

Seventh-day Adventist *Sabbath School Bible Study* *Guide for the Second Quarter of 2026*

This Seventh-day Adventist *Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* (SSBSG) is titled “Growing in a Relationship with God.” This review will be for the entire SSBSG for the second quarter of 2026.

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Of the “the Bible” used, only two are accepted Roman Catholic bibles. Here is a list of those “the Bible” with the number of times each was advertised. The number could change as I always find more on my second or third pass through the quarterly. I did not count quotations that could have come from more than one bible that had no version indicated.

King James Version (KJV) quotations: 6
Common English Bible (CEB) quotations: 1
Modern English Version (MEV) quotations: 2
English Standard Version (ESV) quotations: 2
New American Standard Bible (NASB) quotations: 1
New English Translation (NET) quotations: 2
New International Version (NIV) quotations: 3
New King James Version (NKJV) quotations: 211
New Living Translation (NLT) quotations: 4
Worldwide English (WE): 1 (page 94).

I unfortunately couldn’t find a WE bible in book form for sale but the following link will take you to an online offering.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/versions/Worldwide-English-New-Testament-WE/#booklist>

One memory text was from the NLT and the rest were from the NKJV.

Page numbers are as in the standard edition of the SSBSG except as noted.

LESSON 1. Reality Check (3/28/26 – 4/3/26)

As usual, the term “the Bible” (singular) is used frequently even though multiple “the Bible” are used in this SSBSG and you’re told what some Hebrew and Greek words mean. Princes of the Seventh-day Adventist Church frequently say such things as “you should compare several versions” or “the version you should read is the one you have.” There’s someone who agrees with them.

“But which Bible? It does little good to purchase the ‘best’ version, whichever that may be objectively, if you will not read it. You are not interested in an ornament for the coffee table, but a book you can pick up as comfortably as your favorite novel. The best version for you will be the version you will read.”

“It might be wise to purchase several translations even if you know which you will use for your regular reading. The reason? To compare renderings. If you know no Greek, Hebrew, or Latin, the best way to get a feel for the meaning of a verse is to see how different translations phrase it.”

Those quotations are from Karl Keating’s *Catholicism and Fundamentalism* found on pages 304 and 305. It was published by the Ignatius Press and received the *Nihil Obstat* of “Rev. Msgr. Joseph Pollard, S.T.D. Censor Librorum,” the *Imprimatur* of “+ Most Reverend Roger Mahony Archbishop of Los Angeles” as well as, on the back cover, the praise of John A. Hardon, S.J. who called it “A masterpiece of Catholic apologetics.” Perhaps you know that “S.J.” stands for “Society of Jesus,” meaning Jesuit, and that Ignatius Loyola was the founder of the Jesuit order.

“God’s Word is full of precious promises and helpful counsel. It is infallible; for God cannot err.” *Signs of the Times*, 3/28/1906.

“The Bible, and the Bible alone, is to be our creed, the sole bond of union; all who bow to this Holy Word will be in harmony. Our own views and ideas must not control our efforts. Man is fallible, but God’s Word is infallible.” *Selected Messages Book One* page 416 or *The Review and Herald*, 12/15/1885.

As will be demonstrated in this review, only one of the “the Bible” used in this SSBSG meets the standard of being “infallible.”

On page 11 it says, “We need to ask daily for the Holy Spirit, who is here with us on earth to: •be our Comforter (John 14:16-18),” Verse sixteen is the one that allegedly says “Comforter.”

“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-” John 14:16 (NKJV).

“I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever.” John 14:16 (CEB).

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you.” John 14:16 (NLT).

“Then I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever-” John 14:16 (NET).

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—” John 14:16 (NIV).

“I will ask my Father. He will give you another one to help you and to be with you always.” John 14:16 (WE).

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,” John 14:16 (ESV).

“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, so that He may be with you forever;” John 14:16 (NASB).

“I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Counselor, that He may be with you forever;” John 14:16 (MEV).

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;” John 14:16 (KJV).

Only one of those “the Bible” says “Comforter” and it’s not the one that has been advertised in capitalized italics over 200 times in this SSBSG.

Dr. Jaques, on page 15 of the teachers comments section which you probably don’t have, says, “John tells us that the New Jerusalem, the Lamb’s bride, is ‘arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints’ (*Rev. 19:8*). Let’s see how the fake “the Bible” do on this one.

“And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.” Revelation 19:8 (KJV).

“And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.” Revelation 19:8 (NKJV).

“She was given fine, pure white linen to wear, for the fine linen is the saints’ acts of justice.” Revelation 19:8 (CEB).

“it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"-for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.” Revelation 19:8 (ESV).

“It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.” Revelation 19:8 (NASB).

“It was granted her to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white." Fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.” Revelation 19:8 (MEV).

“She was permitted to be dressed in bright, clean, fine linen" (for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints).” Revelation 19:8 (NET).

“She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear.” For the fine linen represents the good deeds of God's holy people.” Revelation 19:8 (NLT).

“Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.)” Revelation 19:8 (NIV).

“She was given the right to wear fine linen, shining and clean.’ The fine linen means the good things God's people have done.” Revelation 19:8 (WE).

Every one of those “the Bible” except one, and it’s not the one that has been advertised over 200 times in capitalized italics in this SSBSG, says we’re to be clothed with our good works. Even though Dr. Jaques had to quote it from the real Bible, the real Bible wasn’t advertised in capitalized italics. Any problem with that?

“To the church it is given ‘that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white,’ ‘not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.’ Eph. 5:27. The fine linen, says Scripture, ‘is the righteousness of saints.’ Rev. 19:8. It is the righteousness of Christ, His own unblemished character, that through faith is imparted to all who receive Him as their personal Saviour.” *Christ’s Object Lessons* page 310.

On page 15 of the teachers comments section Dr. Jaques says, “God’s first charge against Laodicea concerns their religious profession. They are ‘neither cold nor hot’ but lukewarm (Rev. 3:15, 16).”

“And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.” Revelation 3:14-18 (KJV).

Dr. Jaques apparently missed this. That can happen if you are so much into Greek and Hebrew that you don’t understand some things in English. The charge is against “the angel of the church of the Laodiceans” and not “against Laodicea.” Who is the angel of the church of the Laodiceans?

“God’s ministers are symbolized by the seven stars, which He who is the first and the last has under His special care and protection.” *Gospel Workers* page 13.

“The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.” Revelation 1:20 (KJV).

The angel of the church of the Laodiceans is its ministers.

On page 17 of the teachers comments section Dr. Jaques asks, “What can you do to address the problem of lukewarmness without falling into fanaticism.” Maybe he’s worried about people like me who have become so fanatical that they believe God actually provided an infallible English Bible like He promised.

“The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.” Psalm 12:6-7 (KJV).

LESSON 2. To Know God (4/4/26 – 4/10/26)

Commentary pending.

LESSON 3. Pride Versus Humility (4/11/26 – 4/17/26)

Commentary pending.

LESSON 4. The Role *of the* Bible (4/18/26 – 4/24/26)

Commentary pending.

LESSON 5. How *to* Study *the* Bible (4/25/26 – 5/1/26)

Commentary pending.

LESSON 6. Prayer Warriors (5/2/26 – 5/8/26)

Commentary pending.

LESSON 7. Practical Prayer (5/9/26 – 5/15/26)

Commentary pending.

LESSON 8. Having Faith (5/16/26 – 5/22/26)

Commentary pending.

LESSON 9. Sin, *the* Gospel, and *the* Law (5/23/26 – 5/29/26)

Commentary pending.

LESSON 10. Repentance *and* Forgiveness (5/30/26 – 6/5/26)

Commentary pending.

LESSON 11. Setbacks (6/6/26 – 6/12/26)

Commentary pending.

LESSON 12. Share Him (6/13/26 – 6/19/26)

Commentary pending.

LESSON 13. Into Eternity (6/20/26 – 6/26/26)

Commentary pending.

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