

## Daily Walk With God

### Week 41

#### Week 41 Day 1

**Readings:** John 2:13-25; Hebrews 5; Psalm 88; Proverbs 21:19-24; Ezekiel 41-42.

**Focus Verse:** "And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him." (Hebrews 5:9)

**Key Concept:** From Milk to Meat (Hebrews 5:12-14). God expects us to grow. New Christians are spiritual infants with the potential to grow very quickly. When we fail to develop, God is justifiably disappointed. We should progress beyond the basics to be able to teach others.

How do we develop such knowledge and skill? How can we mature beyond milk to digest meat? "Solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (v. 14).

Are you using your spiritual senses?

**Action:** Study and apply God's word. That is the course out of spiritual infancy!

#### Week 41 Day 2

**Readings:** John 3:1-8; Hebrews 6:1-8; Psalm 89:1-18; Proverbs 21:25-31; Ezekiel 43-44.

**Focus Verse:** "Jesus answered and said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.'" (John 3:3)

**Key Concept:** Fellowship With God (John 3:1-8; Hebrews 6:1-8; Ezekiel 43:1-9). These passages teach important lessons about fellowship with God: 1) To enter His fellowship, we must be born again (John 3). 2) We must guard against falling away (Hebrews 6). 3) Just as God forgave Judah and returned to their temple, He will return to us if we meet His terms (Ezekiel 43; cf. James 5:15-20; 1 John 1:9).

**Action:** Examine yourself. Are you in fellowship with God?

#### Week 41 Day 3

**Readings:** John 3:9-21; Hebrews 6:9-20; Psalm 89:19-37; Proverbs 22:1-5; Ezekiel 45-46.

**Focus Verse:** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

**Key Concept:** "Men Loved Darkness Rather Than Light" (John 3:19). Jesus was personally rejected by His own people (cf. John 1:11). He continues to be rejected by most people (cf. Matthew 7:13-14). Why? Because many people love darkness. Darkness, ignorance and subjective uncertainty allow a false sense of freedom. Light, knowledge and objective revealed truth allow true freedom. That freedom is what Jesus offers (cf. John 8:32).

**Action:** Choose real freedom. Choose to follow Jesus.

#### Week 41 Day 4

**Readings:** John 3:22-36; Hebrews 7:1-10; Psalm 89; Proverbs 22:6-10; Ezekiel 47-48.

**Focus Verse:** "He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30)

**Key Concept:** "He Must Increase" (John 3:30). These words of John the Baptist described his mission and his acceptance of the role of pointing others to Christ. John soon disappeared from the scene even as Jesus reached a peak in popularity. This comment also described the unselfish attitude Christians should have toward their service. Our goal should not be personal honor and fame, but the exaltation of Christ. Personal egos only get in the way of honoring the Lord.

**Action:** Magnify Jesus Christ by your life.

## **Week 41 Day 5**

**Readings:** John 4:1-15; Hebrews 7:11-19; Psalm 90; Proverbs 22:11-16; Daniel 1-2.

**Focus Verse:** "Daniel answered and said: `Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His.'" (Daniel 2:20)

**Key Concept:** "He Would Not Defile Himself" (Daniel 1:8). Four young men, forcibly deported from their homeland by a powerful enemy, were now to be groomed for royal service. Although they were far from home and clearly overpowered, these men had the courage to hold to their convictions. They refused to be defiled with the king's food. The result? God blessed them above the others, and used Daniel in positions of power for 70 years or more.

**Action:** Show the courage to be true to your convictions.

## **Week 41 Day 6**

**Readings:** John 4:16-26; Hebrews 7:20-28; Psalm 91; Proverbs 22:17-21; Daniel 3-4.

**Focus Verse:** "But You, O Lord, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me!" (Psalm 22:19)

**Key Concept:** "The Most High Rules in the Kingdoms of Men" (Daniel 4:17). This chapter describes the unpleasant humiliation of the world's most powerful man. Nebuchadnezzar, who often took credit for the progress of the Babylonian empire, learned that God rules (vv. 34-37). God still rules the kingdoms of men (cf. Romans 13:1; Revelation 1:5). People today who arrogantly disregard His dominion will also be humbled (cf. Philippians 2:9-11).

**Action:** Give honor to the One who rules all.

## **Week 41 Day 7**

**Readings:** John 4:27-38; Hebrews 8; Psalm 92; Proverbs 22:22-29; Daniel 5-6.

**Focus Verse:** "He delivers and rescues, and He works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions." (Daniel 6:27)

**Key Concept:** An Aging Man Displays Faith (Daniel 6). Early in the Persian period a man was thrown to the lions because of his faith. The same man had shown courageous conviction early in life, but he was now advanced in years (probably over 80). His physical strength may have declined, but Daniel's spiritual strength did not waver. Of course, his faith was justified. God did not fail Daniel.

**Action:** Whether you are young or old, live by faith.