

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of April 27, 2025
"The Great Commission"

DIVINE CALLING

SundayRead John 20:16-21

"Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." God the Father sent Jesus into the world to bring humans into His eternal family. When an individual opens his or her heart to invite Jesus in, God instantly becomes their Father in heaven. Jesus, our Savior, offers then to be the Lord of our lives. By yielding to Him and the indwelling Holy Spirit, we can come to realize our Heavenly Father's plan for our lives. Nothing is more rewarding than to know and to do God's will. It surely pleases our Father in heaven.

GOD'S FAMILY

MondayRead John 1:10-13

"But as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to be called the sons of God." Since humans are eternal beings, this teaching of Jesus about God's family is huge! To be in God's family, means a person has a residence in heaven. That makes God, the Creator of the universe, our heavenly Father. It also means that all believers are in the close relationship of brothers and sisters. Receiving Jesus personally as Savior places an individual in the family of God. The other eternal family is the family of Satan. Jesus made reference to Satan's family in I John 3:10: *"In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother."* The eternal residence of those people is referenced in Matthew 25:46: *"And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."*

FAMILY PRIVILEGE

TuesdayRead Psalm 34:10-15

"The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry." Being in God's family means that we have the Creator of the universe watching over us. Greater yet is the fact that he listens to us when we call upon Him - what a privilege. Our loving Father in heaven is eager to hear from us. Never does He ignore us! Then He has promised to answer us and act on our behalf as mentioned in Jeremiah 33:3: *"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."* Christians can be of great help to their brothers and sisters in God's family by sharing with each other

how God has responded to their prayers! Let's honor our Father in heaven by sharing His acts of kindness! That will strengthen our ties as members of God's family.

FRIENDS OF JESUS

WednesdayRead John 15:12-16

"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." Could there be any higher honor than to have Jesus call you His friend. Jesus is the Savior of the world! Jesus is the coming King of kings ! Jesus is God the Son. He wants us to consider Him our Friend. There is, however a condition; obedience to His commands! To be obedient to His commands we must know them. To know them means we must read them. They are in the Bible, God's Holy Word. To obey His commands means reading the Bible every day. I mean putting into practice what we have read.

COMPANIONSHIP

ThursdayRead Matthew 28:18-20

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Sensing the presence of Jesus in our lives as a constant companion is life at it's best. Going where He want us to go and doing what He wants us to do is a powerful and rewarding way to live. Obeying His commands reading the commands God has given us in His Word so we can know how to live. The highest quality of life is to live in obedience to the commands of God. He wants us to have the best in life. His Word, the Bible, tells us how life began and that for which He has given us life. Life is eternal and to live for eternal values is life at it's best. Obedience to God's commands gives us that high quality of life. His companionship assures us of doing right.

RESIDENCE

FridayRead Genesis 2:10-15

"And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it." God places His people in the exact place where He wants them to serve. He brings people into the family and home where He has planned. He has given us the talents and abilities to accomplish His plans for our lives. He has made His throne in heaven available to us twenty-four hours every day. His eye is on us, His ears are listening to us. His Holy Spirit is in us from the time we ask Jesus into our hearts to be our Savior. The place where we live is where God wants us to be to do His work. Above all, Christians are God's light in that neighborhood.

LOCAL CHURCH

SaturdayRead I Corinthians 12:18-25

"But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him." In this current age on God's calendar, God has placed His people, the followers of Jesus, into local churches. That is the reality of the major part of His New Testament. The four Gospels give us the details of the life of Jesus and His teachings. That is followed in the establishment of churches. In placing believers in various churches, God provides the talents for the churches to glorify God on their program and activities. Each believer has a God-given talent to work together with others and their talents.