

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of November 6, 2022

### THEME: "Letter to Philippi"

#### CONFIDENCE

**Sunday ..... Read Philippians 1:6-9**

*"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."* Every person who receives Jesus as personal Savior is a special project of God. God molds that life as the Supreme Potter to be a vessel of honor for His glory. We read this in II Timothy 2:21: *"If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."* The prophet referred to believers as clay in the potter's hands in Isaiah 64:8: *"But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand."* True believers above all else want their lives to be molded by the Spirit to accomplish God's plans! By prayer and reading God's Word, we can be confident that will happen.

#### UNIVERSAL REVERENCE

**Monday ..... Read Philippians 2:8-10**

*"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth."* Every human being of all time has an appointment that cannot be cancelled! That appointment is at a judgment seat to give an accounting of our lives on earth. Those of us who have accepted Christ as personal Savior will appear at the Judgment Seat described in II Corinthians 5:10: *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."* The good news is that judgment is to receive rewards for faithful service. God will not bring up any faults or sins, the reality of the promise in Hebrews 8:12: *"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."* Unbelievers who have never received Jesus as personal Savior will appear at the Great White Throne Judgments seat described in Revelation 20:11-15: *"Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened...And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."* That judgment is to penalize sin!

#### PERVERSE NATION

**Tuesday ..... Read Philippians 2:15-18**

*"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world."* Christians in the United States of America are in pretty much the same situation as were the Christians in Philippback then. Since the Supreme Court in 1963 erroneously ruled Bible reading in public schools to be unconstitutional, our nation has become increasingly perverse. Who could have ever dreamed that our nation would have accepted homosexuality and transgenderism as appropriate for those so inclined? God says this in Romans 1:25-28: *"For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient."* That is our nation today.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

**Wednesday ..... Read Philippians 3:13-14**

*"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."* To know and to do the high calling of God is life at its best! Imagine being a plan of God! God began His work in our lives while He was forming us in our mother's womb. That is what we can conclude from Jeremiah 1:5: *"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."* He then controlled circumstances to get us on the path He had planned for us by opening and closing doors to accomplish His will. By reading God's Word and engaging in fervent prayer, we can look forward to the Holy Spirit leading us to do God's will! That truly is a high calling!

**GLORIFIED BODIES**

**Thursday ..... Read Philippians 3:20-21**

*"Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."* When Jesus arose from the grave, He did so with a resurrected, glorified body. So it will be with all true believers, those who have been born again by receiving Christ as Savior. Some details of those glorified bodies are given to us in I Corinthians 15:52-54: *"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory."* Never again will the believer experience distress or disease!

**CONTENTMENT**

**Friday ..... Read Philippians 4:8-11**

*"Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."* Faith in God and His Word, the Bible, brings contentment to the souls of believers, whatever, whenever, and wherever. That is a great blessing in this troubled world! We are living in difficult times: social, economic, and political, national and international. They are a challenge to our having an inner peace, one of the fruits of the Spirit who dwells within the believer's body. As believers become more mature in their faith, their sense of the presence and the power of God become increasingly real. That sense of God's presence with all of the turmoil in the world brings an inner peace despite the circumstances. Our God is always in control! How true are the words of I Timothy 6:6: "Godliness with contentment is great gain."

**INVESTORS**

**Saturday ..... Read Philippians 4:17-19**

*"Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account."* When Paul spoke of the Christian's giving of tithes and offerings to God's work, he was expressing personal appreciation, but emphasized that their giving was recorded in heaven. Our personal account in heaven recording the deposits in offering plates shows the accumulation of the believer's investment into God's work. Our giving not only allows the ministries committed to bringing God's message to people around the world, but it also results in eternal reward. Yes, our tithes and offerings, in a way of speaking, earn interest and dividends in heaven! The prophet also made an important

observation recorded in heaven about not giving in Malachi 3:8: *"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."* For a believer not to give is actually committing an offense against God!