

Daily Walk With God

Week 43

Week 43 Day 1

Readings: John 6:15-21; Hebrews 11:8-16; Psalm 99; Proverbs 24:7-12; Hosea 13-14.

Focus Verse: "But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them." (Hebrews 11:16)

Key Concept: "Strangers and Pilgrims on the Earth" (Hebrews 11:13). A well-known hymn says, "This world is not my home; I'm just a passing' through." It is easy to mouth such words as we sing, but not so easy to demonstrate such an attitude in our lives. Earth is a temporary residence en route to an eternal abode. Our lifestyle should show that we seek a homeland in heaven. If we are satisfied and preoccupied with worldly things, we will not seek heaven. If we don't seek heaven, we will certainly not find it!

Christians need to develop a "suitcase mentality." Our travel through this life is so brief that we don't have time to unpack the suitcases to "settle in."

Action: Take a personal inventory--where are your treasures?

Week 43 Day 2

Readings: John 6:22-27; Hebrews 11:17-29; Psalm 100; Proverbs 24:13-18; Joel 1-3.

Focus Verse: "Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing." (Psalm 100:2)

Key Concept: The Faith of Moses (Hebrews 11:23-29). We can learn from the marks of Moses' faith:

- (1) He voluntarily forfeited the passing pleasures of sin.
- (2) He sought spiritual things instead of fleshly things.
- (3) He kept his eye on the goal promised by God.
- (4) He trusted God's power to be superior to the king's might.
- (5) He risked his life to serve God.

Action: Imitate the strong faith of Moses.

Week 43 Day 3

Readings: John 6:28-40; Hebrews 11:30-40; Psalm 101; Proverbs 24:19-21; Amos 1-3.

Focus Verse: "A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will not know wickedness." (Psalm 101:4)

Key Concept: "I Will Set Nothing Wicked Before My Eyes" (Psalm 101). David's words reflect the determination of the king of Israel to be pure and just in execution of his duties. They also invite us to uphold good and oppose evil. As we choose our associations and entertainment, we need to reject the wickedness and perversity so common in this corrupt society. We must determine to be pure--to set nothing wicked before our eyes!

Action: Meditate on things that are good and pure.

Week 43 Day 4

Readings: John 6:41-51; Hebrews 12:1-17; Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 24:23-27; Amos 4-5.

Focus Verse: "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." (Hebrews 12:1)

Key Concept: "Lay Aside Every Weight" (Hebrews 12:1). Ancient examples of faith are recorded to challenge and encourage us. They remind us that we can overcome obstacles as we run the race to victory in Jesus. To enjoy the victory, we must discard sin and display diligence and endurance.

Action: Don't give up. Run with endurance.

Week 43 Day 5

Readings: John 6:52-59; Hebrews 12:18-29; Psalm 102:18-28; Proverbs 24:28-34; Amos 6-7.

Focus Verse: "Woe to you who put far off the day of doom, who cause the seat of violence to come near." (Amos 6:3)

Key Concept: Putting "Far Off the Day of Doom" (Amos 6:1-7). The people of Israel lived in careless luxury, oblivious to the fact that their nation was decaying spiritually. By refusing to admit the depth of their problems, they made them worse. They dismissed the warnings of Amos and others, saying in effect, "It won't happen to me." They were wrong.

Action: Look at the corrupted condition of our society. Do something about it--share the gospel!

Week 43 Day 6

Readings: John 6:60-71; Hebrews 13:1-16; Psalm 103; Proverbs 25:1-7; Amos 8-9.

Focus Verse: "Then Simon Peter answered Him, `Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.'" (John 6:68)

Key Concept: "Lord, To Whom Shall We Go?" (John 6:68). As Jesus taught about the spiritual nature of His mission and the commitment expected of His followers, most turned away. Such teaching was too tough for them. Jesus turned to the twelve and asked if they also wanted to leave Him. Peter's answer affirmed important truths about Jesus: (1) He is the Christ, the Son of God, and (2) Nobody else can supply what He gives--eternal life.

Action: Don't let the "hard sayings" of Jesus turn you back.

Week 43 Day 7

Readings: John 7:1-9; Hebrews 13:17-25; Psalm 104:1-15; Proverbs 25:8-14; Obadiah.

Focus Verse: "Though you exalt yourself as high as the eagle, and though you set your nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down," says the Lord." (Obadiah 4)

Key Concept: "From There I Will Bring You Down" (Obadiah 2-4). The book of Obadiah is a brief and direct announcement of the doom of the nation of Edom. This neighbor of Israel was condemned for several reasons, chief of which was their prideful self-exaltation. God has always despised arrogance and pride, whether displayed by individuals or entire nations.

Action: Don't be deceived by pride. Try to see yourself as God sees you.