

Daily Walk With God

Week 27

Week 27 Day 1

Readings: Luke 4:14-30; 2 Corinthians 13; Psalm 2; Proverbs 1:8-14; Job 3-5.

Focus Verse: "Serve the Lord with fear, And rejoice with trembling." (Psalm 2:11)

Key Concept: The Raging Nations (Psalm 2). The people of the world are depicted here as nations defying the authority of Jehovah and His Son. They rage and conspire against Him, seeking to break free from the constraints of His authority. But their rebellion is futile, as God sits and "laughs" at their feeble efforts to thwart His plans.

This passage was applied by early Christians to explain their persecution (cf. Acts 4:24-31). It shows that, despite the rebellion of the ungodly, Jesus Christ does in fact rule over the world!

Action: Remember that Jesus Christ is King of Kings. Serve Him with reverence and show others their need to obey His will.

Week 27 Day 2

Readings: Luke 4:31-37; Galatians 1:1-10; Psalm 3; Proverbs 1:15-19; Job 6-8.

Focus Verse: "I cried to the Lord with my voice, And He heard me from His holy hill. Selah." (Psalm 3:4)

Key Concept: The Gospel Paul Preached (Galatians 1:1-10). Paul opens this letter with a reminder that his message was:

1. From God, not men.
2. Concerning salvation by the grace of God.
3. Not to be polluted or replaced by another gospel, even if that different gospel came directly from an angel of heaven.

Action: As you read your Bible today, remember that it contains the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Week 27 Day 3

Readings: Luke 4:38-44; Galatians 1:11-24; Psalm 4; Proverbs 1:20-27; Job 9-10.

Focus Verse: "He does great things past finding out, yes, wonders without number." (Job 9:10)

Key Concept: Trusting God in the Face of Trials (Psalm 4). David had his share of trials, including undeserved abuse from others. This psalm reveals some of his principles for handling such hardships. David knew the need to: (1) Pray, (2) Control Anger, (3) Maintain a Calm Attitude, (4) Trust in the Lord, the only unfailing source of safety and comfort.

The same practices will help us use our worst adversities to the best advantage.

Action: "Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in the Lord." (Psalm 4:5)

Week 27 Day 4

Readings: Luke 5:1-11; Galatians 2:1-10; Psalm 5; Proverbs 1:28-33; Job 11-12.

Focus Verse: "My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up."
(Psalm 5:3)

Key Concept: The Cost of Ignorance (Proverbs 1:28-33). We are to seek the wisdom and knowledge which God offers, yet some will choose to ignore it. They may see no reason for following the way of the Lord. God says here that He will allow their neglect of truth to bring forth its fruit. Those who reject the truth will suffer the consequences of their blind folly. Ignorance is expensive!

Action: Listen to God, so you can "dwell safely" (Proverbs 1:33).

Week 27 Day 5

Readings: Luke 5:12-26; Galatians 2:11-21; Psalm 6; Proverbs 2:1-9; Job 13-14.

Focus Verse: "So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed." (Luke 5:16)

Key Concept: Jesus Prayed When He Was Busy (Luke 5:16). This is one of several passages in the New Testament which reveals something of the practice of prayer in the earthly life of Jesus. At times that He was pressed by the demands of many people, He still made opportunity to get away by Himself to pray. Communication with His Father was important to Him. Do we value our opportunities to pray as much as Jesus valued His?

Action: Learn from the example of Jesus--take some time alone to pray.

Week 27 Day 6

Readings: Luke 5:27-39; Galatians 3:1-9; Psalm 7; Proverbs 2:10-15; Job 15-17.

Focus Verse: "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." (Luke 5:32)

Key Concept: Calling Sinners to Repentance (Luke 5:27-32). The work of Jesus tells us much about our work in spreading the gospel today. We are not seeking those who are already pure (or who want to act "holy"), but those who will admit their need to submit to the Lord. We must trust the gospel to function as God's power to save. Our job is to show the honest and humble how to turn to the Lord. We must call sinners to repentance.

Action: Share the gospel with a sinner.

Week 27 Day 7

Readings: Luke 6:1-11; Galatians 3:10-18; Psalm 8; Proverbs 2:16-22; Job 18-19.

Focus Verse: "O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, You who set Your glory above the heavens!"
(Psalm 8:1)

Key Concept: God is Great (Psalm 8). A starry summer night is a good opportunity to ponder the greatness of God. As you marvel at the expanse of the universe, remember that the psalmist describes the heavens as the work of God's fingers. A God of unlimited power is still mindful of each of us. Such blessings should not be taken lightly!

Action: Contemplate the greatness of God as it is displayed in the marvelous universe which surrounds us. Thank Him for caring about you.