

Halley's Bible Handbook (continued)

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“Over a period of ten years, Mr. Halley memorized and could recite a total of twenty-five hours of nothing but Scripture, including narratives from every book from the longest to the shortest. Job, for example, took only fifteen minutes for giving the whole theme of the story, while Genesis took a whole evening's lecture of some forty-five minutes.

“The Gospels he treated differently, dividing them up into eight readings — four on the life of Christ, compiled from a harmony of the Gospels, and four on the sayings of Jesus. In his reading of the life of Christ he gave predominate emphasis to the Resurrection, for he said, ‘that is the most important part of the New Testament.’

“...People liked best the Crucifixion and Resurrection accounts, the Creation story from Genesis, the book of Job, Paul's missionary journeys, the story of Ruth, and the book of Revelation.” (**Patricia Wicker, great granddaughter, reprinted from *Halley's Bible Handbook*, Copyright 2007**).

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