

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of August 17, 2025

### "Bible Trilogies: For"

#### TRANSGRESSIONS

**Sunday ..... Read Isaiah 53:1-6**

*"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."* This passage in the Old Testament speaks of the crucifixion of the Jewish Messiah. The Jews are rightfully looking forward to the Messiah taking the throne of David in Jerusalem, but the Bible makes it clear that the Messiah must first fulfill the role of the Lamb of God. God's heaven is perfect, so all who enter in must be free of sin. In the Old Testament, people's sins were cleansed by the offering of the blood of a lamb on the altar. Jesus in His first coming came as a sacrificial Lamb that would satisfy God's Law for the rest of time. Receiving Jesus is to have God's forgiveness for our transgressions! Believers having been cleansed by the blood of Jesus are now fit for heaven.

#### GOD'S WORD

**Monday ..... Read Hebrews 4:12-16**

*"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."* The Holy Scriptures are God's eternal truth. The writers were inspired by the Holy Spirit as emphasized in I Timothy 3:16: *"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."* Books written by human authors can fill the readers' heads with knowledge to improve their awareness of the temporal things of the world as understood by human authors. The Scriptures were humans putting into writing, as revealed to them by God the Holy Spirit. The Bible is God's message to all the world.

#### THE GOSPEL

**Tuesday ..... Read Romans 1:12-16**

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."* The Gospel of Christ is the good news of salvation! The penalty of sin is death as made clear in Romans 6:23: *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* That means an eternity in hell that was made for the devil's eternal blight. Because of God's love for humanity, He planned for a way to forgive sinful humanity so they could have a way to go to

heaven. The way to accomplish that would be for a sinless man to pay the penalty. Jesus became that sacrificial Lamb, the Savior of the world. That is the good news for all the world!

### **MAN'S WAY**

**Wednesday ..... Read Proverbs 14:12-16**

*"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the ends thereof are the ways of death."* The Bible gives to man the ways of God: His plans and His rewards. For the most part, man has ignored God's ways and have come up with the human explanations and conclusions. They are, at best, short sighted and temporary in their thinking. This is why there are now in the world many different religions. Man was made to worship God. To ignore God's truth as revealed in the Bible, means man-made religions: falsehood compared to God's truth. The only way to have eternal purpose and eternal life is to apply God's Biblical truth!

### **GOD'S WAY**

**Thursday ..... Read Psalm 33:1-4**

*"For the word of the Lord is right; and all His work is done in faithfulness."* The Psalmist emphasizes that to do things right is to do things God's Way. That is the truly fulfilling life: to be on the same wave length as our Creator. God knows best and wants the best for people! The truth is that to ignore God's way is to be deceived by God's enemy the devil. That may bring temporary rewards, but is eternally tragic. It is good to read the Bible and do things God's way!

### **THE INDIVIDUAL**

**Friday ..... Read Psalm 139:13-14**

*"For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."* We are told in this portion of God's Word that each of us is a special creation of God. He formed us in our mother's womb. While we were in her womb for nine months, God was at work molding us into the personality and abilities to be able to accomplish His purpose for our lives. Each person is unique. We have similarities obviously, but we also are different. The most fulfilling thing in life is to know and to do God's will for us. That begins by receiving Jesus personally by asking Him to come into our hearts and forgive us for our sins. The Holy Spirit then guides us into doing God's will.

### **EARTHLY POSSESSIONS**

**Saturday ..... Read I Timothy 6:1-7**

*"For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."* This is an important reality that would do us all good to remember to live strictly for worldly achievement only is shortsighted. We have been made eternal beings in the image of God. We have an eternal soul! We cannot carry material possessions into eternity. We certainly have need of earthly possessions and God promised to meet those needs. But all the while, we should also live for eternal values. Earthly possessions stay here for someone else's benefit. We go to our eternal destination with no baggage!