

Daily Walk With God

Week 30

Week 30 Day 1

Readings: Luke 9:1-9; Ephesians 3:14-21; Psalm 21; Proverbs 6:6-11; Isaiah 3-5.

Focus Verse: "Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!" (Isaiah 5:21)

Key Concept: "Woe to Those Who Call Evil Good and Good Evil" (Isaiah 5:20). Throughout this section God is announcing and explaining His judgments against Judah. The nation considered itself to be prosperous and secure, but God saw its internal decay. He speaks, for example, of women preoccupied with outward appearance. God would replace their beauty with ugliness and their fine perfumes with foul odors. Instead of attracting men, they would beg men to marry them to restore their dignity (3:16-4:1). Other evils in Judah included: (1) Bad leadership, (2) Oppression of poor people, (3) Drunkenness, (4) Injustice and bribery, (5) Arrogance, and (6) General disregard for God and His will.

Action: Pay attention to your inward beauty. That is what God sees.

Week 30 Day 2

Readings: Luke 9:10-17; Ephesians 4:1-6; Psalm 22:1-21; Proverbs 6:12-15; Isaiah 6-7.

Focus Verse: "One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." (Ephesians 4:6)

Key Concept: Cleansed and Commissioned (Isaiah 6). Isaiah shares one of the rare glimpses of God's throne. The prophet immediately realized his hopeless condition as a sinner in the presence of the Holy God. When God cleansed him, Isaiah understood his debt and displayed his gratitude by accepting a difficult assignment to preach to an unreceptive nation. Isaiah is an example of changing from sinner to servant. God dramatically changed Isaiah's life!

Action: Show your gratitude for salvation by serving the Lord.

Week 30 Day 3

Readings: Luke 9:18-27; Ephesians 4:7-16; Psalm 22:22-31; Proverbs 6:16-19; Isaiah 8-9.

Focus Verse: "For the kingdom is the Lord's, And He rules over the nations." (Psalm 22:28)

Key Concept: Edifying the Body in Love (Ephesians 4:11-16). Each member of Christ's body has a privilege and a responsibility to build up his brothers and sisters. Different parts of the body complement one another, resulting in edification of all. The motive of this effort should be our love for each other--a genuine desire to see our brothers and sisters prosper in the Lord.

Action: Find ways to encourage and strengthen your brothers and sisters. Show your love by building them up.

Week 30 Day 4

Readings: Luke 9:28-36; Ephesians 4:17-24; Psalm 23; Proverbs 6:20-29; Isaiah 10-11.

Focus Verse: "And that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in righteousness and true holiness."
(Ephesians 4:24)

Key Concept: Put Off the Old and Put On the New (Ephesians 4:17-24). Christians choose a different course in cultivating their minds than the world chooses. We are to put off the old man with his lustful and corrupt thoughts. Our minds are to be renewed as we "put on the new man which was created according to God."

Action: Choose to cultivate pure thoughts. Drive out the ways of the old man.

Week 30 Day 5

Readings: Luke 9:37-45; Ephesians 4:25-32; Psalm 24; Proverbs 6:30-35; Isaiah 12-13.

Focus Verse: "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ also forgave you."
(Ephesians 4:32)

Key Concept: Practical Instruction for the New Person (Ephesians 4:25-32). These verses apply the idea considered yesterday. When we put on a "new man" it changes our conduct toward others. We'll discard lying, malice, anger, foul language and bitterness. We'll show compassion and forgiveness. Self-centered attitudes will be replaced by concern for others, which will govern our actions.

Action: Show that you are a new person in Christ by the way you treat others.

Week 30 Day 6

Readings: Luke 9:46-56; Ephesians 5:1-7; Psalm 25:1-11; Proverbs 7:1-5; Isaiah 14-15.

Focus Verse: "And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling aroma." (Ephesians 5:2)

Key Concept: "Be followers of God . . . and walk in love" (Ephesians 5:1-7). Love, in its fullest sense, requires imitation of God. Jesus gave up all that He had because of His love for us. He expects us to give up evil--to refuse to partake of the world's sinful ways. Before we feel deprived and justified in pitying ourselves for our personal sacrifices, we need to recall the sacrifice of Jesus!

Action: Be a devoted child of God. Follow your Father.

Week 30 Day 7

Readings: Luke 9:57-62; Ephesians 5:8-21; Psalm 25:12-22; Proverbs 7:6-12; Isaiah 16-18.

Focus Verse: "But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.'" (Luke 9:62)

Key Concept: "Fit for the Kingdom of God" (Luke 9:57-62). Being a follower of Jesus demands sacrifice. Those who are more concerned about their comfort or their families will not be accepted by the Lord. God demands first place in our lives, and will not accept a lower ranking in our priorities. We must resist the temptation to place other people or other interests above the Lord.

Action: Put your hand to the plow and don't look back!