

Quoting from the BIBLE in signals was once a popular form of wit and many officers vied with one another over the number of quotations which they could carry in their heads. It must be admitted that a certain number cheated by keeping theirs in the back of the Fleet Signal Book. In any case no ship ever took part in any exercise without a copy of the Bible on the bridge. Destroyers use to indulge in this form of sport even more than the rest of the fleet. A destroyer C.O. when coming into port might be interrupted by a shout from the C.O. alongside of who's ship he was going "PROVERBS 25 - 24", to which the reply might be, "HALF ASTERN STBD. ISSUED 56 - 12. HALF AHEAD PORT", to which the first C.O. might reply "2 KINES 4 - 19".

The following pages contain a variety of quotations from the Bible. Some have been classified as for use under certain circumstances whilst others, quoted in full can be used as discretion dictates to meet requirements at the time. The list is by no means inexhaustive or infalible and, except where the full quotation is given, should NOT BE USED without first checking that it fulfill's the need.

The quotations have been gleaned from a number of sources, the original compilers of some lists no longer being known.

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A.	Asking for a Doctor Asking pardon for a mistake Attention to a signal Avoiding a ship or enemy Astern of station After attack on S/W, result U/K Air Raid
	Ecclesiasticus Ch 7 V 35 Job Ch 7 V 21, Ch 6 V 24 Psalms Ch 32 V 8 Proverbs Ch 4 V 14 & 15 Proverbs Ch 10 V 26 Job Ch 5 V 12 - 15 Acts Ch 2 V 2 & 3
B.	Bad lookout, Very sorry for Bottle - Mild <u>Blunders.</u> After a Faux Pas Everything going wrong Asing pardon for error Blast Blast (Violent) Blast (Mild) Blast (for bad work) Reply to blast Admission
	Isaiah Ch 56 V 10 Proverbs Ch 3 V 11 & 12 Psalm 71 V 7 Acts Ch 19 V 40 Job Ch 7 V 21 Hebrews Ch 12 V 8 Hebrews Ch 13 V 12 Proverbs Ch 3 V 11 & 12 Titus Ch 3 V 9 Proverbs Ch 15 V 1 Psalm 69 V 5
C.	Course, Ship out of Curiosity Convoy assembly Combined Ops - Convoy <u>Communications/Ceremonial</u> Failing to establish comms Raspberry for unnecessary sigs Burling on a voice net Query why pipe not returned
	Proverbs Ch 4 V 26 & 27 Ecclesiasticus Ch 3 V 23 I Kings Ch 5 V 9 Acts Ch 2 V 1 Isiah Ch 42 V 18 Ecclesiasticus Ch 10 V 13 Job Ch 32 V 15 Matthew Ch 11 V 16 & 17
D.	Destruction of an enemy MRU, Too tired Drink, with food, invitation Drink, invitation with old friend Dockyard, ship entering Drink, invitation to Departure (from alongside)
	Job Ch 7 V 10 Proverbs Ch 6 V 10 Ecclesiasticus Ch 15 V 3 Ecclesiasticus Ch 9 V 10 Ecclesiasticus Ch 9 V 10 Isaiah Ch 56 V 12 Romans Ch 13 V 12

- E. Exhortation to keep good lookout  
Exhortation to steady station  
Exhortation to lookout  
  
Enquiring whether to repair onboard  
Entering Dry dock/difficult berth
- F. Fouling a berth  
Farewell (leaving station/Paying off)  
Funnel smoke, Excess
- G. Good Work, praise for
- H. Health, bad or indifferent
- I. Invitation to Food  
Invitation to Food & Drink  
Invitation, Declining  
RPC
- K. Keeping company. Greeting to ship
- L. Lookout. Raspberry for bad  
See also under Section "E".  
Laments. Confusion  
Jesus Wept  
Plea to be left alone  
Libertymen
- M. Making a Request  
Manoeuvring. Manoeuvring ships  
Possibility of being run aground  
Ship out/astern of station  
Ship astern of station in column  
Making a wrong turn  
Outside station  
No Guide flag
- N. Navigation Lights failing to work  
Navigation lights not switched on  
Neglect to carry out an order
- Q. Query on arrival in station
- R. Rejection of Request  
Rejoining Convoy  
Raspberry for unnecessary signals  
  
Raspberry for bad work (violent)  
Raspberry (Violent)  
Raspberry (mild)  
Run ashore (lament afterwards)
- S. Sarcastic/Praise/Critician.  
Bright Boy  
Good Work (praise for)  
Right work at the right time  
Slack ship  
Per the book
- Proverbs Ch 6 V 9  
Ecclesiasticus Ch 13 V 10  
Thessalonians Ch 5 V 6  
Ecclesiasticus Ch 6 V 9  
Psalms 95 V 2  
Luke Ch 13 V 24
- Proverbs Ch 24 V 15, Ch 25 V 17  
Acts Ch 21 V 6  
Ecclesiasticus Ch 12 V 2, Ch 22 V 24,  
Exodus Ch 13 V 21
- Proverbs Ch 31 V 29
- Job Ch 17 V 1
- Ecclesiasticus Ch 6 V 19  
Ecclesiasticus Ch 16 V 3  
Proverbs Ch 6 V 10  
Isiah Ch 56 V 12
- Ecclesiasticus Ch 4 V 9 - 11
- Isiah Ch 56 V 10
- Psalm 71 V 1  
John Ch 11 V 35  
Psalm 39 V 13  
Romans Ch 13 V 13
- Psalm 130 V 2  
James Ch 3 V 4  
Psalm 5 V 8, 16 V 1  
Proverbs Ch 4 V 26 & 27  
Proverbs Ch 10 V 26  
Psalm 34 V 8  
Proverbs Ch 21 V 16  
Proverbs Ch 6 V 7
- Job Ch 18 V 5 & 6  
Luke Ch 12 V 35 (Reply: Genesis Ch 1 V 3)  
Ecclesiasticus Ch 4 V 31
- Ecclesiasticus Ch 9 V 10
- Proverbs Ch 30 V 7  
Ecclesiasticus Ch 9 V 11  
Ecclesiasticus Ch 10 V 13, Titus Ch 3 V 9,  
I Timothy Ch 6 V 20  
Ezekiel Ch 7 V 8 & 9  
Hebrews Ch 13 V 12  
Proverbs Ch 3 V 11 & 12  
II Kings Ch 4 V 19
- Luke Ch 12 V 27  
Proverbs Ch 31 V 29  
Proverbs Ch 25 V 11  
Proverbs Ch 18 V 9  
Proverbs Ch 19 V 16

S. <u>Supply</u> . Officers raspberry	Luke Ch 20 V 46
Storing ship	Proverbs Ch 3 V 10
Thanks for provisioning ship	Mark Ch 6 V 42
<u>Station Keeping</u>	
Astern of station	Proverbs Ch 3 V 16
Out of station	Proverbs Ch 21 V 16
Submarine, attack on	Job Ch 5 V 12
Submarine, attack on, successful	Job Ch 7 V 10
Ships appearance	Ecclesiasticus Ch 19 V 29
T. Thunderstorm	Acts Ch 2 V 2 & 3
Thanks to senior ship for safe arrival	Psalm 136 V 16
W. Weigh anchor.	Romans Ch 13 V 12

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MISCELLANEOUS

Promotion	Ecclesiasticus Ch 9 V 11
Patience	James Ch 5 V 7 & 8
Meeting again later	III John V 13 & 14, II John V 12
Faulty RAS	Ecclesiasticus Ch 11 V 1
Politicians	Ecclesiasticus Ch 10 V 2
Divided Command.	Matthew Ch 6 V 24
Ship expected	Matthew Ch 3 V 11
Repeated order	Matthew Ch 24 V 25
Unexpected event	Matthew Ch 25 V 13
Having trouble	Hebrews Ch 7 V 20

PULL QUOTATIONS

Let there be light and there was light	Genesis Ch 1 V 3
Where art thou	Genesis Ch 3 V 9
My punishment is greater than I can bear	Genesis Ch 4 V 13
Oh not so my Lord	Genesis Ch 19 V 18
I have been a stranger in a strange land	Exodus Ch 2 V 22
And he said my presence shall go with thee and I will give thee rest	Exodus Ch 33 V 14
And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do	Ruth Ch 3 V 5
Be ye strong therefore and let not your hands be weak for your work shall be rewarded.	Chronicles II Ch 15 V 7
Take heed now that ye fail not to do this	Ezra Ch 4 V 22
And when I heard this thing I rent my garment and my mantle and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard and sat down astonished	Ezra Ch 9 V 3
Howbeit thou art just in all that is brought upon us for thou has done right but we have done wickedly.	Nehemiah Ch 9 V 33
I have heard many things: miserable comforters are ye all	Job Ch 16 V 2
Oh that one would bear me.... and that mine adversary had written a book!	Job Ch 31 V 35
He hath cast me into the mire and I am become like dust and ashes	Job Ch 30 V 19
I am clean without transgression, I am innocent neither is there iniquity in me	Job Ch 33 V 9
If now thou has understanding, hear this: Harken to the voice of my words	Job Ch 34 V 16
He maketh the deep to boil like a pot	Job Ch 41 V 31
I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear, but now mine eye seeth thee.	Job Ch 42 V 5
Look upon my affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins	Psalms 25 V 18
For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin	Psalms 38 V 18
For I acknowledge my transgression and my sin is ever before me	Psalms 51 V 3
And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove, for then I would fly away and be at rest.	Psalms 55 V 6
For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south	Psalms 75 V 6
If they break my statutes and keep not my commandments then will I visit their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with stripes	Psalms 89 V 31 & 32

I myself will awake early	Psalm 108 V 2
How sweet are thy words into my taste, yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth	Psalm 119 V 103
Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity	Psalm 133 V 1
And it shall come to pass that before they call I will answer and while they are yet speaking I will hear	Isaiah Ch 65 V 24
Nevertheless hear now this word that I speak in thine ears and in the ears of all the people	Jeremiah Ch 28 V 7
I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee	Daniel Ch 5 V 14
We have sinned and committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgements	Daniel Ch 9 V 5
But go thou thy way till the end be for thou shalt rest and stand in thy lot at the end of the days	Daniel Ch 12 V 13
But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth	St Matthew Ch 6 V 3
Judge not that ye be not judged	St Matthew Ch 7 V 1
Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few	St Matthew Ch 9 V 37
Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest	St Matthew Ch 11 V 28
And he called the multitude and he said unto them, Hear and understand	St Matthew Ch 15 V 10
Behold I have told you before	St Matthew Ch 24 V 25
For he that is not against us is on our part	St Mark Ch 9 V 40
And they remembered his words	St Luke Ch 24 V 8
And he said unto them, what manner of communications are these that you have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad.	St Luke Ch 24 V 17
And ye are witnesses of these things	St Luke Ch 24 V 48
He must increase but I must decrease	St John Ch 3 V 30
Jesus wept	St John Ch 11 V 35
Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you	St John Ch 15 V 3
If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you	St John Ch 15 V 18
I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now	St John Ch 16 V 12

Mine answer to them that do examine me is this	I Corinthians Ch 9 V 3
Be not deceived. Evil communications corrupt good manners	I Corinthians Ch 15 V 33
Let all your things be done with Charity	I Corinthians Ch 16 V 14
And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation	II Corinthians Ch 1 V 7
We are troubled on every side yet not distressed, we are perplexed but not in despair	II Corinthians Ch 4 V 8
I rejoice therefore that I have confidence in you in all things	II Corinthians Ch 7 V 16
But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates	II Corinthians Ch 13 V 6
For every man shall bear his own burden	Galatians Ch 6 V 5
Wherefore comfort one another with these words	I Thessalonians Ch 4 V 18
For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith	II Timothy Ch 4 V 6 & 7
But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine	Titus Ch 2 V 1
And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more	Hebrews Ch 10 V 17
Do not err my beloved brethren	James Ch 1 V 16
A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike	Proverbs Ch 27 V 15

There are probably very many more quotations that could be extracted, it depends on the searcher. One thing I will say is that during my search through the Bible I learnt many things!