

## Daily Walk With God

### Week 7

#### Week 7 Day 1

**Readings:** Matthew 13:10-17; Acts 15:22-35; Psalm 37:20-40; Proverbs 10:11-17; Exodus 33-34.

**Focus Verse:** "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way." (Psalm 37:23)

**Key Concept:** The Future of the Righteous and Wicked (Psalm 37:20-40). Throughout this section, David emphasizes the contrast between the faithful and the unfaithful, reminding us of the value of continuing to serve the Lord. It is true today, as it was in David's time, that God protects and rescues the faithful. God does not forsake the righteous--"I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread" (v. 25). The wicked are quickly forgotten as they pass from this life--"Yet he [the wicked] passed away, and behold, he was no more; Indeed I sought him, but he could not be found" (v. 36).

**Action:** David's prescription for today, and every day, is quite simple and quite challenging--"Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell forevermore" (Psalm 37:27).

#### Week 7 Day 2

**Readings:** Matthew 13:18-23; Acts 15:36-41; Psalm 38; Proverbs 10:18-22; Exodus 35-36.

**Focus Verse:** "For my iniquities have gone over my head; Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me." (Psalm 38:4)

**Key Concept:** People Who Gave Too Much (Exodus 36:1-7). These verses contain a great example of the eager service of God's people. The Israelites brought freewill offerings for the work on the tabernacle. They kept bringing so much that Moses had to stop them. We need their zeal! Imagine such generous giving of ourselves and our things that God had to tell us to stop. It will be far better for the Lord to say, "Too much" than "Too little"!

**Action:** Give of yourself in sacrificial service to the Lord (cf. Romans 12:1-3).

#### Week 7 Day 3

**Readings:** Matthew 13:24-35; Acts 16:1-10; Psalm 39; Proverbs 10:23-26; Exodus 37-38.

**Focus Verse:** "When the whirlwind passes by, the wicked is no more, but the righteous has an everlasting foundation." (Proverbs 10:25)

**Key Concept:** Influence of Godly Mothers (Acts 16:1-3). Timothy's debt to a God-fearing mother and grandmother is well-known (cf. 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15). Eunice reared a godly son who became a faithful preacher, even without the assistance of her husband, who was an unbeliever. It was surely not easy alone, but it wasn't impossible, either! The example of Eunice encourages those who face similar tasks today.

**Action:** Parents, guide your children with determination to succeed, despite the obstacles!

#### Week 7 Day 4

**Readings:** Matthew 13:36-46; Acts 16:11-24; Psalm 40; Proverbs 10:27-32; Exodus 39-40.

**Focus Verse:** "I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your loving kindness and Your truth From the great congregation." (Psalm 40:10)

**Key Concept:** Selling All for the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 13:44). Notice in this brief parable:

- (1) The joy of discovering the kingdom
- (2) The recognition of its value
- (3) The sacrifice to obtain the treasure
- (4) The precious privilege of possessing it

**Action:** Give all you treasure in this life to obtain a place with God for eternity. And, as you reflect on Psalm 40:10, determine not to conceal the Truth of God!

### **Week 7 Day 5**

**Readings:** Matthew 13:47-58; Acts 16:25-34; Psalm 41; Proverbs 11:1-6; Leviticus 1-3.

**Focus Verse:** "A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is His delight." (Proverbs 11:1)

**Key Concept:** Unleavened Offerings (Leviticus 2:11). This verse, easily overlooked amid the instructions of Levitical ceremony, helps us appreciate the sacrifice of Christ. Jesus was an acceptable sacrifice--unleavened and pure (cf. 1 Corinthians 5:7). As we imitate Him, we should also present ourselves as uncorrupted sacrifices to God.

**Action:** Serve God today "with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth," not "with the leaven of malice and wickedness" (1 Corinthians 5:7). Be pure before God, and in the eyes of other people.

### **Week 7 Day 6**

**Readings:** Matthew 14:1-12; Acts 16:35-40; Psalm 42; Proverbs 11:7-11; Leviticus 4-5.

**Focus Verse:** "When a wicked man dies, his expectation will perish, and the hope of the unjust perishes." (Proverbs 11:7)

**Key Concept:** The Bloody Price of Sin (Leviticus 4). In prescribing sacrifices for the sins of various people, God required that the offender lay a hand on the head of the sacrificial animal and kill it (vv. 4,15,24,29,33). This grisly task illustrated the price of sin! The guilty personally killed the animals that atoned for their sins. Visualizing that scene, with Jesus as the sacrifice, will help guard us from sin. An innocent sacrificial "Lamb" suffered greatly because of my sin.

**Action:** Live righteously today so that Jesus doesn't suffer needlessly (cf. Hebrews 6:6; 10:26-29).

### **Week 7 Day 7**

**Readings:** Matthew 14:13-21; Acts 17:1-15; Psalm 43; Proverbs 11:12-15; Leviticus 6-7.

**Focus Verse:** "Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your tabernacle." (Psalm 43:3)

**Key Concept:** Feeding of the Five Thousand (Matthew 14:13-21). This is one of the best known miracles performed by Jesus. His action displays His compassion, even as He mourned the death of John the Baptist. This miracle also emphasized His ability to provide what the people really needed. Although most of them did not see beyond physical gratification, Jesus had come as the bread from heaven to give eternal life.

**Action:** Allow the truth of God to lead you toward heaven.