

Daily Walk With God

Week 33

Week 33 Day 1

Readings: Luke 13:10-21; Colossians 1:9-18; Psalm 37:21-40; Proverbs 10:18-22; Isaiah 49-51.

Focus Verse: "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love."
(Colossians 1:13)

Key Concept: "We . . . Do Not Cease to Pray for You." (Colossians 1:9-12). Paul's epistles contain some excellent examples of prayers for other Christians. Carefully consider the words of this prayer:

"For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light."

Action: Using Paul's example, pray for your brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Week 33 Day 2

Readings: Luke 13:22-35; Colossians 1:19-29; Psalm 38; Proverbs 10:23-26; Isaiah 52-53.

Focus Verse: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:6)

Key Concept: "He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions" (Isaiah 52:13-53:12). In one of the most famous of Old Testament prophecies, Isaiah describes the willing sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Although Jesus was rejected by His own people, He accepted the penalty for our crimes. He silently accepted His doom, even though He "had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth."

Action: Thank God for the willing sacrifice of the sinless Savior.

Week 33 Day 3

Readings: Luke 14:1-6; Colossians 2:1-10; Psalm 39; Proverbs 10:27-32; Isaiah 54-55.

Focus Verse: "And you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power." (Colossians 2:10)

Key Concept: "You Are Complete in Him" (Colossians 2:6-10). Human philosophies often belittle Christ and His role. He is considered by some to be a myth, by others to be a great but fallible teacher. Some depict Him as a repressive and evil man who denies us real fulfillment in life. Paul warns about such faulty views of Jesus. He reminds us of the perfection of Christ and our completeness in Him. Real meaning and fulfillment in life will not be found in human philosophies, but in Jesus Christ.

Action: Allow the power of Jesus to renovate your life.

Week 33 Day 4

Readings: Luke 14:7-14; Colossians 2:11-23; Psalm 40; Proverbs 11:1-6; Isaiah 56-57.

Focus Verse: "Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death." (Proverbs 11:4)

Key Concept: "A Just Weight is His Delight" (Proverbs 11:1). The world of business is tough and often very competitive. Some business people resort to cheating and deceiving in pursuit of profit. God's attitude toward dishonesty in commerce (or any other sphere) is clear. Honesty is not just the best policy; it is the right policy.

Action: Be honest in all your dealings, so that people can depend on your word and know your Lord. "But let your 'Yes,' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.'" (James 5:12)

Week 33 Day 5

Readings: Luke 14:15-24; Colossians 3:1-11; Psalm 41; Proverbs 11:7-11; Isaiah 58-59.

Focus Verse: "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God." (Colossians 3:1)

Key Concept: "Put Off the Old . . . Put On the New" (Colossians 3:1-11). Becoming a Christian requires conversion. Paul tells us here, in practical terms, the nature of that change. We must put off--kill--the works of sin. Fornication, wrath, malice, covetousness, filthy speech and all other evil should be removed. We must put on a new person, one whose spiritual character is in God's image. What a change!

Action: "Set your mind on things above. . . ." (Colossians 3:2)

Week 33 Day 6

Readings: Luke 14:25-35; Colossians 3:12-17; Psalm 42; Proverbs 11:12-15; Isaiah 60-61.

Focus Verse: "But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection." (Colossians 3:14)

Key Concept: Characteristics of God's People (Colossians 3:12-17). Paul lists several qualities of those who love the Lord. Read them all, and focus on these: Christians will forgive (v. 13), love (v. 14), allow God's peace to rule (v. 15), and do all in the name of the Lord Jesus (v. 17). These verses offer a clear and beautiful contrast to the ungodly person described in the previous section.

Action: "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus. . . ." (Colossians 3:17)

Week 33 Day 7

Readings: Luke 15:1-10; Colossians 3:18-25; Psalm 43; Proverbs 11:16-21; Isaiah 62-63.

Focus Verse: "Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." (Luke 15:10)

Key Concept: Finding the Lost (Luke 15:1-10). These verses contain the first two of three parables about the lost. These two (lost sheep and lost coin) emphasize the celebrations of heaven when the lost are found and restored. God's attitude is directly opposite the attitude of the Pharisees (v. 2). They despised sinners. He loves them and wants them back. Which attitude do we display by our actions?

Action: Seek the lost.