

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of November 20, 2022

**THEME: "Praise and Worship"
GOD OF HEAVEN**

Sunday Read Psalm 19:1-6

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork." Everyone that looks up into the sky sees the glory of God! Those who have been privileged to fly into space have seen the glory of God to a far greater degree and were left speechless! We, who can see only from our vantage point here on earth, cannot adequately put into words the beauty of God's creation. That testimony of God's greatness is there for all the world to see, and there is an awareness in every heart of our Creator according to Romans 1:19-21: *"That which may be known of God is manifest in them: for God hath shown it unto them. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse. Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither thankful: but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools."* All people are given a choice as to whether they will believe God and His Word, or theories of man. Those who believe God's truth and are born of the Spirit by receiving Christ as personal Savior live in the light of the God of heaven; those who fail to receive Christ remain blinded to the truth!

GOD OF CREATION

Monday Read Genesis 1:1-5

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Our eternal God is the Creator of heaven and earth! God was good enough to reveal to us the details of His creation in the Holy Scriptures so we have an understanding of how things came into existence. The enemy of God, who wants to keep people blinded to God's truth, has come up with a false narrative. We have been warned by our Savior in John 8:44 that this enemy of God comes up with lies to try to counteract truth: *"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and father of it."* The lie about the origin of things that has fooled many people is in a book written by Charles Darwin on a theory of evolution. Those who have accepted his writings are blinded to the truth. The author and those who have accepted his account of the origin of things are an example of those described in Romans 1. The Holy Spirit used Paul to expose this false teaching and others in science classes in I Timothy 6:20: *"O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding vain babblings, and oppositions of science, falsely so called."* Teaching contradictory to God's truth is false teaching!

GOD OF THE BIBLE

Thursday Read II Timothy 3:15-17

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." God has given man an instruction book for living as He had planned. Living according to God's instruction book is what Jesus called in John 10:10 the abundant life. Not living according to how the Bible teaches means that a person's life is very limited, a life with no spiritual meaning whatsoever. The Bible explains that the dead spirit of man can be regenerated by receiving Jesus as Savior. The benefits of that decision are immeasurable. The big thing is that God the Holy Spirit is in the body of a born again person! That is what we are told in I Corinthians 6:19: *"What? Do ye not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you?"* With the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, Christians have the guidance of the Holy Spirit to give them the understanding they need at any given reading. Jesus assured us of that guidance of the Holy Spirit in John 16:13 where He said this: *"When He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all*

truth." Although we may not understand everything we read, the Holy Spirit will give us an understanding of what He wants us to know at any given time. What a private tutor He is!

GOD OF HUMANITY

Wednesday Read Genesis 2:7-22

"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils, and man became a living soul." In Genesis 1:26 God revealed in His planning for the creation of man that He would make man *"in His own image and after His likeness."* Among other things, that means man was made a triune being. Each of us is a triune person: a soul, a body, and a spirit. God gave us a body by which we can enjoy the physical world, and a spirit to enjoy fellowship with God and the spiritual world. That is the fulness of life: both physical and spiritual life. A problem occurred when Adam and Eve sinned, That brought death into the human experience just as God said it would in Genesis 2:16-17: *"Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die."* When they ate the forbidden fruit, their spirits died and they lost fellowship with God, and later their bodies died. Because of their eating the forbidden fruit, all babies born of human parents are born with a dead spirit: out of fellowship with God. That fellowship is renewed when a person is born again, a new birth when a person receives Jesus as personal Savior.

GOD OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Thursday Read Psalm 148:7-14

"Let them praise the name of the Lord: for His name alone is excellent: His glory is above the earth and the heaven." The founding fathers of our nation saw fit to have a national day of thanksgiving to praise God for His bountiful blessings! President George Washington made it a national holiday with the following statement: "It is our duty as a people, with devout reverence and affectionate gratitude, to acknowledge our many and great obligations to Almighty God." Abraham Lincoln moved the holiday to November with the following words: "A day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficiary Father who dwells in the heavens." Since the administration of President Roosevelt in 1941, Americans now celebrate this time of offering Praise and Thanksgiving to God annually on the fourth Thursday of November. Praise God that our founding fathers and many since understood that God has indeed blessed our nation. Praise God for His blessings! Happy Thanksgiving!

GOD OF WORSHIP

Friday Read Deuteronomy 33:26-27

"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him." The only worship acceptable by God is worship in accordance with Biblical truth in the power of the Holy Spirit. All other worship is in vain. It may provide psychological help, but it is spiritually meaningless. Worship is a vital part of the believer's life: both private and corporate. It is important to spend time alone with God daily, particularly at the beginning of the day; and it important to spend time with other believers in worship of God. That point is made very clear in Hebrews 10:25: *"Nor forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, especially as you see the day approaching."* Fellowship with other believers is essential! Sadly, the worship of manmade religions is devoid of Biblical truth.

THE TRUE GOD

Saturday Read John 4:22-24

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus." Knowing that there is one God is an important truth because many false gods have been created by the imagination of those who have not placed their faith in God's revealed truth.

These unbelievers all have a thirst for God, but have not believed in God's revealed truth in Scriptures, so they have created false gods and false religions to satisfy that craving of the soul. The sad thing is that they do not have eternal life provided by the true and living God, so their worship is in vain. Those who have entered into a personal relationship with God and are in His family by virtue of their faith in Christ have access to the throne of God. Our prayers are in the name of and for the glory of Christ! He is our Mediator!