

## Daily Walk With God

### Week 25

#### Week 25 Day 1

**Readings:** Mark 16:14-20; 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Psalm 138; Ecclesiastes 7:23-29; 2 Kings 1-3.

**Focus Verse:** "Though the Lord is on high, Yet He regards the lowly; But the proud He knows from afar." (Psalm 138:6)

**Key Concept:** The Lord on High Regards the Lowly (Psalm 138:6). This rule of God's behavior contradicts all the expectations of natural men. Human beings tend to honor power, wealth and notoriety. God is not impressed with such things. He looks into the heart and judges what man cannot clearly see. He is close to the lowly--those who are genuinely humble and often overlooked by the world. The proud, who often fail to see their need for God, do not even come close to true fellowship with Him. Understanding this principle will help us to set our priorities to agree with God's ideals.

**Action:** Do not become entangled in the snare of worldly pursuits. God judges by a higher and purer standard than man.

#### Week 25 Day 2

**Readings:** Luke 1:1-25; 2 Corinthians 6:11-7:1; Psalm 139; Ecclesiastes 8:1-9; 2 Kings 4-5.

**Focus Verse:** "Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." (2 Corinthians 7:1)

**Key Concept:** Perfecting Holiness in the Fear of God (2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1). Serving God requires holiness--separation from evil. God's children cannot maintain union with sin. This holiness is not, however, an emptiness. We are to cleanse ourselves of evil so that we can have a fulfilling relationship with the Father. He has promised great things, but we must let go of the world to enjoy them.

**Action:** Perfect holiness because of your love for God.

#### Week 25 Day 3

**Readings:** Luke 1:26-38; 2 Corinthians 7:2-16; Psalm 140; Ecclesiastes 8:10-17; 2 Kings 6-7.

**Focus Verse:** "For godly sorrow produces repentance to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death." (2 Corinthians 7:10)

**Key Concept:** Beneficial Sorrow (2 Corinthians 7:10). Paul expresses here the pain of rebuke and the joy that follows when it is properly received. While it is unpleasant to cause others sorrow, Paul reminds us that godly sorrow produces a good result--repentance to salvation. Our sorrow over sin should be more than shame in being "caught." It should be genuine regret that leads to a change in life.

**Action:** Use your sorrow over sin constructively--allow it to motivate you to true repentance.

#### Week 25 Day 4

**Readings:** Luke 1:39-56; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7; Psalm 141; Ecclesiastes 9:1-8; 2 Kings 8.

**Focus Verse:** "For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name." (Luke 1:49)

**Key Concept:** The Mighty One Has Done Great Things (Luke 1:49). As she contemplated the privilege of bearing the Son of God, Mary praised God. She had been chosen to be the mother of God's Son! Yet, through Jesus we all can enjoy an even greater blessing. We can be children of God--joint heirs with Christ--because of the mighty victory Jesus won at the cross. Indeed, God has done great things for me.

**Action:** Thank God for the blessings available in His Son.

## **Week 25 Day 5**

**Readings:** Luke 1:57-66; 2 Corinthians 8:8-15; Psalm 142; Ecclesiastes 9:9-12; 2 Kings 9-10.

**Focus Verse:** "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9)

**Key Concept:** Enriched Through the Poverty of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 8:9). As Paul urges the Corinthians to make generous sacrifices for the benefit of their brethren, he reminds them of the unselfish sacrifice of Jesus. He gave up His riches for a life--and a death--of poverty. If He could give so much for us, we can surely sacrifice of ourselves for others.

**Action:** Look for opportunities to sacrifice unselfishly.

## **Week 25 Day 6**

**Readings:** Luke 1:67-80; 2 Corinthians 8:16-24; Psalm 143; Ecclesiastes 9:13-18; 2 Kings 11-12.

**Focus Verse:** ". . . providing honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men." (2 Corinthians 8:21)

**Key Concept:** Providing Honorable Things (2 Corinthians 8:21). Paul emphasizes in this section his concern for doing everything in a way that all those involved would be confident that it was properly handled. The same principle should be applied in our financial dealings (as well as all other facets of life). We should handle affairs in a manner that prevents accusation or suspicion.

**Action:** Keep things above board--and above reproach!

## **Week 25 Day 7**

**Readings:** Luke 2:1-7; 2 Corinthians 9; Psalm 144; Ecclesiastes 10:1-7; 2 Kings 13-14.

**Focus Verse:** "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, have abundance for every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8)

**Key Concept:** Abundance Supplied by God (2 Corinthians 9). As he urges the Corinthian saints to follow through on their commitment to help their suffering brothers, Paul reminds them of the source of their abundance. They should be thankful to God that they had the means to help, and thus should willingly give of their means. As we often enjoy bountiful blessings, we also should be quick to share.

**Action:** Count your blessings, thank God for them, and then give some away!