

Daily Walk With God

Week 16

Week 16 Day 1

Readings: Mark 1:9-20; Romans 11:25-36; Psalm 93; Proverbs 22:22-29; Joshua 9-10.

Focus Verse: "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!" (Romans 11:33)

Key Concept: The Depth of God's Wisdom (Romans 11:33). In an age which exalts human reason, there are many who attempt to choose which parts of Scripture should be believed. Some suggest that they will accept what they understand, assuming that God's truth will make sense to them. Some try to figure out the hidden meaning behind God's word, thus presuming to know His intent, which supersedes (they claim) His revealed word. Such approaches are arrogant and deadly. God has not revealed all we might want to know; He has told us all we need to know. Our task is not to edit, but to obey His word!

Action: Obey God, whether you understand His reasons or not!

Week 16 Day 2

Readings: Mark 1:21-28; Romans 12:1-8; Psalm 94; Proverbs 23:1-5; Joshua 11-12.

Focus Verse: "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." (Romans 12:2)

Key Concept: Soberly Sacrificing Self (Romans 12:1-8). Notice Paul's instructions to:

- (1) Sacrifice ourselves to God.
- (2) Be transformed--not conformed to the world.
- (3) Soberly consider and use our abilities. Arrogance is wrong. A pretense of being useless is also wrong. We each need to humbly use what God has given to us.

Action: Use your abilities in serving God today.

Week 16 Day 3

Readings: Mark 1:29-39; Romans 12:9-21; Psalm 95; Proverbs 23:6-12; Joshua 13-14.

Focus Verse: "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good." (Romans 12:9)

Key Concept: Love Without Hypocrisy (Romans 12:9-21). In this section, Paul offers some very practical instructions in showing true love toward others. Love means giving preference to others over self. It means diligence in serving God and other people. It means humility. It means working for peace with others while leaving it to God to exact vengeance. Love means overcoming evil with good! Paul did not describe love in vague, abstract terms, but in practical language that we can apply in daily life.

Action: Love without hypocrisy!

Week 16 Day 4

Readings: Mark 1:40-45; Romans 13; Psalm 96; Proverbs 23:13-18; Joshua 15-16.

Focus Verse: "But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts." (Romans 13:14)

Key Concept: "Make No Provision for the Flesh" (Romans 13:14). Satan's efforts continue. He seeks to capture his intended prey (cf. 1 Peter 5:8). Therefore, we must be on guard. We must leave sin and burn our bridges behind us, making no provision for a return to the lustful works of the flesh. Satan is not unbeatable, but we won't defeat him if we cooperate with his schemes to ensnare us.

Action: Make sure that your break from sin is decisive. "Burn the bridges" that would carry you back to evil.

Week 16 Day 5

Readings: Mark 2:1-12; Romans 14:1-13; Psalm 97; Proverbs 23:19-23; Joshua 17-18.

Focus Verse: "Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name." (Psalm 97:12)

Key Concept: "The Lord Reigns" (Psalm 97). Read this psalm again and contemplate the greatness of God. Because Jehovah reigns, the earth and all mankind have reason to rejoice. We are under a righteous, just, powerful God who preserves and delivers those who serve Him. When we realize that such an awesome Being cares for us, we have reason to praise Him and be thankful.

Action: Praise the Lord by your words and actions. He richly deserves your worship and devotion!

Week 16 Day 6

Readings: Mark 2:13-28; Romans 14:14-23; Psalm 98; Proverbs 23:24-28; Joshua 19-20.

Focus Verse: "Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another." (Romans 14:19)

Key Concept: Concern for a Brother's Conscience (Romans 14:14-23). It is possible to sin in doing something that is right in and of itself! If we carelessly disregard the scruples of a brother and lead him to violate his conscience, we are guilty. We must be alert to our opportunities to build up the weak. The principles described here involve compassion, patience, and an application of the "golden rule" to our spiritual relationships.

Action: Pursue things of peace and edification.

Week 16 Day 7

Readings: Mark 3:1-6; Romans 15:1-13; Psalm 99; Proverbs 23:29-35; Joshua 21-22.

Focus Verse: "Exalt the Lord our God, And worship at His holy hill; For the Lord our God is holy." (Psalm 99:9)

Key Concept: Worship God, for He is Holy (Psalm 99). The psalmist praises the Lord for His history of holiness. Today, we have the privilege of worshiping God. We should glorify Him personally, and we have the special privilege of assembling with others to glorify Him and to encourage others to see His greatness and worship Him (cf. 1 Corinthians 10:16-22; 14:24-25). If we appreciate the holiness and majesty of Jehovah, we will seek every opportunity to praise Him.

Action: Give worship to God. He deserves it!