

Daily Walk With God

Week 31

Week 31 Day 1

Readings: Luke 10:1-12; Ephesians 5:22-33; Psalm 26; Proverbs 7:13-20; Isaiah 19-20.

Focus Verse: "Then He said to them, `The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.'" (Luke 10:2)

Key Concept: Christ and Church--Husband and Wife (Ephesians 5:22-33). As Paul uses marriage as a model to teach about Christ and the church, he teaches important things about both relationships.

1. The church is to respectfully submit to Christ. Wives are to submit to their husbands.
2. Jesus loves the church enough that He died for her. Husbands are to love their wives with such an attitude of selfless sacrifice.
3. Jesus nourishes and cherishes His church. Husbands are to nourish and cherish their wives.
4. Paul's instructions, when applied, will make us better spouses and better followers of Jesus.

Action: Fulfill your role in your family and in Christ's church.

Week 31 Day 2

Readings: Luke 10:13-24; Ephesians 6:1-9; Psalm 27; Proverbs 7:21-27; Isaiah 21-22.

Focus Verse: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." (Ephesians 6:1)

Key Concept: Instructions to Children and Fathers (Ephesians 6:1-4). Paul teaches about family relationships. Children are to obey their parents (recognizing the supreme rule of God--cf. 5:17, 21). They are also to honor them (this can include financial support--cf. Matthew 15:3-6; 1 Timothy 5:17-18). Fathers are to guide their children "in the training and admonition of the Lord," being careful not to provoke and discourage them (cf. Colossians 3:21).

Action: Obey God's instructions in your family relationships.

Week 31 Day 3

Readings: Luke 10:25-37; Ephesians 6:10-24; Psalm 28; Proverbs 8:1-5; Isaiah 23-24.

Focus Verse: "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Ephesians 6:11)

Key Concept: "Put On the Whole Armor of God" (Ephesians 6:10-17). God has provided all the equipment needed to successfully withstand Satan's attacks. We are to put on: (1) Truth, (2) Righteousness, (3) Preparation of the Gospel of Peace, (4) Faith, (5) Salvation, (6) Word of God. All of this armor is to be used with diligent prayer so we can defeat Satan and glorify God.

Action: Use all of God's armor to win your battles with Satan today.

Week 31 Day 4

Readings: Luke 10:38-42; Philippians 1:1-11; Psalm 29; Proverbs 8:6-11; Isaiah 25-27.

Focus Verse: "Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." (Psalm 29:2)

Key Concept: God's Thunderous Voice (Psalm 29). There are many reasons to honor God. This psalm emphasizes His might as a reason to worship. He rules over heaven and earth, man and beast. Because of His great power and majesty, He deserves our praise and adoration. We serve, not only because of what God has done, but because of Who He is.

Action: Consider the power and majesty of God. Worship Him because He is worthy of praise and glory.

Week 31 Day 5

Readings: Luke 11:1-13; Philippians 1:12-18; Psalm 30; Proverbs 8:12-21; Isaiah 28-29.

Focus Verse: "The humble also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice In the Holy One of Israel." (Isaiah 29:19)

Key Concept: Vain Worship (Isaiah 28-29). Jesus quotes from this section of Isaiah to describe the hypocrisy of people in His time (cf. Matthew 15:8-9). The context reveals more about their character. They did not respect God's will, but merely learned it as a matter of ritual. They staggered in spiritual drunkenness, somehow thinking that they were immune to God's wrath. They were wrong!

Action: Be honest and sincere in your study of the Bible. Live righteously because of your love for the Lord.

Week 31 Day 6

Readings: Luke 11:14-26; Philippians 1:19-30; Psalm 31:1-13; Proverbs 8:22-26; Isaiah 30-31.

Focus Verse: "In You, O Lord, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed; Deliver me in Your righteousness." (Psalm 31:1)

Key Concept: "To Live is Christ, and to Die is Gain" (Philippians 1:21). Paul allows us to catch a glimpse of his struggle between life and death. He could see the benefit in dying and escaping the suffering of this life, but he also knew that others

could gain from his continued work with them. We need similar attitudes today, so that we can use our earthly opportunities while we long for heaven.

Action: Use today. Look forward to your eternal tomorrow!

Week 31 Day 7

Readings: Luke 11:27-36; Philippians 2:1-11; Psalm 31:14-24; Proverbs 8:27-31; Isaiah 32-33.

Focus Verse: "Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." (Philippians 2:4)

Key Concept: Humble Servants (Philippians 2:1-11). Jesus is presented as an example of the unselfish and humble service expected of each of us. He gave up all that He had to help us. We are to be willing to give up all--especially our personal pride--so we can serve others. Nothing is to be done through selfish ambition. We are to see the needs of others as more important than our own. Those are easy words, but they're often difficult to apply!

Action: Look for ways to serve others--unselfishly!