

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of November 7, 2021

**THEME: "Nahum's Nest"
ALMIGHTY GOD**

Sunday Read Nahum 1:1-9

"The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the Lord hath His way in the whirlwind and in the storm. And the clouds are the dust of His feet." It would be impossible to list all the attributes of God, but at the top of the list would have to be love! His love defies description. Some of those descriptions would have to include sacrificial, inseparable, and unconditional! As mentioned in John 3:16, God sacrificed His Son to pay the penalty of sin so He could issue sinners a Divine eternal pardon: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."* We read of the inseparable love of God in Romans 8:38-39: *"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."* And the love of God is unconditional as demonstrated in Romans 5:8: *"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."* The One who created the universe, our Holy God, had His Son, the Lord Jesus, take on a human body with the express purpose to die for us because Almighty God has the power of resurrection, bringing one who is dead back to life. And that is what He has done and will do for us so we can live forever with Him in heaven by virtue of our faith in Christ.

HEALING POWER

Monday Read Luke 4:17-19

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath appointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor, He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." In this passage of Scripture, Jesus lists five reasons for His coming to earth. First, He mentioned that He had come to preach the gospel, God's message of salvation that opens the door to people spending eternity in heaven rather than hell. He then stated that He came to heal the brokenhearted and give real purpose to those who may have given up hope. Jesus followed that message of hope with His desire to help those who had fallen into Satanic traps that allured them into attractions that brought more pain than pleasure. He then mentioned that He came to provide light in a dark world that was promoting the deceptions of the devil who has deceived so many. His final purpose was to put people on the road to freedom that ends up in heaven, the place which is totally free from sin.

MILITARY POWER

Tuesday Read Revelation 19:11-16

"And I saw the heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He doth judge and make war." Our Savior's love compels Him to be a warrior to fight against Satan and his subtle attacks. Satan rebelled against God in heaven where he originally was one of God's angels. Now on earth, he continues his rebellion against God by blinding people to God's truth. Those people who have become followers of Jesus are His primary target! These believers are actually called soldiers in the army of Christ in II Timothy 2:3: *"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."* As soldiers of Christ, we are told to put on the armor to fight spiritual battles as detailed in Ephesians 6:10-18. Fight the good fight of faith!

FALSEHOOD

WednesdayRead Nahum 3:1-5

"Woe to the bloody city! It is full of lies and robbery; the prey departeth not." Through the prophet Nahum, God pronounces doom on those who have fallen victim to the falsehood spread by Satan. Jesus exposed this enemy of God as "the father of lies" in John 8:44. Satan began his work of deception by lying in that attack on Eve in the garden of Eden recorded in Genesis 3:4-5: "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die. For God doth know that in the day ye eat therein, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be gods, knowing good and evil." That was the beginning of Satan's spreading falsehood to turn people away from trusting God and His Word. It is good to heed God's instruction in I Peter 5:8-9: "Be sober, be vigilant because your adversary the devil walketh about seeking whom he may devour. Whom resist steadfast in the faith."

ETERNAL TRUTH

Thursday Read John 14:1-6

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." In our day when there is so much falsehood being communicated, it is wonderful to have that which we know beyond a shadow of doubt to be true. That, of course, is the Word of God, our Bible. To read and to know passages of Scripture is to know the truth. That is important because Jesus, the coming King of kings, said this about the Bible in John 8:36: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." The freedom of which Jesus spoke is eternal freedom: free from the penalty of sin, free from the propagation of error, free from the darkness of this world. One of the identifications of Jesus is "the truth." That God created the heaven and the earth and all that is therein is the truth; evolution as the origin of things is a lie. That thought that all people go to heaven is a lie. Jesus, and He alone, is the Way and the Truth! It is important to believe God's Word now, because everyone will find out that the Bible is God's eternal truth, written by those who were inspired by the Holy Spirit. Sadly, unbelievers will discover that when in hell: too late. Ponder the testimony of the rich unbeliever recorded in Luke 16:27-29: "I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldst send him to my father's house: for I have five brethren, that he may testify unto them, lest they also come to this place of torment. Abraham said unto him, They have Moses and the prophets, let them hear them."

GOD'S ENEMIES

Friday Read Nahum 3:13-15

"Behold, thy people in the midst of thee are women: the gates of thy land shall be set wide open unto thine enemies: the fire shall devour thy bars." The prophet emphasizes that God considers those who reject His truth and His way of salvation by faith in Christ as His enemies. That is because they continue in spiritual darkness controlled by Satan, the enemy of God. Those who reject God's truth are actually used by Satan to propagate falsehood; in the world of religion, the world of secular education, and through the media. In his teaching, the prophet Nahum is used by God to warn that the cost of unbelief is really an eternity in the lake of fire as described by Jesus in Matthew 25:41: "Then shall He say also unto them, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."

REJECTERS

SaturdayRead Matthew 12:30-32

"He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not, scattereth abroad." God divides all the people in the world into two groups: the followers of Jesus is one group; the other being all those who have never made the decision to ask Jesus into their heart and life to be their Savior. We are told in Revelation 3:20 that Jesus tried to get everyone's attention by some means to give them an opportunity to invite Him to get on the road that leads to an

eternity in heaven. He wants all to know the His death on Calvary's cross was the payment for sin that gives His Father the go ahead to grant a Divine pardon from the sentence of sin: eternal death! That decision places one in harmony with the coming King of kings. Refusing to ask Jesus to be your Savior is to oppose Him by not being for Him. That is the wrong side!