

## Daily Walk With God

### Week 38

#### Week 38 Day 1

**Readings:** Luke 22:47-53; 2 Timothy 2:1-13; Psalm 70; Proverbs 17:6-11; Lamentations 4-5.

**Focus Verse:** "If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us." (2 Timothy 2:12)

**Key Concept:** "Commit These to Faithful Men" (2 Timothy 2:1-13). Notice three important concepts in these verses:

The gospel is spread by teaching. Paul taught Timothy. Timothy would teach others. Those would teach yet others. It is, indeed, a tragedy if we fail to relay the message to others.

Service to Christ is spiritual warfare. As soldiers, we need full commitment to the cause of our Master and His army.

The faithful will be rewarded. We are promised victory if we endure. If we fail, it is not God's fault. "He remains faithful."

**Action:** "You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." (2 Timothy 2:3)

#### Week 38 Day 2

**Readings:** Luke 22:54-62; 2 Timothy 2:14-26; Psalm 71; Proverbs 17:12-17; Ezekiel 1-2.

**Focus Verse:** "Let my mouth be filled with Your praise and with Your glory all the day." (Psalm 71:8)

**Key Concept:** "I Fell on My Face" (Ezekiel 1-2). Ezekiel describes his experience as one of the few men to see the throne of God (cf. Isaiah 6; Revelation 4). He was clearly impressed with the awesome power and brilliance of the scene, and he fell on his face. When we enter God's presence, we also need to see our inadequacy and His glory. Appreciating the vast chasm between God and us will help us see our role as worshipful servants.

**Action:** Humbly praise God.

#### Week 38 Day 3

**Readings:** Luke 22:63-71; 2 Timothy 3:1-9; Psalm 72; Proverbs 17:18-23; Ezekiel 3-4.

**Focus Verse:** "A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones." (Proverbs 17:22)

**Key Concept:** "Having a Form of Godliness" (2 Timothy 3:1-9). After describing some of the most ungodly people mentioned in Scripture, Paul adds, "having a form of godliness, but denying its power." His further description shows that he is speaking of people who appear to be sincere disciples when they actually do only what they want to do. They don't love truth, and they don't love God. Eventually, their selfishness becomes obvious to others.

**Action:** Others may think you are faithful to God. Examine yourself honestly. Does God count you faithful?

## **Week 38 Day 4**

**Readings:** Luke 23:1-12; 2 Timothy 3:10-17; Psalm 73:1-17; Proverbs 17:24-28; Ezekiel 5-7.

**Focus Verse:** "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16)

**Key Concept:** "But You Have Carefully Followed" (2 Timothy 3:10-17). By contrast to the feigned service described in verses 1 through 7, here Paul commends the conduct of Timothy. Timothy suffered because of his faith, but he remained true to the Lord. His confidence was not placed in self or other people, but in God and His sufficient word.

**Action:** Imitate Timothy's respect for the Scriptures (read again what Paul says in 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

## **Week 38 Day 5**

**Readings:** Luke 23:13-25; 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Psalm 73:18-28; Proverbs 18:1-5; Ezekiel 8-10.

**Focus Verse:** "A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; he rages against all wise judgment." (Proverbs 18:1)

**Key Concept:** "In Season and Out of Season" (2 Timothy 4:1-5). These verses contain stirring challenges to those who proclaim the gospel. We must teach truth with awareness of accountability to God. We will be judged by God. Those we teach (and those we fail to teach) will be judged by God. Therefore, we must teach truth even when it is not fashionable. Many people will reject the truth and accept more palatable teachings, but we must not neglect our duty to spread the gospel.

**Action:** Fulfill your ministry (service).

## **Week 38 Day 6**

**Readings:** Luke 23:26-33; 2 Timothy 4:9-22; Psalm 74; Proverbs 18:6-12; Ezekiel 11-12.

**Focus Verse:** "Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, and before honor is humility." (Proverbs 18:12)

**Key Concept:** God Moved Out (Ezekiel 11:22-23). Recall chapters 8 and 10, in which God revealed why He was rejecting the people of Judah. They didn't believe He could cast them off. They had a doctrine that it was impossible to sin so as to be lost. Their belief was wrong. Despite their arrogant self-confidence, God left them and brought judgment against them. When we allow sin to crowd God out of our lives, He moves out!

**Action:** Walk in the statutes of God (Ezekiel 11:19-20).

## **Week 38 Day 7**

**Readings:** Luke 23:34-43; Titus 1:1-9; Psalm 75; Proverbs 18:13-18; Ezekiel 13-15.

**Focus Verse:** "Surely, when the wall has fallen, will it not be said to you, 'Where is the mortar with which you plastered it?'" (Ezekiel 13:12)

**Key Concept:** The "Untempered Mortar" of False Teachers (Ezekiel 13:1-16). God paints an interesting picture of false prophets who claimed to reveal His word. They are as builders erecting a wall with "untempered" mortar. The wall would appear to be secure, but it would be destroyed by a storm of God. False teaching often looks attractive, even good. When put to the test, it crumbles and those who trust it often die in the storm.

**Action:** Build your walls with God's mortar--Truth.