

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of November 26, 2023**

**THEME: "Praise God for the Scriptures"**

**GOD'S WORD**

**Sunday .....Read Psalm 119:1-11**

*"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."* The Bible is the book that teaches us about God: who He is, what He has done, and what He plans to do. It is the one book in the world that sheds light on eternity! It is amazing that people in the twenty-first century can read the writings of Moses who lived centuries before Christ. That alone should be convincing evidence that the Bible is infallible; it has never had to be altered or updated. The Bible has been the target of the devil, God's enemy. The devil will do all he can to keep people from reading God's truth. It is the believer's offensive weapon in spiritual war as we read in Ephesians 6:17: *"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."* Memorizing Scripture prepares a believer to share God's truth!

**INSPIRED WRITERS**

**Monday.. ..... Read II Timothy 3:16-17**

*"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."* Those writers of God's truth were divinely inspired; their writings did not come from their own thoughts. No human could have possibly foretold history before it happened, but the Bible contains prophetic truth about the future. We are told this in II Peter 1:20-21: *"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."* We are told in Paul's letter to young Timothy that the Bible is the instruction book on how to live as God intended! It is the one book that explains how people, who are eternal beings, can live for both temporal and eternal purposes: how to please God!

**ETERNAL TRUTH**

**Tuesday.....Read John 17:14-20**

*"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."* These are words of Jesus that He included in His intercessory prayer to His Father in heaven for His followers on earth. Sanctification is to be made holy, to be made acceptable to God. The only way a person can be made fit for God's Kingdom is to abide by Biblical instruction. There are a lot of books written by human authors about what they consider advice on living our lives, but all fall short of Biblical instruction. By reading the Bible, people can be aware of God's expectations. There is no more fulfilling life because it enables a person to live with eternal values. That is particularly true, because all people will appear before Christ as a

final Judge: unbelievers at the Great White Throne Judgment and believers at the Judgment Seat of Christ. Living by God's Word is the right way to live!

### **FAMILIES**

**Wednesday ..... Read Psalm 127:1-3**

*"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward."* The Scriptures point out that the heritage of the Lord is primarily passed through the generations of humanity by families. God looks to the family to implement His plans for His earth. He states that specifically in Ephesians 6:4: *"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."* As the head of the home, the father is responsible to teach his children the ways of God. Obviously, the mother, as his helpmate, shares in this most important duty. One of the ways in which this is expedited is by faithful attendance at a good Bible-teaching church to supplement the home instruction. Sons and daughters of parents faithful to God's command have a great start in life.

### **GOD'S LAW**

**Thursday ..... Read Psalm 1:1-6**

*"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."* Those people who delight in God's law are blessed indeed. The Word of God is food for our spirit. That nourishment gained from a knowledge of God's Word is truly satisfying to the hunger of the soul. From the eternal viewpoint, feeding the soul and spirit with God's Word is just as vital as feeding the body. And the Psalmist points out the feasting on the Scripture should be followed by meditation. Meditation should include the application of what was read. Reading the Bible is good; applying it to life is experiencing the blessing of God. Sharing the Scriptures enables others to know God's law!

### **AMBASSADORS**

**Friday ..... Read II Corinthians 5:17-20**

*"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."* Christians are God's appointees to share His message to the whole world. That is the mandate given by our Lord in Mark 16:15: *"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."* That is a collective assignment for the whole body of believers, not an assignment for each one. Each believer is assigned to his or her part of the world where God has placed them. Our prayers should include open doors of witness for both ourselves and our fellow-Christians as instructed in Colossians 4:3: *"Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ."* As God's light, the lifestyle of believers should prompt questions by their acquaintances. Included in the response should be at least one quote from Scripture which may penetrate the heart and mind of the listener as implied in Hebrews 4:12: *"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 intents of the heart."*

### **MAP TO HEAVEN**

**Saturday ..... Read Matthew 7:13-14**

*"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."* As we travel through life's journey, the Bible serves as our map to give us direction. It is our guide for living as God intends. Faith in Jesus as personal Savior puts a person on the narrow road to do the will of God with the eternal destination of heaven. Most people live on the road that leads to eternal destruction, the hell that was prepared for

the devil. The world has a lot of temptations that must be avoided. Making the wrong turns in life neutralizes the testimony of the believer. Praise God that He will forgive when these wrong turns are made, and God will get us back on to the road He has mapped out for us to be the testimony for our Lord!