

A Free Bible Study Application for Blind PC Users

Audible Introduction: <https://newvisionconcepts.com/files/audiobible.mp3>

Download Link: https://newvisionconcepts.com/files/audiobible_setup.exe

AudioBible is a Bible study PC app written to help blind users search, navigate and hear the Bible. **AudioBible** allows users to speak, or type, a verse title to be displayed – then can read the requested verse out loud - automatically or on demand.

AudioBible provides other features, such as searching the Bible for all verses containing a search term, bookmarking verses for later review, displaying a list of the most-read verses in the Bible or displaying a recommended study plan for each day of the year. In all such verse lists, a user can select a verse and have it displayed and read out loud. A library of hymns is also distributed with **AudioBible**, allowing the playing of music in the background while studying the Bible.

AudioBible was developed by [New Vision Concepts](#), which offers the [EZReader](#) suite of 100+ applications designed for users with visual impairments.

AudioBible can be opened by double-clicking on its desktop icon, or by using the keyboard shortcut, **Control+Alt+B**.

AudioBible provides audible feedback to the user, speaking what actions are being taken or what information is displayed. For example, when opened, **AudioBible** speaks “Opening Audio Bible” and gives the name of the currently displayed Bible verse. When closed, **AudioBible** speaks “Closing AudioBible”.

AudioBible Highlights:

- Designed for blind users – operated via dictation & keyboard shortcuts
- Display and speak a verse whose title is dictated or typed by the user
- Display any of up to 7 Bibles: KJV, NKJV, NET, NLV, NIV, ERV, NSRV
- Create a list of verses containing a search term and speak selected verses
- Display a list of the Top 100 most read verses and speak the verses
- Provide a 365-day Bible study plan, speaking the verses for the selected day
- Create a list of Bookmarked verses, display the list and speak selected verses
- Hymn library that can play songs in the background
- Control volume, speaking speed and gender
- Multiple text display color pairs and font sizes. Verse copying and printing



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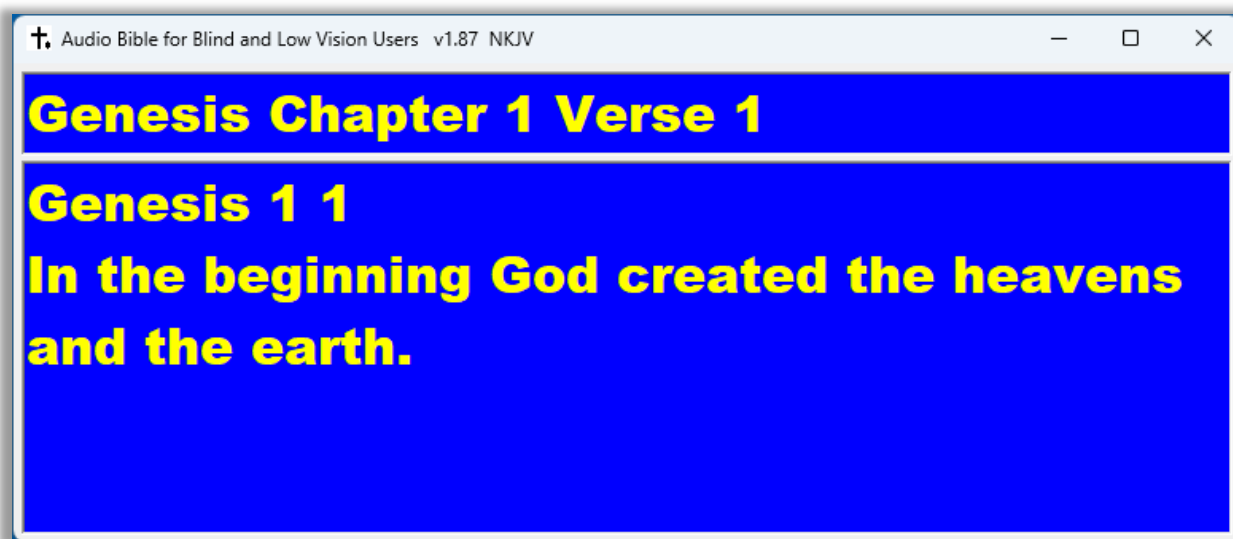
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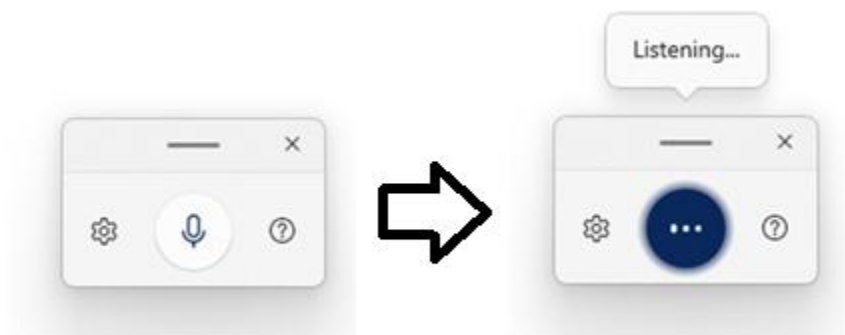
Basic Operation:

AudioBible has a single, resizable window used to display and speak a variety of information, such as a specific Bible verse or a list of verses that contain a search term. The word “mode” is used to describe what information is shown on screen.

AudioBible opens in Bible Verse mode, where two textboxes are shown. The top textbox shows user-dictated or manually entered text. The bottom textbox shows a single Bible verse, as specified by the user in the top textbox. The shortcut **Control+B** is used to return to Bible Verse mode from other modes.



To dictate a verse title, press the keyboard shortcut **Control+D**. An uncolored microphone icon will be displayed in a popup dialog. When the microphone color changes to blue and a beep is heard, the user can begin dictation.



Whatever the user dictates will be shown in the upper textbox on the **AudioBible** window. **NOTE: The verse must be spoken as “Genesis Chapter 1 Verse 1” or “Genesis 1 Verse 1. Inclusion of the words Chapter or Verse as shown in those two examples ensure that the dictation engine correctly recognizes the specified verse.**

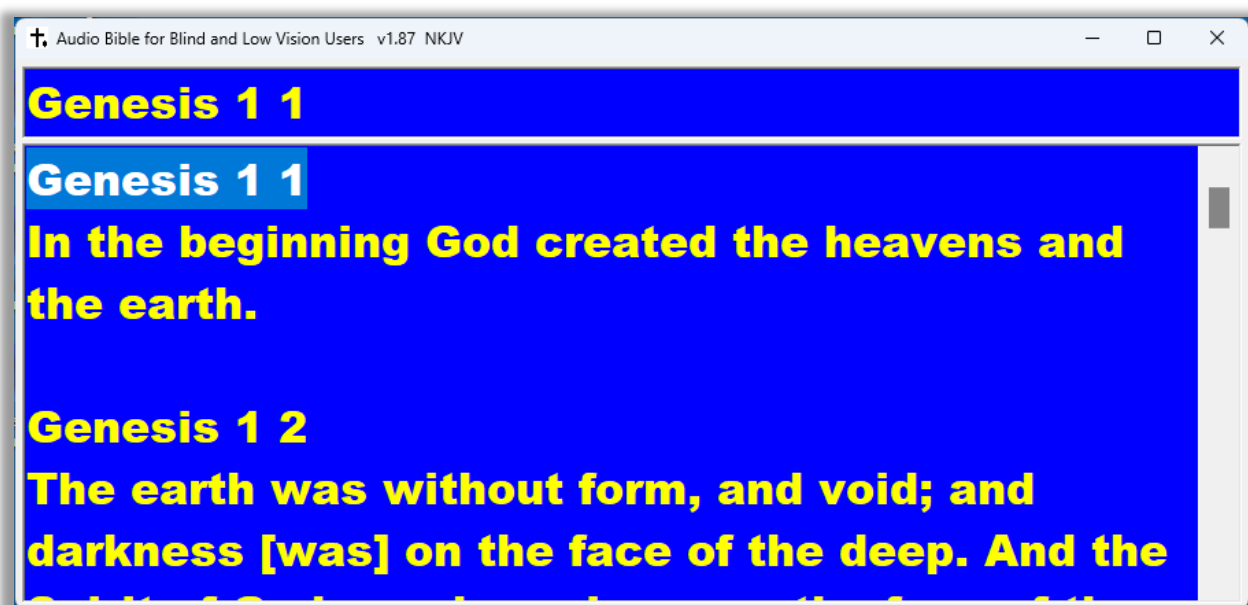
Approximately 2 seconds after the user stops speaking, **AudioBible** will automatically process the user input. The user can also simply press **ENTER** when they are through dictating. In both cases, **AudioBible** will respond by speaking “Entering Command”, then display and speak the dictated verse.

The shortcut **Alt+B** is used to adjust the time **AudioBible** waits to automatically process the user-dictated command.

By default, **AudioBible** does not automatically read the displayed verse out loud. The shortcut **Control+S** will start speaking the current displayed verse. Speaking will continue to the end of the verse or until the user presses **Control+S** again to stop the speaking. Words are underlined and highlighted as they are spoken. **Control+S** is also used to restart speaking from the point in the verse where speaking was stopped.

The shortcut **Alt+S** can be used to determine if **AudioBible** automatically speaks the verse after a command is processed.

The shortcut **Control+U** determines if the Bible Verse mode displays a single verse or the entire Bible is displayed, scrolled to the requested verse.





Manual Commands:

Users can also enter commands manually.

The shortcut **Control+C** will clear the user command textbox and give focus to the textbox so that the user can immediately begin typing in a command. The user must press **ENTER** to submit manually entered commands for processing. The auto enter feature is not available to process manually entered commands.

Manual entry can be particularly useful if **AudioBible** does not accurately recognize the user's voice or when the user is non-verbal.

Note: **AudioBible** will also recognize typed commands of the format "Genesis 1 1", where the words "Chapter" and "Book" are not necessary for command clarity.



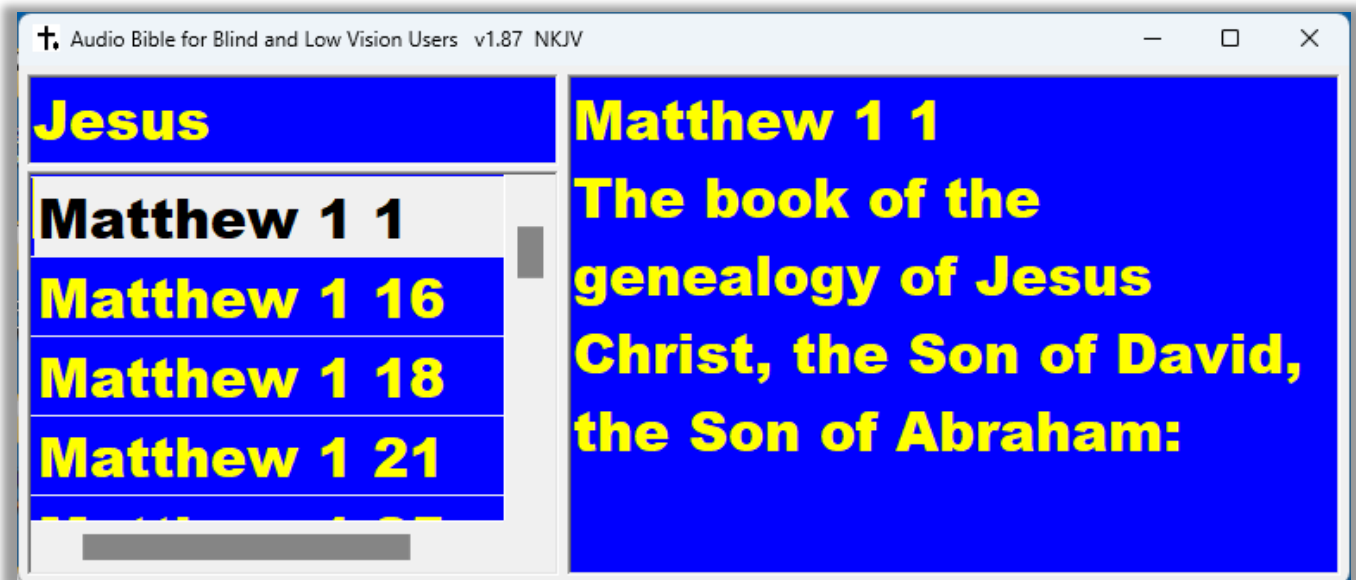
Searching:

AudioBible provides a **Search Mode** for finding all verses that contain a search term. It is accessed using the shortcut **Control+F**.

When Search Mode starts, the current search term is displayed in the top textbox. A list of all verses containing the search term is also displayed, with the first verse highlighted and its content displayed in a second textbox on the right side of the screen, ready for speaking by using the shortcut **Control+S**.

A new search term can be entered via dictation, using **Control+D**, or manually by using **Control+C** to first clear the search term.

This next screen was generated by entering “Jesus” and pressing ENTER.



After processing a search term, **AudioBible** will speak the number of matching verses. Also, the verse list will be given focus, with the top verse in the list selected, ready for the user to press the up/down arrows to select a new verse from the list.

As the user scrolls up and down the list the line items are spoken and the selected verse is displayed. The user can press **Control+S** to speak or stop speaking the selected verse content.

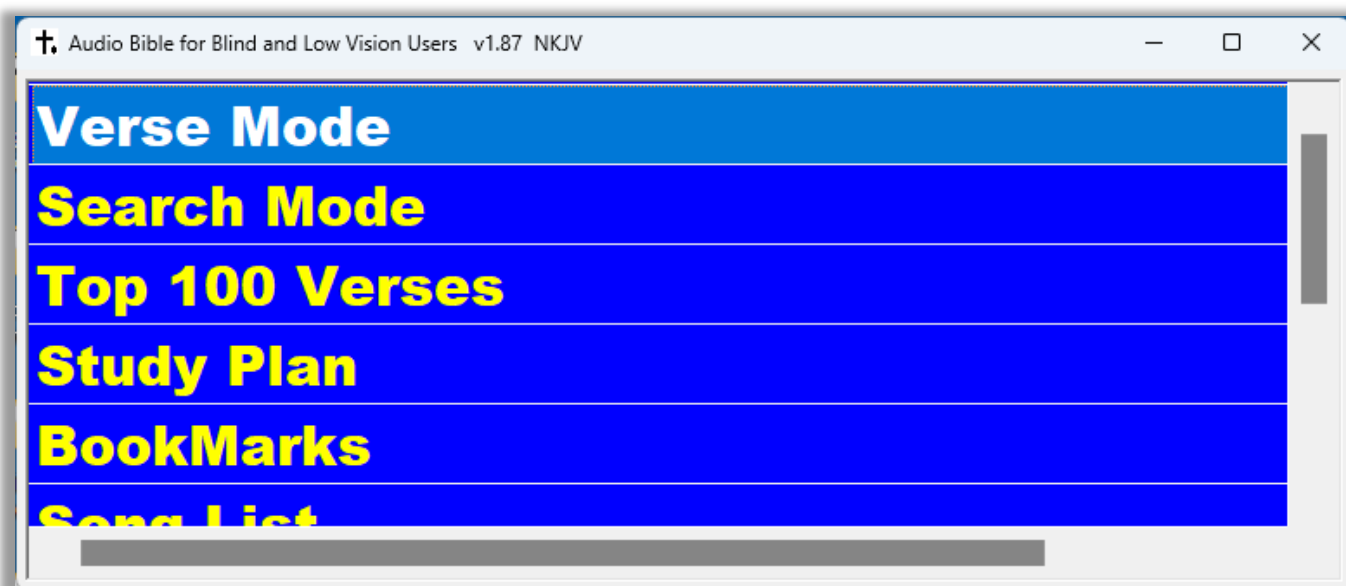


Lists:

In addition to displaying a requested Bible verse **AudioBible** can display several informational lists. Each List Mode can be accessed via the shortcuts shown in the following table:

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|---|-----------|
| • Search Results List | Control+F |
| • Top 100 Verses List | Control+T |
| • 365 Day Study Plain List | Control+E |
| • Bookmarked Verses List | Control+W |
| • Song List | Control+M |
| • Bible List | Alt+B |
| • Command History List | Control+H |
| • Settings List | F4 |
| • Shortcut List, Alphabetically Sorted | F3 |
| • Shortcut List, Categorized | F2 |

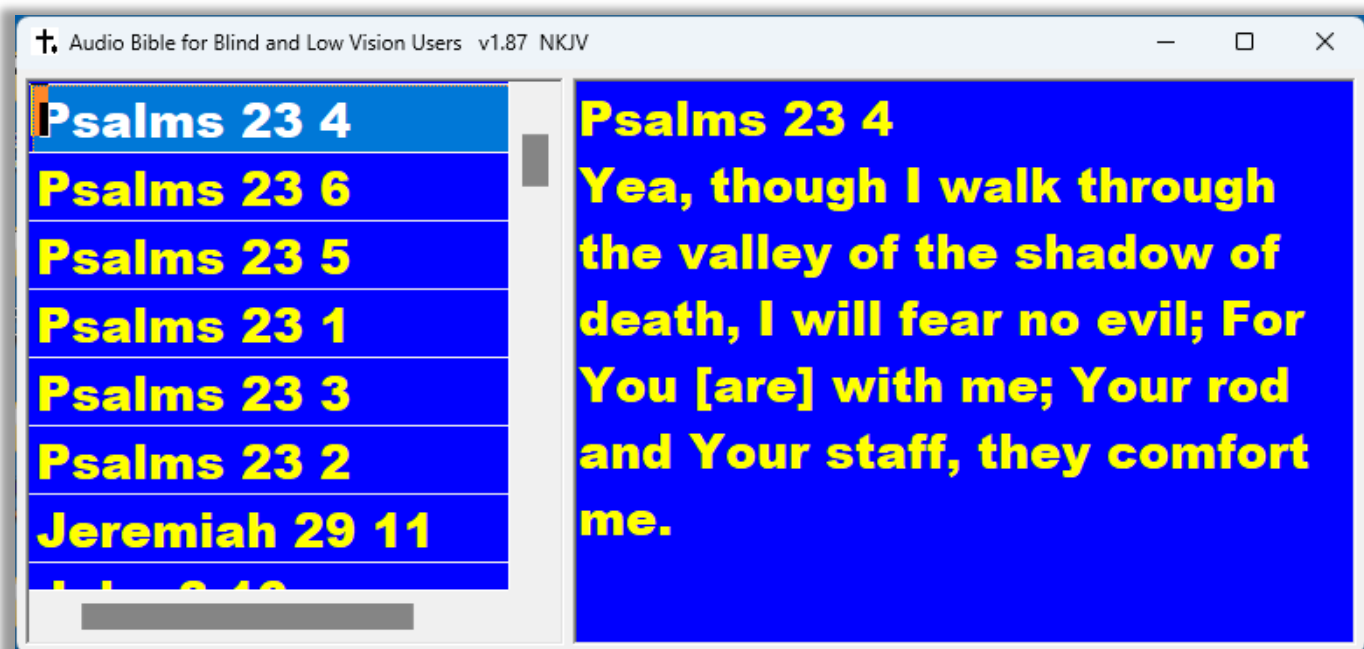
To make it easier to switch modes without having to memorize the individual list shortcuts, **AudioBible** also provides the Mode List, which is displayed using the shortcut **Control+X**. Simply select a Mode from the list and press **ENTER** to open the Mode.





Top 100 Verses:

AudioBible can display a list of the top 100 most-read verses of the Bible by pressing the shortcut **Control+T**. As the user moves up and down the list using the arrow keys, the selected verse title in the list will be spoken and the selected verse displayed. The user can press **Control+S** to speak or stop speaking the selected verse content.

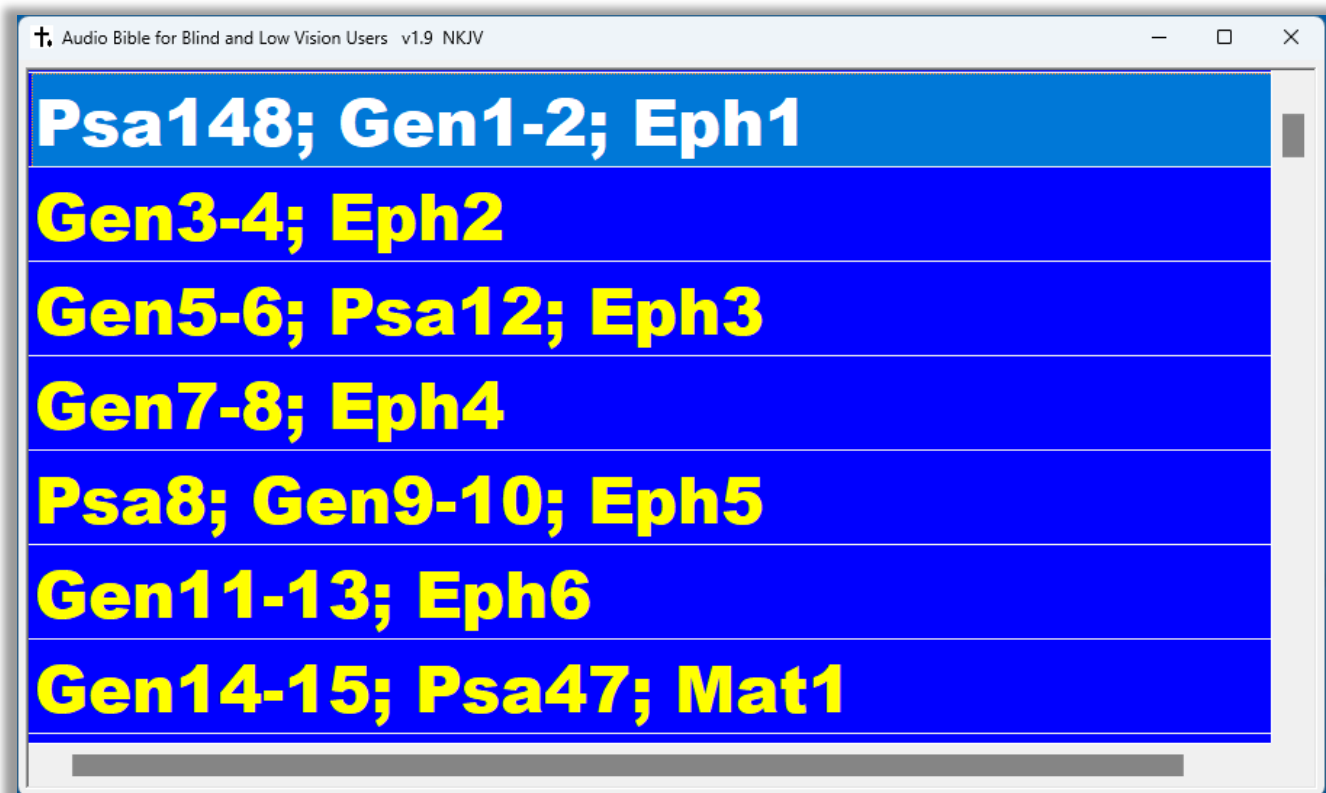




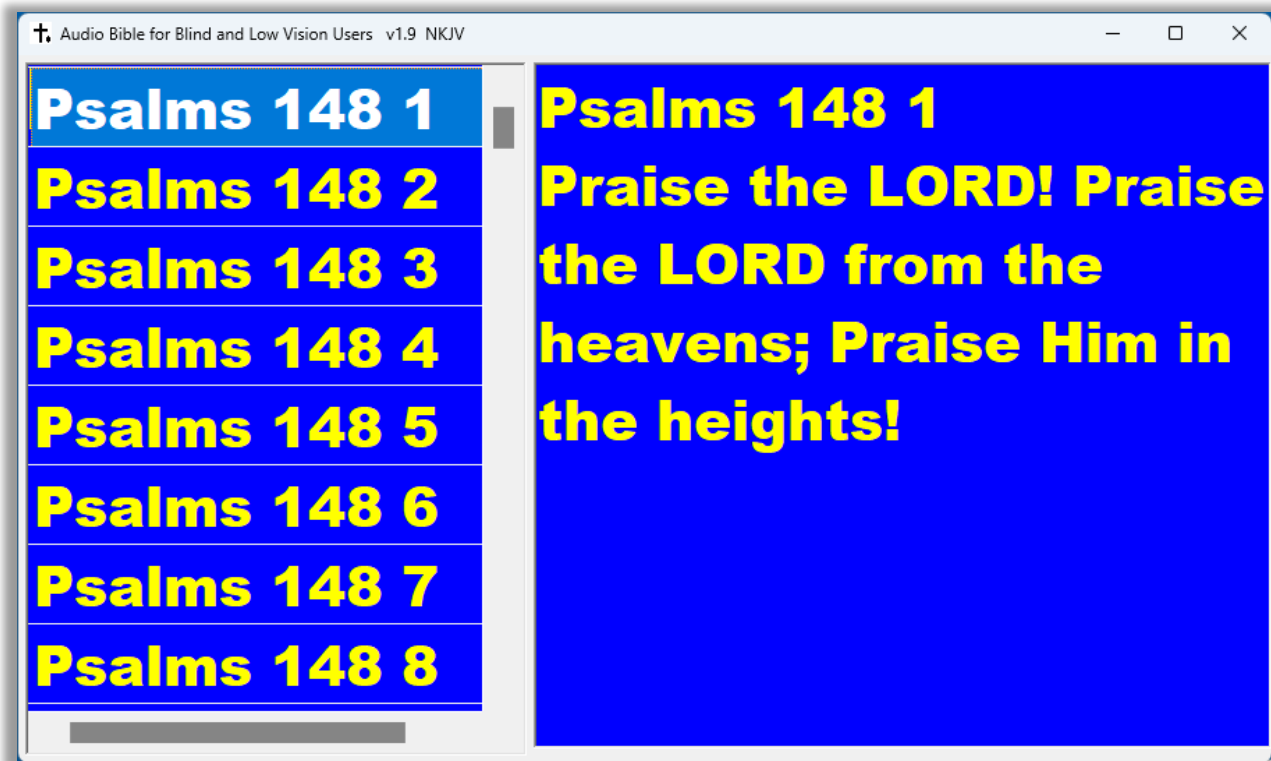
Bible Study Plan:

AudioBible can display a recommended daily study plan that will allow a user to complete the entire Bible in 365 days.

Press **Control+E** to display the study plan list for all 365 days. Each row of the list gives a summary of the scriptures recommended for that day.



With a Day selected, press ENTER or SPACE to see a list of the verses for that day.



As the user moves up and down the list using the arrow keys, the selected verse title in the list will be spoken and the selected verse displayed.

The user can press **Control+S** to speak or stop speaking the selected verse content.



Bookmarks Display:

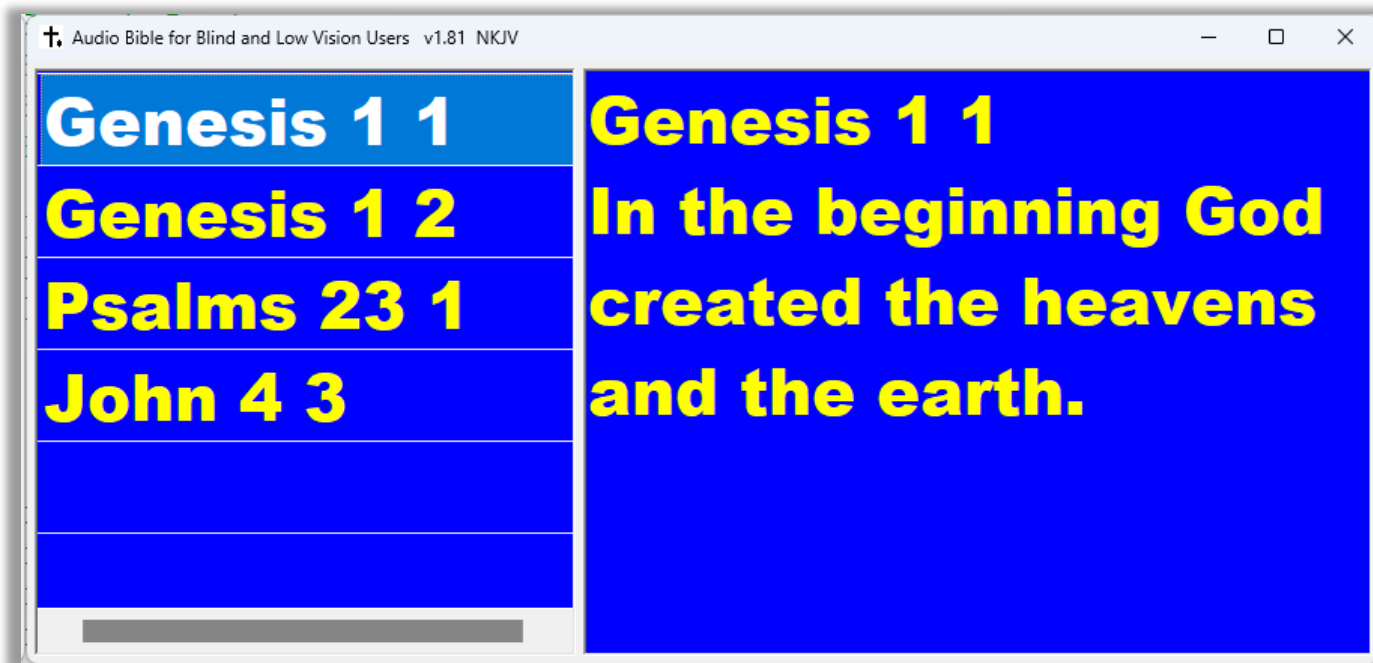
A user can bookmark a verse using the shortcut **Alt+W**. The list of bookmarked verses can be displayed using the shortcut **Control+W**.

Bookmarking is only available in modes which display a single verse:

- Bible Verse mode
- Search Mode
- Top 100

Bookmarking is not allowed in other modes because the textbox on the right side can contain multiple verses at one time, making it unclear which verse is to be bookmarked.

When a verse is bookmarked, its title is spoken.



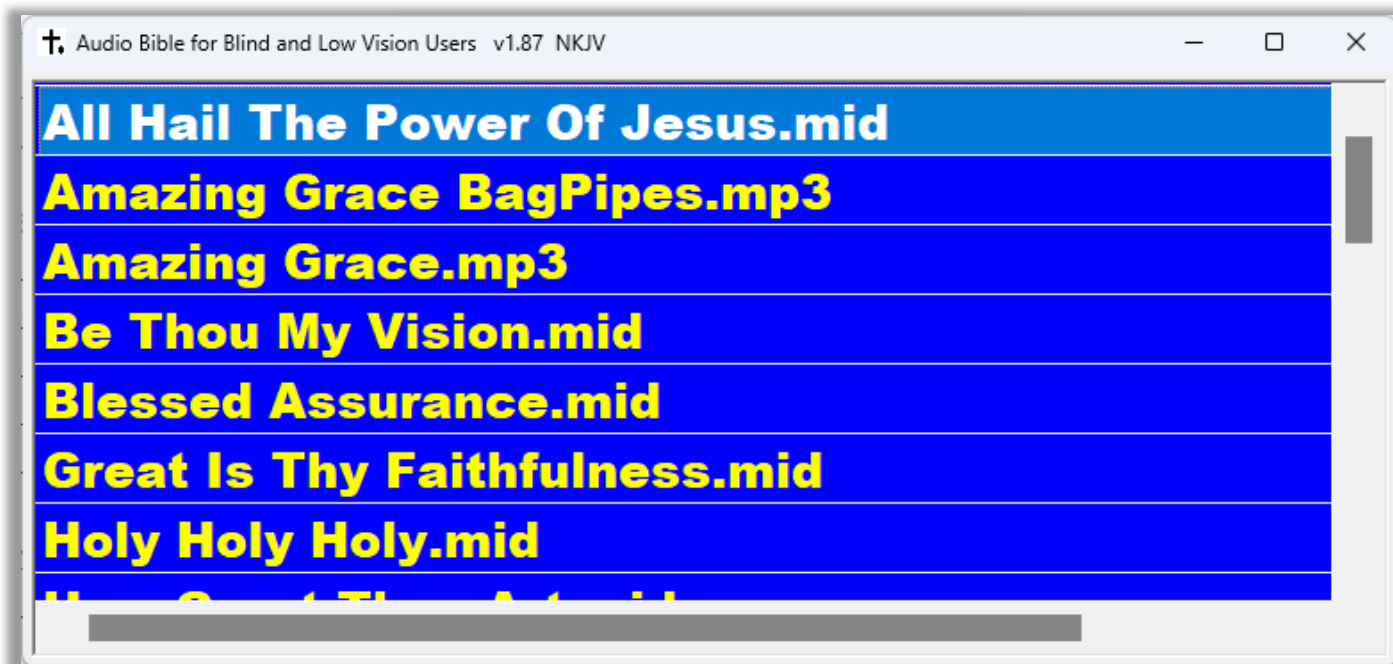
With the bookmark list shown, the **Del** key is used to remove a verse from the bookmark list.

As the user moves up and down the list using the arrow keys, the bookmarked verse title will be spoken and the selected verse displayed. The user can press **Control+S** to speak or stop speaking the selected verse content



Songs:

AudioBible provides a library of hymns. Individual songs can be played, or the entire library can be played in a loop. Press the keyboard shortcut **Control+M** to display the list of hymns.



The up/down arrow keys can be pressed to select a song in the list. When a new selection is made, the name of the song is spoken out loud.

The **ENTER** or **SPACE** keys will play the selected song. However, if a song is already being played, the **ENTER** or **SPACE** keys will stop playing that song.

The shortcut **Control+Q** can also be used to stop/start the most recently played song. The shortcut **Alt-X** will pause the currently playing song. The shortcut key **F5** will replay the most recent or currently playing song from the beginning. By default, songs will play in a loop, one after the other. The keyboard shortcut **Alt+L** will tell **AudioBible** to stop playing at the end of each song.

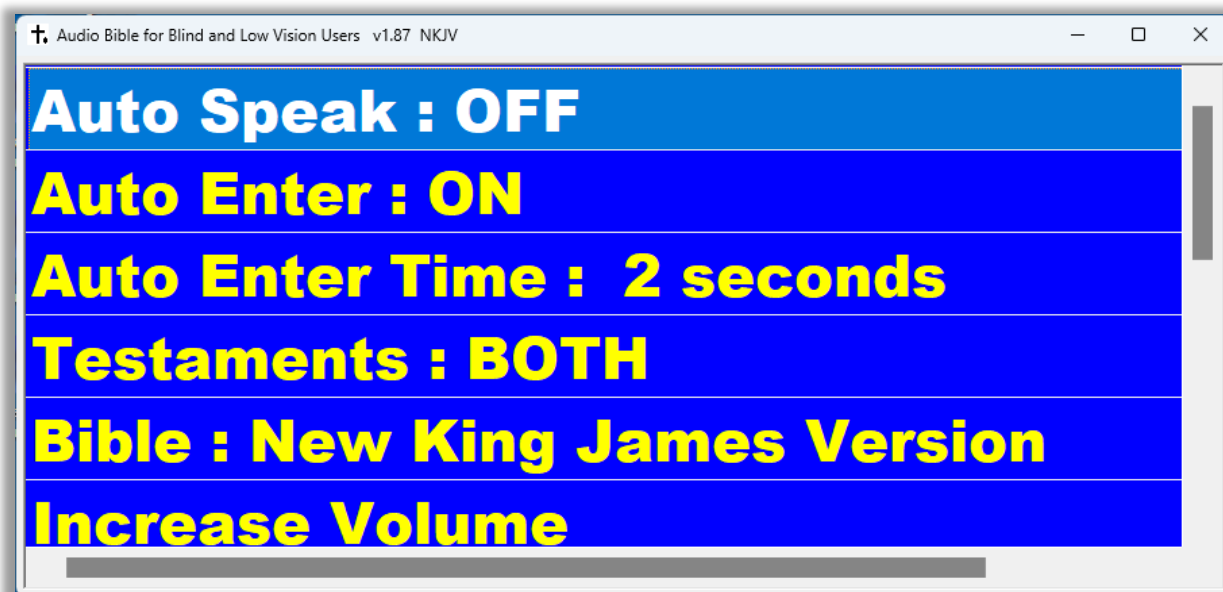
Song files are kept in the "songs\" subfolder. There is no built-in method for a user to add songs to the library, but users can manually add songs to the song folder using Windows file and folder capabilities. Songs can be MP3, WAV or MID files.



Settings:

AudioBible has about a dozen settings, all of which can be changed using keyboard shortcuts. As a convenience, **AudioBible** can also display a list of all settings by pressing the keyboard shortcut **F4**. As the user scrolls up and down the list, the selected setting name and its value are spoken.

The user can press **ENTER** or **SPACE** to change the value of a selected setting. Some settings have ON/OFF values and others offer a range of allowed values. When a value is changed, the list is refreshed with the new value.



Here is a description of each of the supported settings:

- | | |
|------------------------|--|
| AutoEnter | - determines if a verse is automatically spoken when displayed |
| AutoEnter Time | - how long after the last user keystroke a command is entered |
| Testaments | - whether the Old, New or Both testaments are used |
| Bible | - cycles between the 7 available Bibles |
| Volume | - adjust speaker volume for the entire PC |
| Font Size | - font size of text in AudioBible |
| Colors | - colors used to display text and background in AudioBible |
| Silence | - toggles AudioBible sounds. Has no effect on other applications. |
| Speak Shortcuts | - allows speaking of shortcut keys when entered by a user |
| Full Bible | - in Bible Verse mode, displays the entire Bible instead of just 1 verse |



Navigation Shortcuts:

AudioBible has several shortcuts which control navigation between controls, changing displayed content and moving through the Bible one verse at a time.

Next Verse	Control+N	Displays the next verse in the Bible
Previous Verse	Control+P	Displays the previous verse in the Bible
List Focus	Control+L	Set focus on the list, allowing use of up/down arrows
Clear Command	Control+C	Clear command textbox for entry of new command
Home	Control-G	Enter "Genesis 1 1" as a command
Change Focus	TAB	Move focus through all visible controls
Exit	ESC	Leave a List or Exit from AudioBible
Say Focus	Alt+F	Say "Control Has Focus" when focus changes
Next Plan Verse	Alt+D	Displays the next verse in the Day plan
Prev Plan Verse	Alt+E	Displays the previous verse in the Day plan



Help Shortcuts:

AudioBible shortcuts can provide helpful information to a user on demand.

Online Help	F1	Displays this online Help page
Verse Information	Control+I	Speak mode, unfiltered command, filtered command
System Information	Alt+I	Speak version, bible name, mode
Spell Command	Control+J	Spell unfiltered command



Speech and Sound Shortcuts:

AudioBible has several shortcuts to control speech:

Speak	Control+S	Stop or start speaking of text. Starts at cursor.
Speak Again	F5	Start speaking from start of verse
Silence	Control+K	Stop all AudioBible sounds
Mute	Alt+Q	Mute PC speakers
Spell Command	Control+J	Spell unfiltered command
Speak Shortcuts	Alt+K	Speak shortcut keys as they are pressed
Speaking Speed	Alt+F	Speed that text is spoken Slow-Normal-Fast



Copy / Print Shortcuts:

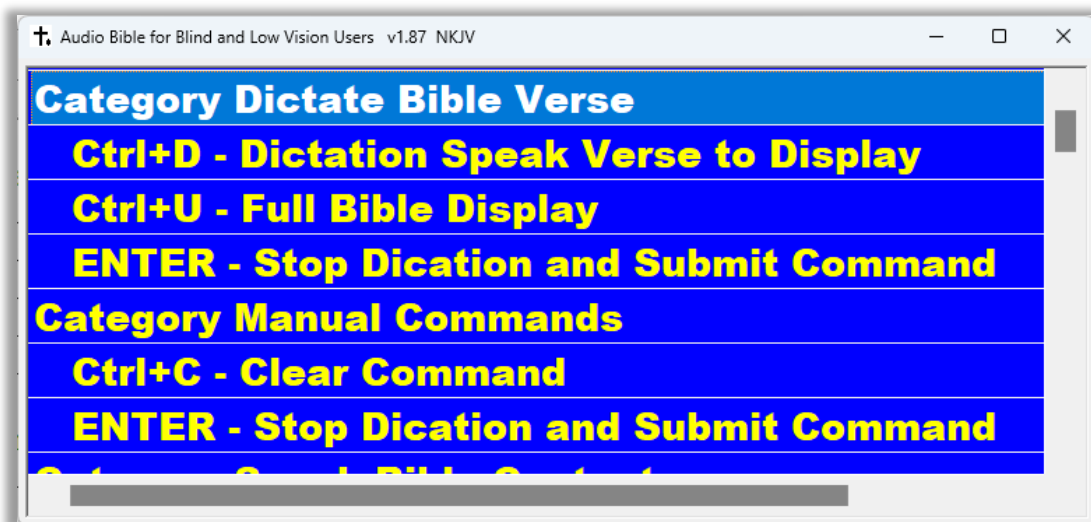
AudioBible can copy or print a displayed verse. It can also print the line items in a list.

Copy List	Alt+O	Copy the currently displayed list
Copy Verse	Alt+P	Copy the currently displayed verse
Print List	Control+O	Print the currently displayed list
Print Verse	Alt+P	Print the currently displayed verse



Keyboard Shortcut Lists:

Categorical Shortcut List – use the shortcut **F2** to display a list of all keyboard shortcuts grouped into categories to help the user learn how various shortcuts work with one another. As the user moves up and down the list, the shortcut and its corresponding action or setting is spoken but no action is taken.



Sorted Shortcut List – use the shortcut **F3** to display a list of all keyboard shortcuts, sorted alphabetically, useful for more quickly locating a shortcut of interest. As the user moves up and down the list, the shortcut and its corresponding action or setting is spoken but no action is taken.



All Shortcuts – Categorized

Dictate Bible Verse

- **Control+D** ... begin dictation. speak a verse to display
- **Speak or Type** new verse title
- **ENTER** ... stop dictation and process command. Display/speak verse

Manual Command Entry

- **Control+C** ... clear the user command textbox and give it focus for typing a command
- **Type** ... enter a command
- **ENTER** ... stop dictation and process command. Display/speak verse or scroll to search term in **Bible**

Speak Bible Content

- **Control+S** ... toggle speaking of the displayed **Bible** content. Speak starting at caret. If at end of verse, start at top.
- **F5** ... replay current verse from start
- **Control+F** ... spell unfiltered command
- **Control+J** ... speaking speed

Bible Modes

- **Control+B** ... bible single verse mode
- **Control+F** ... search show verse list
 - **Speak or Type** new verse title
 - **ENTER** ... scroll to next occurrence of search term
- **Control+T** ... display a list of the top 100 read **Bible** verses
- **Control+E** ... display 365 day study plan
- **Control+H** ... show list of recent commands
 - **Alt+H** ... clear command history
 - **ENTER/SPACE** ... submit selected command
- **Control+M** ... display song list. Song names are spoken as list is traversed.
 - **Control+Q** ... stop playing a song / start playing current song
 - **Alt+K** ... pause song
 - **Alt+L** ... plays songs in a continuous loop
 - **ENTER/SPACE** ... play selected song
 - **F5** ... replay current song
- **Control+W** ... display bookmark list
 - **Alt+W** ... set bookmark
 - **DEL** ... remove bookmark
- **Alt+B** ... display list of 7 available bibles
 - **ENTER/SPACE** ... switch to selected Bible
- **F4** ... display changeable settings **List**
 - **ENTER/SPACE** ... change selected setting to next available value
- **F3** ... display read-only keyboard shortcuts (alpha sorted) **List**
- **F2** ... display read-only keyboard shortcuts (category sorted) **List**

Navigation

- **ESC** ... if list then exit list. if **Bible** then exit **AudioBible**
- **Up/Down Arrows** ... scroll up/down lists with arrow keys. line items will be spoken.
- **Alt+F** ... say “Control has focus” when focus changes
- **Control+G** ... submit “Genesis 1 1” as a user command
- **Control+N** ... scroll to the next verse OR next instance of the search term
- **Control+P** ... scroll to the previous verse OR previous instance of the search term

Help

- **F1** ... open this **online help page** in default browser. Alt-F4 closes browser
- **Control+I** ... mode information
- **Alt+I** ... system information

System Actions/Settings

- **Alt+A** ... Auto ENTER after 4s (user-specified)
- **Alt+M** ... specify auto enter time delay
- **Alt+T** ... display of Old, New or BOTH testaments
- **Alt+U** ... update the AudioBible application (EXE only)
- **Alt+S** ... auto speak immediately after verse display

Sound

- **Alt+Q** ... toggle speakers (mute)
- **Control+V** ... increase volume
- **Alt+V** ... decrease volume
- **Control+K** ... silence
- **Alt+K** ... speak shortcuts

Font/Colors/Print/Copy

- **Alt+P** copy verse
- **Alt+O** copy list
- **Alt+N** ... print verse
- **Control+O** ... print list
- **Control+R** ... increase font size. Speak new size.
- **Alt+R** ... reduce font size
- **Control+Y** ... toggle color pairs. Colors are spoken

All Shortcuts – Alphabetized by Shortcut

Alt+A ... Auto ENTER after 4s (user-specified)

Alt+B ... show bible list

C ..D .. E

Alt+F ... speaking speed

G

Alt+H ... clear command history

Alt+I ... system information

J

Alt+K ... speak shortcuts

Alt+L ... plays songs in a continuous loop

Alt+M ... play song 1

Alt+N ... print verse

Alt+O ... copy list

Alt+P ... copy verse

Alt+Q ... toggle speakers (mute)

Alt+R ... reduce font size

Alt+S ...speak immediately after verse display

Alt+T ... display of Old, New or BOTH testaments

Alt+U ... update AudioBible (EXE only)

Alt+V ... decrease volume

Alt+W ... set bookmark

X .. Y .. Z

A ...

Control+B ... home screen. close all lists. display textboxes with verse for current command

Control+C ... clear the user command textbox and give it focus for typing a command

Control+D ... begin dictation, entering “Day 1” to display daily scripture for that day

Control+E ... 365 day study plan

Control+F ... search mode

Control+G ... submit “Genesis 1 1” as a user command

Control+H ... show list of recent commands

Control+I ... speak the currently active Bible and other information

Control+J ... spell unfiltered command

Control+K ... silence

Control+L ... give List focus

Control+M ... display song list. Song names are spoken as list is traversed.

Control+N ... next verse

Control+O ... print list

Control+P ... previous verse

Control+Q ... stop playing a song

Control+R ... increase font size. Speak new size.

Control+S ... toggle speaking of the displayed Bible content. Speak verse OR Speak starting at caret.

Control+T ... display a list of the top 100 read Bible verses

Control+V ... increase volume

Control+W ... show bookmark list

Control+X ... display bookmark list

Control+Y ... toggle through 3 color pairs. Colors are spoken.

Control+Z ... test

ENTER ... stop dictation. process command or search for text. display verse/search results.

ESC ... if list then exit list. if Bible then exit AudioBible

F1 ... open this online help page in default browser. Alt-F4 closes browser

F2 ... display read-only keyboard shortcuts (category sorted) List

F3 ... display read-only keyboard shortcuts (alpha sorted) List

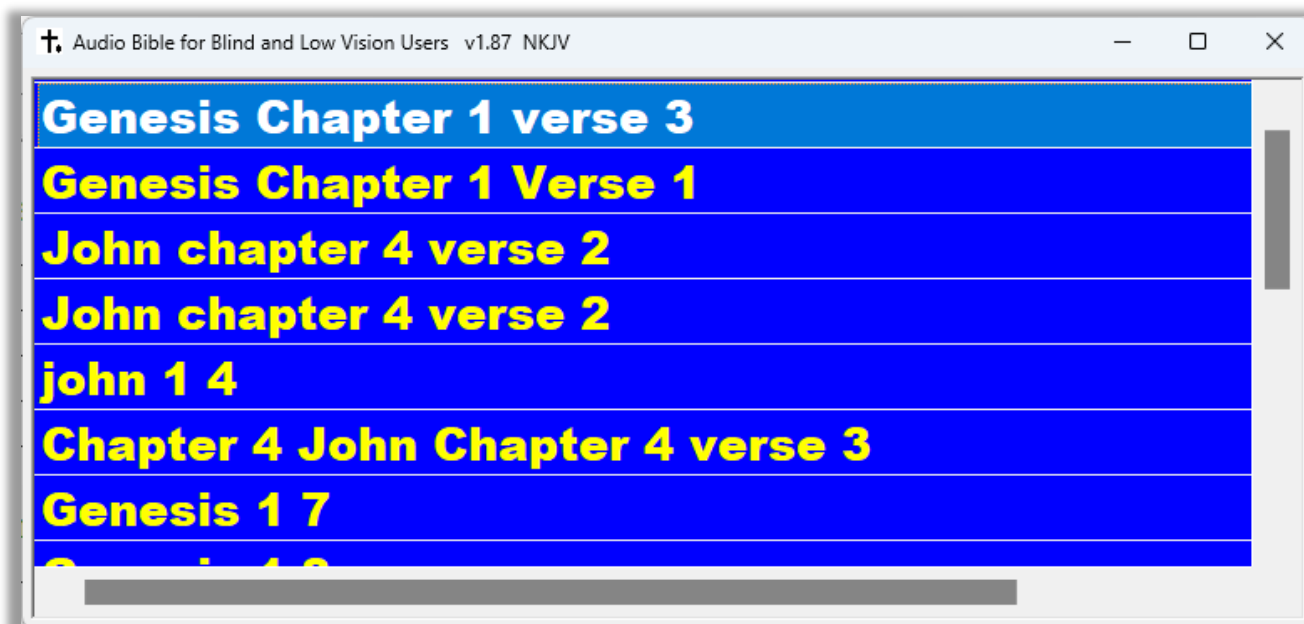
F4 ... display changeable settings List

F5 ... replay current verse



Command History:

AudioBible can display a list of commands previously entered in Bible Verse mode by the user by pressing the shortcut **Control+H**. As the user moves up and down the list using the arrow keys, the previously entered command will be spoken. Pressing **ENTER** or **SPACE** submit changes to the Bible Verse mode and submits the selected command for processing.





Special Commands (Bible Verse Mode):

When in Bible Verse mode, a user may enter special commands that shorten the steps to enter a command, change modes and complete a task.

“**John**” can be entered and will be interpreted as “John 1,1”

“**Psalms 1**” can be entered will be interpreted as “Psalms 1,1”

“**Day N**” may be entered to change to the study plan mode and scroll to day N.

“**Today**” may be entered to change to the study plan mode and scroll to today’s plan.

“**Search searchterm**” may be entered to change to the search mode for search immediately for the search term.

“**Search for searchterm**” may be entered to change to the search mode for search immediately for the search term. The “for’ will be ignored.



Microphone Hints:

From Microsoft, here are some troubleshooting hints about dictation.

If the Win + H Voice Typing dialog opens but doesn't start listening, your system's microphone permissions, audio input settings, or background services are likely blocked. Follow these steps to quickly resolve the issue:

1. Enable Microphone Access

Your voice tool must have permission to use your microphone.

- Open **Settings** (press Win + I).
- Go to **Privacy & security > Microphone**.
- Toggle **Microphone access** to **On**, and ensure **Let apps access your microphone** is also turned on.

2. Set Your Default Input Device

Voice Typing might be trying to listen to the wrong microphone.

- Go to **Settings > System > Sound**.
- Under **Input**, click on your preferred microphone to open its properties.
- Ensure the **Volume** slider is turned up and check if the device shows input activity when you speak. [[1](#), [2](#)]

3. Restart the Windows Text Input Application

Sometimes the background process that handles dictation gets stuck and needs a quick restart.

- Press Ctrl + Shift + Esc to open **Task Manager**.

- On the **Processes** tab, look for **Microsoft Text Input Application** (or ctfmon.exe).
- Right-click it and select **End task**.
- Try pressing Win + H again to see if it restarts and starts listening.

4. Check for Online Speech Recognition

Voice typing requires online features enabled in Windows.

- Open **Settings > Time & language > Language & region**.
- Next to your preferred language, click the **three dots (...)** and select **Language options**.
- Under the **Speech** section, ensure the **Speech recognition** package is installed and enabled.



User suggestions and comments are welcome!

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