

Daily Walk With God

Week 29

Week 29 Day 1

Readings: Luke 7:18-35; Galatians 6:1-10; Psalm 16; Proverbs 4:7-13; Job 36-37.

Focus Verse: "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10)

Key Concept: Restoring the Erring (Galatians 6:1). Nobody is perfect! We all make mistakes, and can be ensnared by sin. Realizing this danger, Paul instructs Christians to watch out for each other. When one stumbles, others should be there to help him up. The reasons are clear: (1) Christians love each other (1 John 3:14; 4:11). (2) Such love motivates us to retrieve those who become entangled in sin (James 5:19-20), because we don't want to see loved ones die spiritually.

Action: Show your love by your efforts to restore brothers and sisters who have turned back to sin. Don't ever forget that their souls are in jeopardy!

Week 29 Day 2

Readings: Luke 7:36-50; Galatians 6:11-18; Psalm 17; Proverbs 4:14-19; Job 38.

Focus Verse: "Uphold my steps in Your paths, That my footsteps may not slip." (Psalm 17:5)

Key Concept: Glorifying Only in the Cross (Galatians 6:14-15). Boasting is a popular sport which is sometimes allowed to get in the way of spiritual service. Christians sometimes forget that they are unprofitable servants (cf. Luke 17:10) and begin to take pride in personal accomplishments. We must remember what really matters--the cross of Jesus Christ.

Action: Thank the Lord for sacrificing Jesus to save you. Be sure your friends know about your Lord and Savior!

Week 29 Day 3

Readings: Luke 8:1-10; Ephesians 1:1-14; Psalm 18:1-19; Proverbs 4:20-27; Job 39-40.

Focus Verse: "I will love You, O Lord, my strength." (Psalm 18:1)

Key Concept: Condemning God (Job 40:8). After reminding Job of His boundless power and wisdom, God pointedly asked: "Would you indeed annul My judgment? Would you condemn me that you may be justified?" In his search for answers that satisfied human reason, Job had questioned the justice and goodness of God. When we substitute our ideas of what should be for God's revelation of what is, we condemn God to justify ourselves. We have no right to challenge the wisdom of God.

Action: Receive the word of God with reverence and humility.

Week 29 Day 4

Readings: Luke 8:11-18; Ephesians 1:15-23; Psalm 18:20-42; Proverbs 5:1-6; Job 41-42.

Focus Verse: "As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him."
(Psalm 18:30)

Key Concept: "I Have Uttered What I Did Not Understand" (Job 42:3). God did not answer all of the curiosity of Job, but He did correct the sufferer's biggest blunder. Job had tried to interpret God's actions without revelation from God, and had been sharply rebuked. We must guard against the error of presuming to understand what we don't know.

Action: When God has spoken, speak. When God has been silent, hold your tongue!

Week 29 Day 5

Readings: Luke 8:19-25; Ephesians 2:1-10; Psalm 18:43-50; Proverbs 5:7-14; Song of Solomon 1-4.

Focus Verse: "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10)

Key Concept: Saved by Grace through Faith (Ephesians 2:8-10). Paul provides a beautiful summary of salvation in these verses. Salvation is by grace (undeserved favor) through faith. It is a gift of God which cannot be earned by our works. The saved have been created in Jesus to walk in good works.

Action: Show your appreciation for the great gift of salvation by walking in good works to glorify God.

Week 29 Day 6

Readings: Luke 8:26-39; Ephesians 2:11-22; Psalm 19; Proverbs 5:15-23; Song of Solomon 5-8.

Focus Verse: "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been made near by the blood of Christ." (Ephesians 2:13)

Key Concept: "He Himself is Our Peace" (Ephesians 2:11-22). Isaiah pointed to the Messiah as the "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). Paul told the Ephesians how Jesus accomplished that purpose in more than one sense. He restored peace between human enemies when He built local churches out of Jews and Gentiles. More importantly, He brought peace between God and men by removing the sin which separated them.

Action: Be thankful for the opportunity to be at peace with God.

Week 29 Day 7

Readings: Luke 8:40-56; Ephesians 3:1-13; Psalm 20; Proverbs 6:1-5; Isaiah 1-2.

Focus Verse: "The ox knows its owner and the donkey its master's crib; but Israel does not know, My people do not consider." (Isaiah 1:3)

Key Concept: "My People Do Not Consider" (Isaiah 1:3). Israel was a rebellious nation that had forgotten its own Master. Unlike animals, which can be very loyal to their masters, Israel chose to ignore its God. Many today pursue the same dangerous path. Evidence of God's existence and power surround us, yet many persist in sin. When we forget God, we can expect Him to forget us.

Action: Consider God today and every day.