

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of July 6, 2025

### "Declaration of Independence"

#### TRUE FREEDOM

**Sunday ..... Read John 8:25-36**

*"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* Praise God that we, as Americans, live in a land of freedom. It is a freedom that was declared in 1776 in the Declaration of Independence. That was followed by the Revolutionary war which was won by Divine assistance. They publically stated that they were relying on God to win over the most formidable military force on earth: the British army and navy. That won political freedom. True freedom from the power of God's enemy, the devil, comes from knowing and applying God's truth. That truth is recorded in the Bible which gives eternal victory: Americans who apply Biblical truth to their personal lives and receive Jesus as their Savior not only have the privilege of being American citizens, they are also citizens of heaven! We read that wonderful truth in Philippians 3:20: *"For our citizenship is in heaven."*

#### NATURE'S GOD

**Monday ..... Read Psalm 19:1-6**

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork."* In our Declaration of Independence, our founders mentioned that they believed it was God who wanted them to be free. We can be thankful that those called of God to be the founders of this new nation were believers! One of them, George Washington, made this statement: "It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible." Our nation's early history shows that we benefitted from the fact that God rules nature. In the Battle of Boston at the outset of the Revolutionary War, the ice at Boston Harbor made it possible for our troops to invade the British ships which were using long range weapons to attack American troops. The fog in New York allowed General Washington to escape when he was surrounded by the British troops. We truly are a nation that has been blessed by Almighty God!

#### DIVINE POWER

**Tuesday ..... Read Luke 8:22-24**

*"And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm."* The disciples along with Jesus were sailing upon the seas when a severe storm created severe problems for them to stay afloat. These accomplished seamen feared for their lives. Jesus was comfortably sleeping through the storm. The disciples awakened Him and called for His protection. Jesus responded by rebuking the wind and calming the sea. Yes, God indeed is

the ruler of nature. He proved that to Moses when He opened the waters of the Red Sea. He is still in control of the weather with His Divine power!

### **CREATOR**

**Wednesday ..... Read Genesis 1:1-10**

*"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."* Our founders stated this in the Declaration of Independence: "All men are created equal, and we are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights: that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Their faith was honored by God in a great victory in the Revolutionary War!

### **SUPREME JUDGE**

**Thursday ..... Read Matthew 12:36-37**

*"But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."* In the final paragraph of their Declaration of Independence, our founders said "We appeal to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions." They felt certain they were doing the right thing by breaking away from the domination of the British government. They brought their case before God to judge their intentions, and God honored their faith with a great and glorious victory! We are the beneficiaries. This reminds us of the two Judgments mentioned in the Bible: the Judgment Seat of Christ for believers and the Great White Throne Judgment for unbelievers. The judgment for believers is to receive rewards for their work for God; the judgment for unbelievers is to be sentenced to hell.

### **DIVINE PROVIDENCE**

**Friday ..... Read Psalm 46:1-5**

*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea."* The writers closed the Declaration by stating that it was "with a firm reliance on Divine Providence that we declare our independence." They recognized the same truth that the Psalmist declared in today's Bible reading. The writer emphasized that "God is a very present help." Individuals do well if they stay aware of that great truth. Difficult times are sure to come, and there is no greater joy than knowing that God is there to help!

### **HEAVENLY FATHER'S CARE**

**Saturday ..... Read Matthew 6:25-30**

*"Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them." Are ye not much better than they?"* Jesus emphasized that our Father in heaven takes care of the birds and animals to meet their needs. How much more is our Father in heaven concerned about His earthly family! How does a person become part of God's family on earth. The answer is in John 1:12: *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."* The most important decision in life is to receive Jesus as personal Savior. That decision to receive Jesus is called a birth in John 3:7: *"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."* That decision assures an individual of an eternal home in heaven. There is no higher privilege or greater joy than being in God's family!