

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of January 18, 2026

UNKNOWN

SundayRead Acts 17:23-30

"For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, To The Unknown God. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you." The word "unknown" appears a few times in the Bible. A synonym for "unknown" is ignorant. God has revealed Himself and His message to humanity in His Holy Scriptures. The Holy Spirit inspired writers to share God's truth, His message to all the world so we can know His work; what He has done and what He plans to do. It also shows us what God expects of us! In today's Bible reading, we see that people have a built-in desire to worship God. Those people in Athens, in a display of religious desire, showed a lack of knowledge of God's truth by making altars to whatever. They even made one to the "unknown" god. We know God by reading the Bible, God's truth. By so doing, the unknown becomes known.

GOD

Monday..... Read Jeremiah 10:10-13

"When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures." As Paul and Timothy, on their missionary journey, traveled to Athens, they noticed an idol made to the "unknown" god. Obviously, these people wanted to be thorough in their worship, an attribute fixed in the human being. People are made with a spiritual hunger just as they have a physical hunger. They will worship someone or something. One of the ways people who are ignorant of Biblical truth worship is to create idols in case they missed something. How sad when people don't know or don't go by Biblical truth.

WORSHIP

Tuesday Read I Corinthians 4:1-3

"But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self." We read here of at least three things that Biblical preaching will accomplish: edification, exhortation, and comfort. To edify means to build up. We understand that the building up of the church is adding to the numbers, but also bringing maturity to believers by personal growth. To edify is to become stronger in our faith. To be conformed is to have a peace in times of trouble. These things are accomplished by personal and corporate worship. If a person does not engage in worship, their faith in God is minimized as

well as their ability to cope with circumstances. God intends for worship to be a major part of life. To be in tune with God gives power! Worship should be both private and corporate.

INTERPRETATION

Wednesday.....Read I Corinthians 12:27-31

"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. 28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." A person speaking in tongues is engaged in deep worship of God. If however, the message given in tongues is not interpreted, it is not only meaningless, but confusing. In the days of the early church, the Bible was incomplete so speaking in tongues to hear God's message was important. However, since the Word of God was completed with the writing of the book of Revelation, God has fulfilled His plans for humanity. There is no more need for new revelations, so no more need for tongues as mentioned in I Corinthians 13:8: "Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away."

FUTURE

ThursdayRead John 4:10-14

"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." It has been said that "we do not know what tomorrow may bring." This is true, and life is full of surprises, hopefully for the good! One of the great things about faith in God is that we have an all-knowing God. He is omniscient! Nothing comes as a surprise. God knows all that has happened, all that is happening, and all that will happen. He is worthy of our trust. Thankfully, God has given us the Bible, so we can know what He wants us to know. Above all else, He wants us to know that He gave us His Son to be our Savior and Lord. That means we can have an eternal home in heaven! What a future!

OMNIPRESENT

FridayRead Luke 12:1-2

"For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known." Our loving God is indescribable, but three words do fit Him: Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent. God is all powerful, as evidenced by His creation of heaven and earth. God is omnipresent in that He and His work are everywhere. The globe is a work of God. The land and the sea, the air that we breathe are all the work of God. We read of God's omniscience in Hebrews 4:13: *"Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do."* He knows everything that is happening on His earth! When Jesus said to

His followers, "I am with you always", He was speaking to all of us. He is with believers in every continent on the globe!

TRUTH

Saturday.....Read John 8:28-32

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." The one book in the world that is totally trustworthy is the Bible. It is God's truth! God the Holy Spirit inspired writers to put into writing God's message. Our loving God, our Creator, realized that humans would want to know their origin, their purpose in life and their future. God did not want people to be trapped in ignorance. Our loving God in His Holy Scriptures has in great detail spoken of His creation in Genesis and the culmination of things in Revelation. In between, is information and instruction, the knowledge of which gives a person a fulfilling and productive life. God's truth counteracts man's falsehood!