

Daily Walk With God

Week 21

Week 21 Day 1

Readings: Mark 10:1-12; 1 Corinthians 11:17-26; Psalm 119:33-48; Proverbs 30:15-20; 1 Samuel 30-31.

Focus Verse: "Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, And revive me in Your way." (Psalm 119:37)

Key Concept: Remembering the Death of Christ (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). In an effort to restore reverence in the worship of the Corinthian Christians, Paul reminded them of the significance of the Lord's Supper. They were to eat at this table with an appreciation of the meaning of the memorial. Jesus had provided the pattern of first giving thanks and eating the bread as a memorial of His sacrificed body, then giving thanks (cf. Matthew 26:27) and drinking the cup as a reminder of His shed blood. The Lord's Supper serves as a proclamation of Jesus' death with an expectation of His return (v. 26). When we observe this memorial, we should partake with reverent appreciation for the sacrifice of Jesus.

Action: Thank God for the sacrifice of His Son.

Week 21 Day 2

Readings: Mark 10:13-22; 1 Corinthians 11:27-34; Psalm 119:49-64; Proverbs 30:21-28; 2 Samuel 1-2.

Focus Verse: "I thought about my ways, And turned my feet to Your testimonies." (Psalm 119:59)

Key Concept: Reverence at the Lord's Table (1 Corinthians 11:27-34). Paul now builds on the base already established. The Lord's Supper, as a memorial of the sacrifice of Jesus, is to be observed with solemn reverence. Flippancy cheapens the memorial and condemns the careless person. Our manner of partaking must reflect our respect for the Lord, and our appreciation for His great unselfish sacrifice. When we commune with Jesus and His followers in remembrance of His death, we should take it seriously!

Action: Examine your attitudes toward God.

Week 21 Day 3

Readings: Mark 10:23-31; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Psalm 119:65-80; Proverbs 30:29-33; 2 Samuel 3-4.

Focus Verse: "Your hands have made me and fashioned me; Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments." (Psalm 119:73)

Key Concept: People Come with Instruction Manuals (Psalm 119:73). How many times have you had trouble operating a product because you didn't take time to read the instructions? (Perhaps you subscribe to the old "when-all-else-fails-read-the-instructions" theory.) Sadly, many people try to operate their own lives without ever realizing that their "Manufacturer" provided an "instruction manual." God made you, and He wrote the book on how you should function. Read the instructions, before all else fails.

Action: Read and follow your Manufacturer's instructions!

Week 21 Day 4

Readings: Mark 10:32-45; 1 Corinthians 12:12-20; Psalm 119:81-96; Proverbs 31:1-9; 2 Samuel 5-6.

Focus Verse: "Unless Your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction." (Psalm 119:92)

Key Concept: A Key to Surviving Affliction (Psalm 119:92). Difficulties come in our lives. They vary in type, frequency and intensity, but they come to all of us. Some use their trials to excuse rebellion against God, pointing an accusing finger at the Lord. Others use them constructively to strengthen faith and to refine their personal character. We must choose whether we will use our struggles as stumbling blocks or stepping stones.

Action: Choose to learn from your afflictions, using them as a means of spiritual growth (Psalm 119:71).

Week 21 Day 5

Readings: Mark 10:46-52; 1 Corinthians 12:21-31; Psalm 119:97-112; Proverbs 31:10-16; 2 Samuel 7-8.

Focus Verse: "I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes Forever, to the very end." (Psalm 119:112)

Key Concept: A Beautiful Woman (Proverbs 31:10-16). God's definition of beauty often differs from human standards. A woman of value is: (1) Supportive of her husband; (2) A diligent worker; (3) Devoted to providing the needs of her family. Notice that any involvement which might have taken her outside the home was for the benefit of her family--not to the neglect of the family. This chapter provides important guidance for developing godly women.

Action: Despite the efforts in our society to cheapen the valuable role of women, let's show the faith to follow God's pattern.

Week 21 Day 6

Readings: Mark 11:1-14; 1 Corinthians 13; Psalm 119:113-128; Proverbs 31:17-23; 2 Samuel 9-10.

Focus Verse: "Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; And do not let me be ashamed of my hope." (Psalm 119:116)

Key Concept: Love Defined in Action (1 Corinthians 13:1-8). Love is more than attitude or attraction; it is action. Consider the application of Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. Love encompasses all the attributes that should be apparent in the life of a child of God. These verses help us to appreciate the meaning of Matthew 22:36-40, where Jesus tells us that our service can be summarized by love for God and love for neighbor.

Action: Show love by the way you live.

Week 21 Day 7

Readings: Mark 11:15-26; 1 Corinthians 14:1-9; Psalm 119:129-144; Proverbs 31:24-31; 2 Samuel 11-12.

Focus Verse: "Your word is very pure; Therefore Your servant loves it." (Psalm 119:140)

Key Concept: Jesus Cleanses the Temple (Mark 11:15-19). We have so often seen a distorted depiction of Jesus as a soft-spoken weakling. The true picture of the Bible is much different. Jesus violently expelled the merchants from the temple (actually on two different occasions). The same Jesus now holds all power, and will bring a judgment of wrath on the ungodly.

Action: Make sure that the temple of your life is clean so that Jesus doesn't have to cleanse it in wrath!