

Daily Walk With God

Week 14

Week 14 Day 1

Readings: Matthew 26:17-25; Romans 6:15-23; Psalm 81; Proverbs 20:1-6; Deuteronomy 14-15.

Focus Verse: "It is honorable for a man to stop striving, since any fool can start a quarrel." (Proverbs 20:3)

Key Concept: Practical Advice for Good Living (Proverbs 20:1-6). Consider some paraphrases of the practical advice offered in these verses of Proverbs:

1. Alcohol is a dangerous drug that ruins lives (v. 1).
2. It takes more of a man to walk away from a fight than to start one (v. 3).
3. Laziness is bad; lazy people deserve to go hungry (v. 4).
4. You can learn a lot from other people, if you are patient and a good listener (v. 5).
5. Braggarts are cheap and common; truly good men are much harder to find (v. 6).

Action: Take God's advice. Live as a truly faithful child of God.

Week 14 Day 2

Readings: Matthew 26:26-35; Romans 7:1-12; Psalm 82; Proverbs 20:7-12; Deuteronomy 16-18.

Focus Verse: "Even a child is known by his deeds, by whether what he does is pure and right." (Proverbs 20:11)

Key Concept: Testing the Prophets (Deuteronomy 18:20-22). History has been filled with people claiming to deliver new messages from God. To protect His people from frauds, God gave a simple test: If the prediction is not fulfilled, the speaker is not from God. True prophecies never fail! False prophets may make lucky guesses, but they have no real power to reveal new information. They merely deceive with their false teaching.

Action: Listen carefully to the claims and teaching you hear. Be sure to distinguish truth from error.

Week 14 Day 3

Readings: Matthew 26:36-46; Romans 7:13-25; Psalm 83; Proverbs 20:13-18; Deuteronomy 19-21.

Focus Verse: "There is gold and a multitude of rubies, but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel." (Proverbs 20:15)

Key Concept: Disobeying Parents: A Serious Crime (Deuteronomy 21:18-21). Under the Law of Moses, the penalty for children who were stubborn, rebellious and disobedient was death! While God's new law does not tell us to execute disobedient children, this passage does show that God considers such rebellion to be a serious offense. The New Testament does tell children to obey parents (Ephesians 6:1). It also tells us that the rebellious will suffer death--eternally (Romans 1:30-32).

Action: Children, respect the God-given authority of your parents. Obey them respectfully.

Week 14 Day 4

Readings: Matthew 26:47-56; Romans 8:1-11; Psalm 84; Proverbs 20:19-24; Deuteronomy 22-23.

Focus Verse: "Whoever curses his father or his mother, his lamp will be put out in deep darkness." (Proverbs 20:20)

Key Concept: 72,000 Angels (Matthew 26:53). Jesus emerged from the Garden of Gethsemane and willingly allowed a band of soldiers to arrest Him. He could have called more than 12 legions (literally, over 72,000) of angels to deliver Him from a few hundred Roman soldiers. The point is clear: Jesus gave His life voluntarily (cf. John 10:17-18). Instead of defeating an impotent man, the crucifiers were witnessing the victory of the powerful King of kings!

Action: Jesus willingly died for you. Willingly live for Him.

Week 14 Day 5

Readings: Matthew 26:57-68; Romans 8:12-17; Psalm 85; Proverbs 20:25-30; Deuteronomy 24-25.

Focus Verse: "The glory of young men is their strength, and the splendor of old men is their gray head." (Proverbs 20:29)

Key Concept: "Joint Heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:17). What a privilege! We can be children of God and heirs together with Christ! All of this is possible because He suffered for us. But the inheritance of eternal glory has a condition attached-- we must share in His death, burial and resurrection. We must crucify our old man of sin (cf. Romans 6:3-7).

Action: Choose to share in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Live a new life on earth, and look forward to an eternal life in heaven!

Week 14 Day 6

Readings: Matthew 26:69-75; Romans 8:18-30; Psalm 86; Proverbs 21:1-6; Deuteronomy 26-27.

Focus Verse: "To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice." (Proverbs 21:3)

Key Concept: Peter's Return (Matthew 26:69-75). On the night before Jesus died, Peter sinned grievously. When he should have stood with Jesus, he denied Him. When he considered his sin, he regretted and returned. His subsequent life of service showed the depth of his love. He gave the Lord his life.

Action: Jesus gave His life for you. Give your life to Him.

Week 14 Day 7

Readings: Matthew 27:1-10; Romans 8:31-39; Psalm 87; Proverbs 21:7-12; Deuteronomy 28.

Focus Verse: "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

Key Concept: Judas' Regret (Matthew 27:1-10). On the night before Jesus died, Judas sinned grievously. When he should have stood with Jesus, he betrayed Him. When he considered his sin, he regretted and ran. His subsequent death by suicide showed the depth of his despair. He robbed the Lord of his life.

Action: No matter how grievous your sin, remember that the solution is in turning back to God, not in running from Him.