

Daily Walk With God

Week 48

Week 48 Day 1

Readings: John 12:42-50; 1 John 2:12-17; Psalm 119:129-144; Ecclesiastes 1:9-11; 1 Chronicles 17-19.

Focus Verse: "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day." (John 12:48)

Key Concept: The Standard of Final Judgment (John 12:48-50). Many influential people believed in Jesus but would not display their faith because of the consequences they would face. Jesus allowed them to choose, but reminded them of the consequences of not displaying their faith. He said His messages were from the Father, and would be the standard of final judgment.

We can know God's expectations. He has revealed His will so that we can prepare for eternity. We can anticipate final judgment without expecting any surprises. The revealed word has great authority--it is the standard of final judgment.

Action: Carefully weigh the words you read today. They are recorded to guide you toward heaven.

Week 48 Day 2

Readings: John 13:1-11; 1 John 2:18-29; Psalm 119:145-160; Ecclesiastes 1:12-18; 1 Chronicles 20-21.

Focus Verse: "And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming." (1 John 2:28)

Key Concept: Confidence at His Coming (1 John 2:24-29). Earlier, John told us that we can know we are in fellowship with God if we keep His word (vv. 3-5). John now emphasizes continuing faithful service--practicing righteousness--so we can "abide in Him" and be confident when we face Him at His coming. Service to Christ now is part of building an eternal relationship with the Lord.

Action: Keep your eyes on the promise. "And this is the promise that He has promised us--eternal life" (v. 25).

Week 48 Day 3

Readings: John 13:12-20; 1 John 3:1-9; Psalm 119:161-176; Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; 1 Chronicles 22-23.

Focus Verse: Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done and on the labor in which I had toiled; and indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 2:11)

Key Concept: "Vanity and Grasping for the Wind" (Ecclesiastes 2:1-11). This preacher tried to find meaning "under the sun." He looked for fulfillment in the various pursuits that people today continue to follow. He acquired wealth and its luxuries and enjoyed various entertainments. He finally concluded that it was all empty and unfulfilling. His point is not that things or pleasures are inherently evil, but that they do not supply what we really need.

Action: Look "beyond the sun" to find purpose in life.

Week 48 Day 4

Readings: John 13:21-30; 1 John 3:10-24; Psalm 120; Ecclesiastes 2:12-17; 1 Chronicles 24-25.

Focus Verse: "For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another." (1 John 3:11)

Key Concept: Love in Practice (1 John 3:10-24). Love is a practical function of God's people. It is not merely felt or talked about, but practiced in showing consideration for others. The ultimate example of practicing love is Jesus--"By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (v. 16). True disciples of Jesus cannot willfully neglect the needs of their brothers and sisters.

Action: Demonstrate your love--help a brother or sister today.

Week 48 Day 5

Readings: John 13:31-38; 1 John 4:1-11; Psalm 121; Ecclesiastes 2:18-23; 1 Chronicles 26-27.

Focus Verse: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another." (John 13:34)

Key Concept: A New Commandment (John 13:34-35). Notice the connection between today's readings in John 13 and 1 John 4. "We also ought to love one another" as Christ showed love for us. His love was not easy. It sometimes required strong rebuke. Above all, His love was sacrificial--He gave His own life to enable our salvation. If we show such love, others will know that we belong to Jesus!

Action: Show love for others--seek their salvation.

Week 48 Day 6

Readings: John 14:1-11; 1 John 4:12-21; Psalm 122; Ecclesiastes 2:24-26; 1 Chronicles 28-29.

Focus Verse: "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'" (John 14:6)

Key Concept: Jesus is the Way (John 14:6). In our age of ecumenical spirit, many who claim to be Christians want to minimize our rift from religious people who deny Jesus. Love for their souls demands the opposite. We must clearly proclaim that Jesus is the only way to the Father. Those who deny Him will be lost eternally. Their eternal peace with God is more important than a temporary religious peace on earth.

Action: Don't be ashamed to tell others about the Way to the Father.

Week 48 Day 7

Readings: John 14:12-18; 1 John 5:1-13; Psalm 123; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; 2 Chronicles 1-3.

Focus Verse: "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life." (1 John 5:12)

Key Concept: A Clear Distinction (1 John 5:1, 5, 9-13). Many people today boast of their broadminded tolerance in urging acceptance of diverse faiths. They suggest that general religious attitudes, belief in a Higher Being, or even belief in the Jehovah of the Old Testament should be a basis for unity. Such pleas omit one essential--Jesus Christ. The simple fact underscored by today's text is that we can't be saved without Him!

Action: Zealously proclaim salvation in Jesus Christ. Preaching Jesus is not harmful to others--He is the only way they can get to heaven!