

Daily Walk With God

Week 15

Week 15 Day 1

Readings: Matthew 27:11-26; Romans 9:1-13; Psalm 88; Proverbs 21:13-18; Deuteronomy 29-30.

Focus Verse: "Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be heard." (Proverbs 21:13)

Key Concept: Grief for Lost Loved Ones (Romans 9:1-13). In this passage, Paul reveals the pain he felt in seeing his relatives reject Christ. It hurt him continually to realize that they were lost--unwilling to obey the gospel. But he knew that God had not failed. God kept His promises and gave the Israelites every opportunity to be saved. It was their choice to reject the gospel. That choice caused Paul grief, but it did not discourage Him from living for the Lord and diligently teaching others the gospel. It did not cause him to soften his message. We often face similar pain, as we sometimes see loved ones reject the gospel. We can learn from Paul's example and press ahead with zeal to teach others.

Action: Share the Good News with people who need it!

Week 15 Day 2

Readings: Matthew 27:27-44; Romans 9:14-24; Psalm 89:1-18; Proverbs 21:19-24; Deuteronomy 31.

Focus Verse: "Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from troubles." (Proverbs 21:23)

Key Concept: "Himself He Cannot Save" (Matthew 27:42). The chief priests, scribes and elders mocked the apparent weakness of Jesus, seeing Him as a helpless, defeated foe. They failed to understand that He could have saved Himself (cf. John 10:18; Matthew 26:53), but that such a choice would have defeated His purpose to save men from their sin. Jesus chose to die, so that we might live. He died, not in weakness, but in unmatched strength.

Action: Thank God for the voluntary sacrifice of His Son.

Week 15 Day 3

Readings: Matthew 27:45-56; Romans 9:25-33; Psalm 89:19-37; Proverbs 21:25-31; Deuteronomy 32.

Focus Verse: "The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but deliverance is of the Lord." (Proverbs 21:31)

Key Concept: Futile Trust in Military Might (Proverbs 21:31). Men put great confidence in military strength. A great army, equipped with the most advanced weapons of modern technology, is considered by some to be assurance of security. We must never forget that deliverance is of the Lord. With or without a mighty military, nations are protected by God as He sees fit and just. We need to trust in Him instead of human warriors.

Action: Help stabilize your nation and the world--teach someone the gospel of Jesus Christ!

Week 15 Day 4

Readings: Matthew 27:57-66; Romans 10:1-13; Psalm 89:38-52; Proverbs 22:1-5; Deuteronomy 33-34.

Focus Verse: "For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him." (Romans 10:12)

Key Concept: Salvation in Christ (Romans 10:1-13). Paul deeply desired the salvation of Jews, who were his fleshly relatives. But he knew that his concern for their souls could not change the terms of salvation. They could not be saved without turning to Christ. That hasn't changed. Salvation is offered to Jews and Gentiles only through Jesus Christ. We need to boldly proclaim that message.

Action: Trust in Jesus. Salvation is not available in anyone else.

Week 15 Day 5

Readings: Matthew 28:1-10; Romans 10:14-21; Psalm 90; Proverbs 22:6-10; Joshua 1-3.

Focus Verse: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

Key Concept: "He is Risen" (Matthew 28:1-10). There is no more significant announcement in the Bible--or anywhere else in history! This declaration brought amazement and joy to the followers of Jesus. Above all, the fact of the resurrection is the basis of our salvation, our faith, and our hope (cf. 1 Corinthians 15). All of the Bible and all of our confidence revolve around this greatest of all miracles. Jesus defeated death. He is risen!

Action: Thank God that Jesus is risen!

Week 15 Day 6

Readings: Matthew 28:11-20; Romans 11:1-10; Psalm 91; Proverbs 22:11-16; Joshua 4-6.

Focus Verse: "Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, `All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.'" (Matthew 28:18)

Key Concept: Making Disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). Making disciples involves two actions: 1) Baptizing in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and 2) Teaching to observe all that the Lord has commanded. This process of conversion is built upon the total authority of Jesus (v. 18). Those who have not been baptized, or have not determined to obey the absolute authority of the Lord, are not truly His disciples.

Action: Make sure you are in submission to Christ's authority.

Week 15 Day 7

Readings: Mark 1:1-8; Romans 11:11-24; Psalm 92; Proverbs 22:17-21; Joshua 7-8.

Focus Verse: "Those who are planted in the house of the Lord Shall flourish in the courts of our God." (Psalm 92:13)

Key Concept: "The Goodness and Severity of God" (Romans 11:22). We have difficulty reconciling God's mercy and His wrath. Our finite minds cannot easily comprehend how such apparent opposites can exist side-by-side in the character of a perfect being. Some people arbitrarily reject one concept and cling to the other. Yet the Bible affirms that both are true, and shows that we choose which will come upon us. If we fall, we will be condemned. If we turn to Him and continue in His goodness, we will be rewarded.

Action: Continue in God's goodness.