

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of October 18, 2020

THEME: "The Holy Scriptures"

A SHARP SWORD

Sunday Read Hebrews 4:12-16

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intent of the heart."

Most books in the world do penetrate the minds of people; but only the Bible can pierce the heart. It is a sword that pierces the spirit of man. God created humans to be spiritual beings as well as physical, so He could have fellowship and communion with them. Sin brought death to the spirit of man and messed up that relationship. The regeneration of the spirit was the only way for spiritual life to be restored to have a true understanding of God and the meaning of life as God intends. The Bible, and only the Bible is able to do that. The basic theme of the Bible is regeneration and restoration. The dead spirit in man must be brought back to life, and the Bible tells us how by piercing the soul. Once a person has been born again by receiving Christ as personal Savior, his soul and spirit are nourished by God's Word.

TRUE DELIGHT

Monday Read Psalm 1:1-5

"His delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law doth he meditate day and night." The person who is truly blessed is the one who regularly reads the Scriptures, God's perfect law. The world without the Bible is in spiritual darkness that can offer only worldly wisdom as thought up by man, which is by nature ungodly counsel. It is so much better to have the counsel of God, our Creator and His perfect law for living. A primary example of the *"counsel of the ungodly"* is the worldly teaching on the origin of things. That teaching tells us that things began with a tiny molecule that through a series of explosions ended up in the formation of human beings: preposterous. Yet, the academia world has pretty much accepted that in our system of public education, which keeps people in spiritual darkness.

PLAN OF SALVATION

Tuesday Read Psalm 19:7-14

"The law of the Lord imperfect, converting the soul." A couple of very important laws in the Bible are the law of sin and law of forgiveness. A verse that summarizes those two laws is Romans 6:23: *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* When Adam sinned by eating of the forbidden fruit, his spirit died; he then tried to cover up his sin and hide from God. God's response was to replace the fig leaf covering with coats of skin, giving a clue that a blood sacrifice was God's law of

forgiveness. That law is stated in Leviticus 17:11: *"Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin."* When Jesus shed His blood as the Lamb of God on the cross of Calvary, God could then grant a pardon to all who confess their sin and receive Christ as Savior.

DIVINE DIRECTION

Wednesday Read Psalm 119:103-105

"Thy word is lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Life is a journey, a trip on earth during which we make many choices. We are told in the Bible in Matthew 7 that there are only two roads on which to travel: the road that leads to life, and the road that leads to destruction: the road that leads to an eternity in heaven and the road that leads to an eternity in hell. The Bible provides light on the way that leads to heaven and the joy of the abundant life while on earth. To miss the truth of the Holy Scriptures is to remain on the dark path of the world system and an eternity of outer darkness. We all start on the road of darkness. Those who accept Christ on the merits of His shed blood for their sin immediately move on to the road of life at the moment of that decision to receive Jesus as Savior.

SOLID FOUNDATION

Thursday Read Matthew 7:24-27

"Therefore whosoever shall hear these sayings on mine and does them, I will liken him unto a man who builds his house upon a rock." Jesus likens our building of our lives to the building of a house. Obviously, it is vital to have a strong foundation of which to build a house if it is to withstand the storms that are sure to come. A weak foundation means the structure will collapse. A strong foundation will enable the house to stand firm. The life built on the teachings of God's Word has a strong foundation on which to progress. That comes from reading the Bible, and, most importantly, do what it says. Knowledge of the Word is of little use if it is not put into practice. Obedience to God's Word brings joy, and satisfaction.

INFINITE WISDOM

Friday Read Romans 11:33-36

"O the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God; how unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out." God has infinite wisdom far beyond the understanding of the human being. Praise God for His sharing what He has given in His Holy Word; and it is enough for us to know what we need to know to live our lives as He intended. Not understanding everything we read should not be discouraging, as long as we gain some understanding of what God is trying to tell us. Learning God's Word is good!

DIVINE GUIDANCE

Saturday.....Read John 16:7-13

"The Spirit will guide you into all truth." Jesus tells His followers that when He returns to heaven, God the Holy Spirit will come to guide His followers into the truth of the Word of God. Although the Bible is beyond the capability of humans to understand completely, they can, by faith, gain an understanding of what truth they read at any given time. It is true that there is a lot beyond our ability to comprehend, but the Holy Spirit will guide us to the truth that is appropriate for our lives at the time of our reading. That may mean gaining more knowledge or it may mean His guidance on key decisions. Always we benefit if we read the Bible!