

Daily Walk With God

Week 17

Week 17 Day 1

Readings: Mark 3:7-12; Romans 15:14-21; Psalm 100; Proverbs 24:1-6; Joshua 23-24.

Focus Verse: "Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture." (Psalm 100:3)

Key Concept: "Choose . . . This Day Whom You Will Serve" (Joshua 24:15). Joshua's farewell address to Israel offered a stirring challenge. They had plenty of options. They could serve the gods that had failed in Egypt. They could worship the gods that could not preserve the Amorites when Israel invaded the land. Or, they could serve the Holy and True God who had repeatedly delivered them. How easily we can choose to follow paths of certain failure by neglecting to serve God. Israel chose to follow God, and remained faithful throughout that generation. We need to lead our families in the same commitment.

Action: Choose today to follow the Lord. No other path will lead to success.

Week 17 Day 2

Readings: Mark 3:13-19; Romans 15:22-33; Psalm 101; Proverbs 24:7-12; Judges 1-2.

Focus Verse: "If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small." (Proverbs 24:10).

Key Concept: Battling Against Evil (Proverbs 24:7-12). Our fight against sin must include:

- (1) Listening to the wisdom of God (v. 7).
- (2) Determining not to devise evil (vv. 8-9).
- (3) Standing strong "in the day of adversity" (v. 10).
- (4) Restoring the erring while there is time (v. 11).
- (5) Not turning our heads to condone sin (v. 12).

Action: Press the battle against Satan today!

Week 17 Day 3

Readings: Mark 3:20-30; Romans 16:1-16; Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 24:13-18; Judges 3-4.

Focus Verse: "But You, O Lord, shall endure forever, And the remembrance of Your name to all generations." (Psalm 102:12)

Key Concept: "They Forgot the Lord" (Judges 3:7). Joshua and the others of his era died (cf. Judges 2:7-10). A new generation arose to cast off the "old ideas" of their parents' faith. As we begin to read of a succession of judges, we see the weakness and infidelity of the people. They "did evil" (3:7) "again" (3:12) and "again" (4:1). God patiently and repeatedly

chastened them, but each new generation rejected the restriction of God's law. The book of Judges underscores God's patience and man's ability to test it!

Action: Don't forget the Lord!

Week 17 Day 4

Readings: Mark 3:31-35; Romans 16:17-27; Psalm 102:18-28; Proverbs 24:19-22; Judges 5-6.

Focus Verse: "Do not fret because of evil doers, nor be envious of the wicked." (Proverbs 24:19)

Key Concept: The Revelation of the Mystery (Romans 16:25-27). The gospel of Jesus Christ:

- (1) Was once kept secret as a mystery (v. 25).
- (2) Is God's means of edifying His people (v. 25).
- (3) Has been revealed to all nations so that they can obey. The gospel is for the world (v. 26).

Action: People today need the gospel as certainly as people of Paul's time needed it. Are you ready and willing to spread the news? (cf. Romans 1:15-17)

Week 17 Day 5

Readings: Mark 4:1-12; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Psalm 103; Proverbs 24:23-27; Judges 7-8.

Focus Verse: "He who says to the wicked, 'You are righteous,' him the people will curse; nations will abhor him." (Proverbs 24:24)

Key Concept: Conduct Toward the Wicked (Proverbs 24:23-26). Notice four principles of wisdom especially relevant when we see others sin:

- (1) Judge impartially (v. 23).
- (2) Do not endorse or condone evil (v. 24).
- (3) Rebuke the wicked (v. 25).
- (4) Always speak truth (v. 26).

Action: Uphold what is right. Oppose every form of evil (cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22).

Week 17 Day 6

Readings: Mark 4:13-20; 1 Corinthians 1:10-17; Psalm 104:1-15; Proverbs 24:28-34; Judges 9.

Focus Verse: "A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest; so your poverty will come like a prowler, and your want like an armed man." (Proverbs 24:33-34)

Key Concept: The Sin of Slothfulness (Proverbs 24:30-34). Laziness is not virtuous. The same book that tells us not to "over-work to be rich" (Proverbs 23:4) now warns us to avoid the opposite extreme. Slothfulness wastes our opportunities. Tasks that we ignore don't disappear; they just become more difficult.

Action: Focus on worthwhile tasks and do them with diligence.

Week 17 Day 7

Readings: Mark 4:21-34; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Psalm 104:16-35; Proverbs 25:1-7; Judges 10-11.

Focus Verse: "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 1:31b)

Key Concept: God's Foolishness vs. Man's Wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:25). God doesn't do things the way men would expect. The cross is an illustration of this fact. Jews stumbled at it--it showed that they had murdered God's Son. Gentiles scoffed at it--it asked that they serve a "dead god" who did not even deliver himself from the agony of the cross. Men may not understand. God doesn't require that we comprehend His reasons, just that we obey His instructions. **Action:** Obey God, even if you don't fully understand Him!