

## Daily Walk With God

### Week 40

#### **Week 40 Day 1**

**Readings:** John 1:1-13; Hebrews 1; Psalm 81; Proverbs 20:7-12; Ezekiel 28-29.

**Focus Verse:** "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you." (Ezekiel 28:17)

**Key Concept:** Consequence of Self-Exaltation (Ezekiel 28:1-19). Several of the Old Testament prophetic books include sections of pronouncements concerning various nations. These judgments help us see the characteristics God desires, and those He despises. Tyre was a prosperous city which thrived on sea trade. Instead of being grateful for God's blessings, the king of Tyre was proud and selfish. He thought he prospered because of his own greatness, failing to acknowledge that everything he had was a gift from God.

Tyre's pride led to its fall. The city that exalted itself was humbled by God. This is an important lesson.

**Action:** Consider your blessings--prosperity, ability, etc. Thank God for generously giving you so much.

#### **Week 40 Day 2**

**Readings:** John 1:14-18; Hebrews 2:1-9; Psalm 82; Proverbs 20:13-18; Ezekiel 30-31.

**Focus Verse:** "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

**Key Concept:** "We Beheld His Glory" (John 1:14-18). God became man. Jesus came to earth to live among men and to show us the way to eternal life with the Father. Unlike the corrupted and sinful people that we are, Jesus came in all the glory and perfection of sinlessness. He showed us the Father and paved the way to heaven.

**Action:** Consider the glory of Jesus. Thank God that His Son loved you enough to become flesh.

#### **Week 40 Day 3**

**Readings:** John 1:19-28; Hebrews 2:10-18; Psalm 83; Proverbs 20:19-24; Ezekiel 32-33.

**Focus Verse:** "For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted." (Hebrews 2:18)

**Key Concept:** Able to Give Release and Aid (Hebrews 2:14-18). The victory of Jesus enables us to be victorious. He releases us from sin by:

(1) Forgiving us. He is the source of cleansing from sin.

(2) Preserving us. He not only forgives past errors, but He aids us in our present trials, giving us power to overcome temptation.

**Action:** With the help of Jesus, defeat your temptations today.

## **Week 40 Day 4**

**Readings:** John 1:29-34; Hebrews 3:1-6; Psalm 84; Proverbs 20:25-30; Ezekiel 34-35.

**Focus Verse:** "For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness." (Psalm 84:10)

**Key Concept:** "Behold! The Lamb of God" (John 1:29-34). John the Baptist offers a powerful testimony identifying Jesus. Among his claims about Jesus: (1) He is "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." (2) He is eternal ("was before me"). (3) He is the Son of God. John's confident declarations about Jesus planted seeds of faith in many, including the first disciples of Jesus.

**Action:** Consider the Lamb of God who takes away sin.

## **Week 40 Day 5**

**Readings:** John 1:35-42; Hebrews 3:7-19; Psalm 85; Proverbs 21:1-6; Ezekiel 36-37.

**Focus Verse:** "For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end." (Hebrews 3:14)

**Key Concept:** "Beware, Brethren" (Hebrews 3:7-19). Satan has indoctrinated many people with the false concept that a child of God cannot fall from the Lord and be lost. This passage emphatically denies such comforting and deceptive doctrines. The writer warns that Christians can return to unbelief and be excluded from the eternal blessings of God.

**Action:** Beware, and "exhort one another daily."

## **Week 40 Day 6**

**Readings:** John 1:43-51; Hebrews 4:1-10; Psalm 86; Proverbs 21:7-12; Ezekiel 38-39.

**Focus Verse:** "There remains therefore a rest for the people of God." (Hebrews 4:9)

**Key Concept:** Rest Awaits the Faithful (Hebrews 4:1-10). The Bible offers several glimpses of heaven. It is a place of endless delight, of continual praise of God, etc. Here, we are reminded that it is a place of rest prepared for those who are faithful to the end. Service to the Lord in this life is not always easy. We are challenged, however, to press forward with confidence of an eternal reward. The wicked have no such rest (cf. Revelation 14:11-13).

**Action:** Work diligently today. Opportunity for rest is coming!

## **Week 40 Day 7**

**Readings:** John 2:1-12; Hebrews 4:11-16; Psalm 87; Proverbs 21:13-18; Ezekiel 40.

**Focus Verse:** "And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account." (Hebrews 4:13)

**Key Concept:** "The Word of God is Living and Powerful" (Hebrews 4:11-13). These verses stress our responsibility to faithfully obey the Lord. Notice that: 1) It is possible to fall by disobeying (v. 11); 2) God's word is living and powerful; 3) God's work can make fine distinctions, even to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart; 4) God, who judges all, is able to see everything.

**Action:** "Let us hold fast our confession" (Hebrews 4:14).