

## Daily Walk With God

### Week 51

#### Week 51 Day 1

**Readings:** John 18:12-18; Revelation 8; Psalm 137; Ecclesiastes 7:23-26; Ezra 1-2.

**Focus Verse:** "And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand."  
(Revelation 8:4)

**Key Concept:** "The Prayers of the Saints" (Revelation 8:1-6). The seventh seal reveals the next series, the seven trumpets. Notice the role of prayers in this scene. The prayers are offered up (along with incense) on the altar before God's throne. Our prayers are an offering to God, which He receives in heaven.

Some people today think that prayers merely serve as therapy for the one who prays. They make us feel better by getting us to talk about our concerns. That is not the teaching of Scripture. These prayers were not pointless utterances. They resulted in prompt response from God--an outpouring of warnings to those who would soon be judged. The lesson? God hears and answers our prayers!

**Action:** Offer up your fervent prayers to God with faith that He hears and responds.

#### Week 51 Day 2

**Readings:** John 18:19-27; Revelation 9; Psalm 138; Ecclesiastes 7:27-29; Ezra 3-5.

**Focus Verse:** "In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them."  
(Revelation 9:6)

**Key Concept:** Consequences of Evil (Revelation 9:1-12). The fifth trumpet, also called the first woe, affected only the unrighteous (v. 4). It shows the power of evil afflicting--not the righteous--but those who persist in evil! This is how Satan rewards his servants! Sin may bring temporary pleasure, but the end of the road is unimaginably horrible.

**Action:** Choose to obey the Lord. He offers great blessings to those who serve Him. Satan destroys his servants.

#### Week 51 Day 3

**Readings:** John 18:28-40; Revelation 10; Psalm 139:1-12; Ecclesiastes 8:1-9; Ezra 6-7.

**Focus Verse:** "Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, `Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them.'" (Revelation 10:4)

**Key Concept:** God's Unrevealed Power (Revelation 10:3-4). The utterance of the seven thunders displayed the power of God. John was about to tell us of their message when he was stopped by a prohibition from heaven. Amid the powerful scenes

of Revelation are reminded that God has weapons in His arsenal that we've never seen. We don't know what the seven thunders said, but we know Who controls such awesome power.

**Action:** Take comfort in the boundless power of God.

## **Week 51 Day 4**

**Readings:** John 19:1-16; Revelation 11; Psalm 139:13-24; Ecclesiastes 8:10-13; Ezra 8-9.

**Focus Verse:** "Now after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them." (Revelation 11:11)

**Key Concept:** Resurrection of the Cause of Right (Revelation 11). Some of the greatest drama in the Bible is condensed into this chapter. The purpose is not to entertain, but to encourage. The witnesses began their work of withstanding evil, only to be struck down. The unrighteous celebrated the death of God's servants, but their celebration was cut short by the triumph of the witnesses. The righteous ultimately prosper!

**Action:** Despite opposition to truth--don't despair!

## **Week 51 Day 5**

**Readings:** John 19:17-24; Revelation 12; Psalm 140; Ecclesiastes 8:14-17; Ezra 10.

**Focus Verse:** "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." (Revelation 12:11)

**Key Concept:** Victory in Jesus (Revelation 12). Satan just can't win! This chapter shows his desperate efforts to defeat:

- (1) The Male Child (vv. 1-5). Jesus won!
- (2) Michael and the Angels (vv. 7-12). Michael cast Satan out.
- (3) The Woman (vv. 13-16). Satan could not prevail against the church (cf. Matthew 16:18).
- (4) The Woman's Offspring (v. 17). Satan's last hope is to defeat individual Christians--but he can't destroy the faithful!

**Action:** Keep God's commandments and His testimony.

## **Week 51 Day 6**

**Readings:** John 19:25-30; Revelation 13; Psalm 141; Ecclesiastes 9:1-8; Nehemiah 1-3.

**Focus Verse:** "If anyone has an ear, let him hear." (Revelation 13:9)

**Key Concept:** The Rest of the Story (Revelation 13). The two beasts introduced in this chapter are intimidating. They have an awful appearance and great power. It seems that no one can resist them. Yet the text gives clues of comfort for the faithful. The power of the beasts is temporary (notice, for example, the 42 months in v. 5). They spread their fear only because God has

allowed them to vex the world (see vv. 5, 7-8). God did not want to conceal the reality of approaching tribulation, but He offers reassurance to those who will hear His account of the limited power of the beasts.

**Action:** Listen to the reassurance of God.

## **Week 51    Day 7**

**Readings:** John 19:31-37; Revelation 14; Psalm 142; Ecclesiastes 9:9-12; Nehemiah 4-6.

**Focus Verse:** "Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, `Write: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."" (Revelation 14:13)

**Key Concept:** God Protects the Faithful (Revelation 14:1-13). The frightening imagery of beasts is followed by a break in the action to remind the readers of another scene--a scene of God's protection and provision for the faithful. Those who did not follow the evil ways of the beasts would be able to stand without guile before the Lord. They need not fear, for Satan cannot destroy them and God will not destroy them.

**Action:** Don't ever be overwhelmed by the power of evil and the temptations Satan uses to trap you. Win with God.