

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of November 23, 2025
"Thanksgiving"

GIVING THANKS

SundayRead Psalm 136:1-10

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Every instruction in God's Word is important and people do well to follow them. One of the most important is to give thanks! Realizing that, our nation established Thanksgiving as a national holiday. President Abraham Lincoln made that recommendation in 1863. It was his desire for Americans to thank God for protection in the Civil War being fought to have unity among the whole nation. God responded, and our nation was not split, but kept unified! Giving thanks to God should be a daily practice, and I am glad our leaders from years ago set a day aside for the nation to give thanks! This national holiday should serve as a reminder that we should pray for our government leaders as instructed in I Timothy 2:1-2: *"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."*

FAMILY

MondayRead Job 8:1-8

"I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers." Fatherhood implies family living. God emphasized family life when He created humans as recorded in the book of Genesis. He started the human race with a family with a father, a mother, and children. We use the word family to describe other important groups of people. Job used the word family in identifying the forefathers of the Jewish people. The nation was a special group of people, a national family. In our lives, it may be correctly stated that next to his or her immediate family, the next most important personal identification may well be in the church: brothers and sisters in God's family.

PROPHET

TuesdayRead Jeremiah 8:1-4

"At that time, saith the Lord, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their grave." In today's reading, we see different identifications of people. Among them is a reference to the prophets. God had given some of His chosen servants to be prophets. Through them and their writings, we are advised of God's plan for future events. Today we have seen many, if not most, of those prophecies fulfilled. The Old Testament prophecies made reference to the coming of the

Messiah. Those alluding to Jesus as the Savior have been fulfilled. Those making reference to His being the King of kings are yet to be fulfilled.

OUR FAITH

Wednesday Read I John 5:1-4

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Life includes many battles. In the big picture of world events, there is an ongoing battle with Satan and the forces of evil battling against God and His people. Those who accept Jesus as their Savior and Lord become the enemy of Satan. He attacks in many ways to draw them away from God. God, however, will always come out victoriously from the eternal viewpoint. It is important to remain faithful in trying times to achieve the promised victory by our faith.

HALL OF FAME

Thursday Read Hebrews 11:1-5

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen!"

This chapter in God's Word gives a list of some of God's faithful servants in times past. They serve as good examples of living a life of faith in God! The highest privilege in living our lives on planet earth is to be a servant of God, our Creator. He has given every individual a personality and talent to do that for which He created them in our mothers' wombs. Those listed in this very interesting chapter in the Bible, accomplished them, and God makes reference to them as examples of people of faith. I call them God's Hall of Fame!

OUR FUTURE

Friday Read John 10:24-29

"Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly." The Jewish people were looking for the Promised Messiah to be the King of kings on the throne of David in Jerusalem, and they still are. Some of them realized that Jesus was indeed that anticipated Messiah and became His followers. They realized the power of His teaching, His exemplary life, and His ability to heal the sick and even raise the dead as revealed in John 11:44: *"And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go."* For whatever reason, this was not enough for the skeptics mentioned in today's Bible reading.

RETURN

Saturday Read Revelation 19:14-17

"And the armies which were in heaven followed Him on white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean." This passage reveals the return of Jesus to earth. His return was to win the Battle of Armageddon where His Chosen nation Israel was being attacked by all the nations of the world. He came with His army of believers, those whom He had brought to heaven previously in what we know as the Rapture. That event is described in I Thessalonians 4:17: *"Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."*