

Daily Walk With God

Week 23

Week 23 Day 1

Readings: Mark 13:13-24; 1 Corinthians 15:35-49; Psalm 125; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; 1 Kings 1.

Focus Verse: "Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, And to those who are upright in their hearts." (Psalm 125:4)

Key Concept: Bodies Raised in Glory (1 Corinthians 15:35-49). Paul continues his discussion of resurrection by affirming the bodily resurrection of those who are Christ's (see vv. 22-23). He tells us several things about the resurrection of the faithful, including:

1. It is a resurrection of the body (v. 44)
2. That body is changed by God (vv. 37-38, 44)
3. The new body is incorruptible (v. 42)
4. The new body is raised in glory and power (v. 43)
5. The new body is spiritual, heavenly--not physical, earthly (vv. 44-49)

Christians have an eternal hope that makes it possible and profitable to endure difficulties in this life!

Action: Live today with an eye on heaven.

Week 23 Day 2

Readings: Mark 13:24-37; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58; Psalm 126; Ecclesiastes 3:9-15; 1 Kings 2.

Focus Verse: "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:57)

Key Concept: Victory in Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:50-58). Paul concludes this great discourse with assurance of victory and a challenge to press forward. He promises the righteous a victory over Death and Hades and then closes with this challenge: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Jesus paved the way so we can win the reward.

Action: "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding . . ."

Week 23 Day 3

Readings: Mark 14:1-11; 1 Corinthians 16:1-12; Psalm 127; Ecclesiastes 3:16-22; 1 Kings 3-4.

Focus Verse: "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is His reward." (Psalm 127:3)

Key Concept: Solomon Requests Wisdom (1 Kings 3). As Solomon ascended to the throne, he realized the enormity of the task of leading a nation. He turned to God, not to seek wealth, power and long life, but to request wisdom. God granted his request and added other blessings. Those who lead today--whether guiding nations, churches or families--need to turn to God for wisdom.

Action: Turn to God's word to find wisdom.

Week 23 Day 4

Readings: Mark 14:12-21; 1 Corinthians 16:13-24; Psalm 128; Ecclesiastes 4:1-8; 1 Kings 5-6.

Focus Verse: "Let all that you do be done with love." (1 Corinthians 16:14)

Key Concept: Conditions of Fellowship With God (1 Kings 6:12-13). The temple of the Old Testament represented the presence of God among the people. As Solomon prepared to erect this grand building, God stated conditions of His presence in Israel: (1) Walk in My statutes, (2) Execute My judgments, (3) Keep all My commandments. God could not dwell among unholy people, so He reminded Israel to maintain purity before Him.

Action: Examine your life--Is it a place that God can dwell?

Week 23 Day 5

Readings: Mark 14:22-31; 2 Corinthians 1:1-11; Psalm 129; Ecclesiastes 4:9-16; 1 Kings 7.

Focus Verse: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort." (2 Corinthians 1:3)

Key Concept: Emphasizing God's Comfort (2 Corinthians 1:1-11). Paul speaks here of suffering he had endured as a child of God. Yet his focus is not on the affliction, but on the consolation. He found comfort in God, and therefore offered comfort to others. Even in the midst of severe trials, Paul found reason to be optimistic, encouraging and thankful. His example should challenge us to great faith and optimism that cannot be diluted by trials.

Action: Be grateful to God for His love and consolation.

Week 23 Day 6

Readings: Mark 14:32-42; 2 Corinthians 1:12-24; Psalm 130; Ecclesiastes 5:1-7; 1 Kings 8.

Focus Verse: "It is better not to vow than to vow and not pay." (Ecclesiastes 5:5)

Key Concept: God's Faithfulness (2 Corinthians 1:18-20). While explaining to the Corinthians his delay in visiting them, Paul affirms the trustworthiness of God. He reminds them that God does not vacillate on His word, saying "yes" one moment and "no" the next. Instead, his promises are YES and AMEN. They are sure and dependable. The word of God's people should be just as dependable.

Action: Make commitments carefully; keep them faithfully.

Week 23 **Day 7**

Readings: Mark 14:43-52; 2 Corinthians 2:1-11; Psalm 131; Ecclesiastes 5:8-12; 1 Kings 9-10.

Focus Verse: "He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also is vanity." (Ecclesiastes 5:10)

Key Concept: Rebuke--Repentance--Reaffirmation of Love (2 Corinthians 2:1-11). In his previous letter Paul had rebuked the Corinthians for their tolerance of sinners, urging them to purge evil from the congregation. The church repented and acted, and a sinning brother returned. Now, Paul says it is time to reaffirm their love. He reminds them of his love toward them, and instructs the Corinthian saints to accept the returning brother in love.

Action: Encourage others to be faithful. Show them your love.