Philippians: Shining with Great Joy*, also written by Steven J. Lawson, is a wonderful addition to this study which makes both of these works phenomenal resources for a study on the epistle to the *Philippians*. This book was provided to me free of charge from The Good Book Company Publishers in exchange for an unbiased, honest review.

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