

Daily Walk With God

Week 50

Week 50 Day 1

Readings: John 16:16-24; Revelation 2:12-29; Psalm 131; Ecclesiastes 5:13-20; 2 Chronicles 20-21.

Focus Verse: "But hold fast what you have till I come." (Revelation 2:25)

Key Concept: The Danger of Tolerating Sin (Revelation 2:12-29). The letters to churches in Pergamos and Thyatira offer warnings about condoning evil. Jesus warned the people in Pergamos about neglecting their responsibility in dealing with sinners. If they were not firm and decisive in dealing with those who held the doctrine of Balaam and the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, He would come quickly in judgment of those evils. He criticized the church in Thyatira for allowing Jezebel to teach and tempt. He served notice that He would judge her and those who shared in her sins.

Jesus does not want His bride stained by immorality or false doctrine. He expects us to actively preserve the purity of His church.

Action: Practice and encourage purity in teaching and conduct.

Week 50 Day 2

Readings: John 16:25-33; Revelation 3:1-13; Psalm 132; Ecclesiastes 6:1-6; 2 Chronicles 22-24.

Focus Verse: "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name." (Revelation 3:8)

Key Concept: A Church Facing an Open Door (Revelation 3:7-13). The church in Philadelphia received God's commendation for its faithfulness. This letter encourages them to hold on and press forward, seizing their opportunities to serve. Faithful churches today must also be active. We all face open doors. God expects us to use them.

Action: "Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown." (Revelation 3:11b)

Week 50 Day 3

Readings: John 17:1-5; Revelation 3:14-22; Psalm 133; Ecclesiastes 6:7-12; 2 Chronicles 25-27.

Focus Verse: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." (Revelation 3:20)

Key Concept: A Church That Did Not See Its Own Poverty (Revelation 3:14-22). The Laodicean church was overconfident and content. The people thought they were strong and faithful, but Jesus saw them as poor, blind, naked and inactive. He challenged them to awake from their apathy to renewed fervor in serving Him. That same wake-up call needs to be repeated frequently in our time!

Action: If Jesus is not alive in you, open the door for Him.

Week 50 Day 4

Readings: John 17:6-11; Revelation 4; Psalm 134; Ecclesiastes 7:1-6; 2 Chronicles 28-29.

Focus Verse: "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created." (Revelation 4:11)

Key Concept: The Holy and Worthy Creator (Revelation 4). John was allowed to peer into heaven to see God on His throne! Notice the focus of praise in this chapter. God receives the adoration and worship of the hosts of heaven because He is holy, almighty, eternal and the creator and sustainer of all things. He truly is worthy of praise!

Action: Praise Him!

Week 50 Day 5

Readings: John 17:12-19; Revelation 5; Psalm 135; Ecclesiastes 7:7-12; 2 Chronicles 30-31.

Focus Verse: "Saying with a loud voice: `Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!'" (Revelation 5:12)

Key Concept: "Worthy is the Lamb Who Was Slain" (Revelation 5). Attention now shifts from Father to Son. Because He is the Redeemer, Jesus is worthy to unfold His Father's plans. The Son of God deserves praise because He has conquered death, has redeemed us by His blood, and now sits on the throne. Service in heaven focuses on praising God the Creator and His Son the Redeemer. Our praise should honor the same actions of Divine love and grace.

Action: Serve Jesus, the Redeemer and King!

Week 50 Day 6

Readings: John 17:20-26; Revelation 6; Psalm 136:1-9; Ecclesiastes 7:13-18; 2 Chronicles 32-33.

Focus Verse: "When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held." (Revelation 6:9)

Key Concept: Killed, But Not Forgotten (Revelation 6:9-11). This fifth seal has been called the "hub of Revelation." It foreshadows the rest of the book, as we see the righteous suffering for a time (some are even killed for their faith), but God eventually bringing justice. There is much more to come in this exciting book of victory. This seal is just a hint!

Action: Be faithful, no matter what the cost.

Week 50 Day 7

Readings: John 18:1-11; Revelation 7; Psalm 136:10-26; Ecclesiastes 7:19-22; 2 Chronicles 34-36.

Focus Verse: "For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Revelation 7:17)

Key Concept: The Lamb, The Shepherd (Revelation 7:14-17). In describing the reward of those who endure persecution, one of the elders introduces an image which seems contradictory. The Shepherd who would provide loving care is the Lamb! He feeds, tends and comforts His sheep. Their suffering is temporary. His care is eternal.

Action: Don't give up when you face tribulation. Rest is coming!