

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of May 4, 2025

"Bible Personalities: Peter"

APOSTLES

SundayRead John 1:35-45

"And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jonah: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone." We see in this passage of Scripture, the call of Peter to be a follower of Jesus. The Greek interpretation of the name Cephas is Peter. Peter, along with eleven other believers, became one of the apostles. They would be men who would have the responsibility of laying the foundation for the Church Age. Jesus had mentioned that the Gospel would be spread around the world. Before Jesus would come to be the King on David's throne in Israel, God would establish a holy nation made up of all nationalities. That nation is mentioned in I Peter 2:9: *"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."*

DIVINE CALLING

MondayRead Matthew 10:1-5

"Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother." The highest calling in life is God's calling. We are told in Jeremiah 1:5 that God has a plan for a person while being formed in the mother's womb. That verse reads this way: *"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."* The question is whether or not an individual will seek to do God's will, or whether they will simply follow personal plans and ambitions. Our Lord gives us this assurance in Matthew 6:33, if we place knowing and doing God's will as our highest priority: *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."*

GOD'S ARMY

Tuesday.....Read Hebrews 2:8-10

"For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings." One of many appropriate titles given in the Bible for our Lord is this one in the letter to the Hebrews: "the captain of our salvation." This has military implications, the captain of an army. We are advised in the Holy Scriptures that life on earth is a battle between the forces of evil and the forces of good. That war between God and Satan on God's earth began when Satan attacked Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. In his letter to the Ephesians Paul said this in Ephesians 6:11: *"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."* Peter gave this detail about the enemy of Christians in I Peter 5:8: *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil,*

as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." True Christians are soldiers in the army of Christ!

AGGRESSOR

WednesdayRead John 18:10-12

" Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus." When the officials came to arrest Jesus to appear before Pilate on charges of insurrection, Peter cut off the ear of one. Peter was defending his Lord, not realizing that this was all in God's plan. Jesus rebuked Peter and allowed Himself to be taken into custody. This eventually led to His crucifixion, the purpose for which He had come to earth in His first appearance.

INTERCESSOR

ThursdayRead Acts 3:1-6

" Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." The real power in Peter's life was his prayers. That is true of any believer. To have personal access to the throne of God in heaven may well be our highest privilege in life. We can speak to the Creator of the universe. We have that privilege because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. That is what we are told in Romans 5:1-2: *"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."* Our Bible reading for today suggests that it is good to have prayer partnerships!

AUTHOR

FridayRead II Peter 1:1-2

"Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Peter was one of those whom God called to record the eternal truths He wanted in writing. All believers have a special calling to accomplish God's work on His earth. God chose some people to be inspired by the Holy Spirit to record His truth to give people an understanding of life. That is the truth of II Timothy 3:16: *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."* The instructions for living are given in the Bible. By reading the Bible, we learn how to live in a way that pleases God

SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT

SaturdayRead Psalm 73:25-28

"My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever." It is just as important to feed our souls as it is to feed our bodies with a healthy diet of Spiritual food. That is accomplished by feasting on Biblical

truth. By reading God's Word, we stay spiritually strong. New believers are advised to read the milk of the Scriptures in Hebrews 5:13: *"For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe."* As a believer grows in the faith, they begin to enjoy the deeper Biblical truths as suggested in Hebrews 5:14: *"But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."*