

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of October 7, 2018**

**THEME: "Our Savior"  
HIS REQUEST**

**Sunday ..... Read Matthew 11:20-30**

*"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I shall give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me..."* Obviously, from this statement made by Jesus, we know that it is His desire that people come to know more and more about Him. That demonstrates His love for us, and He wants our love in return! The Holy Spirit has included four books in the New Testament given solely to the life of Jesus while on earth, from His birth to His death and resurrection. And the truth is that He is the central theme of the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation, from the Creation to His coming Kingdom. It is by knowing Jesus, God who became man, that we can know God. The triune God is three in one: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the Savior the world, having paid the penalty of sin for sinners. To know Him as Savior is to open the door to His becoming our Lord, and the coming King of kings of all the earth! This invitation of Jesus to *"Come unto Him and to learn of Him"* is by far the greatest invitation given to anyone! All who reject this offer are missing out on the greatest invitation ever given to anybody. Honor His request: learn of Jesus!

**PROPER WORSHIP**

**Monday ..... Read Genesis 4:1-5**

*"And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and his offering."* When God created Adam and Eve, they were in perfect fellowship with their Creator to His delight; and it surely enriched their lives. They lost that, however, by falling for the deceptions of the devil. By sinning against God, Adam and Eve died spiritually and ruined their communion with God. With His perfect foreknowledge, God had already planned for the redemption of their souls, but it would have to be with the shedding of blood of a perfect substitute. Being now able to look back over human history and the marvelous plan of redemption, we know it would be the Lord Jesus who would take on a human body to shed His blood for the sins of mankind. God accepts His sacrifice as a just reason to pardon all sinners who make the decision to repent of sins and accept Jesus as their personal Savior. Throughout the Old Testament beginning right there in Eden, God gave insight into this coming of Christ through the sacrificial blood of an unblemished lamb as a type of what Christ would ultimately do. God replaced the manmade fig leaf coverings with costs of skin resulting from a slain being. That this would be the only acceptable way to restore fellowship with God and proper worship is indicated by this account of the worship of Cain and Abel. Only Abel's was acceptable because it pointed toward the day when Jesus Himself would become the Lamb of God.

**THE LAMB**

**Tuesday ..... Read Hebrews 10:1-14**

*"For by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified."* After the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus and the shedding of His blood, God's New Covenant with Israel came into being replacing the Old Covenant which required the shedding of blood of a spotless lamb. The types of God's redemptive plan had served their purpose. By Jesus offering His spotless blood for the sins of all mankind, the law of God was totally fulfilled, and never again would any substitutionary lamb have to be slain. Jesus was sinless at birth by virtue of His being born of a virgin without the sinful nature with which all babies born of man and woman are born. Jesus then went on to live a sinless life despite being subjected to all temptations common to man. That is the truth of Hebrews 4:15: *"For we have not an high priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities: but was in all points tempted like as we are, and yet without sin."* At His trial, we read these words of Pilate, the Roman governor acting as presiding judge in John 19:4: *"I find no fault in this man."* The sinless Son of God died the death of a sinner. Why did He do that? He did it for you and for

me. That whole gift of God is summarized in II Corinthians 5:21: *"For He hath made Him to be sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."* The Lamb of God; O what a Savior!

### THE DOOR

**Wednesday .....Read John 10:1-9**

*"I am the door, by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."* Jesus also referred to Himself as *"The Door."* We all know that a door is an entranceway! In what way does this metaphor fit the Lord Jesus? Well, it is He who is the entranceway into heaven, the only door to heaven. There is no other way to get into heaven but by Him. There are many teachers and teachings that say something different, but if they were true, Jesus would have lost all credibility by what He said in John 14:6: *"I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man comes to the Father, but by me."* Unfortunately, a lot of people think they can earn their way to heaven by their good works and charitable deeds. That is contrary to Biblical teaching such as Ephesians 2:8-9, which specifically refutes that claim: *"For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast."* Some say that a God of love would never allow a person to go to hell. Yes, God is love, and wants no one to go to hell; that is why He had His Son pay the penalty with His blood on the cross of Calvary. God is holy and righteous! Unlike many in human government, God does not overlook sin. Perfect righteousness demands punishment. Jesus took that upon Himself to become the entranceway to heaven. Jesus is the Door!

### CLOSED DOOR

**Thursday .....Read Matthew 25:1-13**

*"And when they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut."* Jesus explained the importance of His being the door in a parable to make the point with an illustration with powerful meaning. He spoke of a wedding and those who would be present. There was a date set for the wedding giving plenty of time for all to prepare before the bridegroom would come to meet his bride. Some prepared in timely fashion; others procrastinated. Some were ready; others were not. Their putting off any preparation despite the warnings resulted in the bridegroom's coming and they missed out! When they tried to get in, the door was closed! They had missed their opportunity! So it is with faith in Christ. He is called the Bridegroom of the Church, the Bride of Christ. John referred to himself as the friend of the bridegroom in a reference to Jesus in John 3:29. That great passage on the marriage relationship in Ephesians 5 closes with this thought in verse 32: *"This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church."* One of the great events in heaven is given in Revelation 19:9, depicting a scene after the Lord Jesus had appeared in the air to take the Church, His Bride, home to heaven: *"Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb."* The decision to receive Christ must not be delayed.

### JACOB'S PROPHECY

**Friday .....Read Genesis 49:8-10**

*"Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion, who shall rouse him up? The sceptre shall not depart out of Judah, nor a law giver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."* The gathering of Jacob's sons at his bedside as the end of his life neared gives to us an important prophetic truth. When Jacob got around to Judah, his words had a resounding ring in that it spoke of a powerful Sovereign! The tribe of Judah would be the one into which such men as David and Solomon would be born. That is important because God promised David that his kingdom would be eternal. Yes, it is the line into which Jesus would be born, and He would be the Lion of Judah!

### THE LION

**Saturday .....Read Revelation 5:1-5**

*"Weep not: behold the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof."* This scene, another of the coming events in heaven after the Rapture of the Church, talks about Jesus, the Lamb of God, as the Lion! A lot of the book of Revelation talks about God pouring out His judgmental wrath on sinful earth, that will

have fallen under the rule of the antichrist after Jesus appeared in the air to take His people home to heaven. Those judgments are threefold: what are called the seal judgments, the trumpet judgments, and the vial judgments. At the outset of what will be some terrible judgments, the question was who was worthy to open the seals of judgment? Of course, it would be the One who was most fitting, the One who had made it possible for all people to escape judgment, but was ignored and rejected. It was the Lord Jesus, who had been born in the prophesied line of David and had completed the earthly mission of His first advent. What a wonderful tying together the truths of Holy Scripture: the Lion of Judah, one of Jacob's sons from long ago, is the One who would kick in the judgments of the Tribulation!