

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of January 4, 2026

HIGH CALLING

Sunday Read Philippians 3:4-14

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." At the beginning of a new year, it is good for true Christians to realize that they have a high calling of God. We know from Jeremiah 1:5 that God had a plan for us when we were still in our 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."* Good goal for the coming year is to fulfill that high calling of God. God has placed us in a family, in a church, and for most of us in a career. His calling is our greatest incentive. True success is to fulfill the purpose for which God has placed us on His earth. The best New Year's resolution we can make is to be committed to fulfill God's calling!

DIVINE PROMISE

Monday Read Philippians 4:15-19

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." What a promise this is that God has made to us. Believers who have placed their faith in Jesus as personal Savior have the high privilege of being a child of God. That means we have God as our heavenly Father! As a matter of fact, Jesus emphasized that point when He responded to His disciples' request to teach them to pray. He said this as recorded in Matthew 6:9-13: *"And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil."* Our Father will meet our needs.

DIVINE OVERSIGHT

Tuesday Read Jeremiah 29:10-14

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." The prophet advises us that we are in God's thoughts. What an amazing truth that is! Many people we know, family, friends, and acquaintances come up in our thoughts. It shows we care for them and want the best for them. That is what we see in this passage of Scripture in Jeremiah.

God is thinking about us, and His thoughts are all positive. What a blessing that is as we go about our daily lives. Surely we want our loving God to be pleased with

what He sees. Knowing God is watching will help us make the proper decisions in what we do and where we go. We want God to be pleased with what He sees!

LOCAL CHURCH

Wednesday Read Matthew 16:15-20

"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." One of the very important parts of our Divine Calling is God's placing us in a local church. Jesus said that He would build His Church, made up of both Jews and Gentiles. He builds the church by assigning people to be part of a congregation. That makes every individual in the church vital in its operation. God provides pastors, elders, deacons, teachers, technicians, musicians and people to maintain the building and daily operations. God has given talents to each one and each one should fulfill that Divine calling.

FELLOWSHIP

Thursday Read Acts 2:40-42

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." An important part of the gathering of believers in a local church is to have fellowship one with another. God is truly honored by the worship and is blessed by the fellowship among believers. Jesus told His followers in John 13:34: *"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."* We can follow that command of our Savior by the fellowship before and after worship services.

LOYAL CITIZENS

Friday Read Hebrews 13:15-20

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Those who are in leadership positions have a very important responsibility to care for the souls of their constituents. God requires that leaders give an account for how they performed. Now if leaders ask their constituents to do things contrary to God's law, the followers can refuse to follow those orders. This Biblical instruction should impact leaders and cause them to govern according to Biblical instruction. Those people who have God-fearing leaders are greatly blessed in that they can more easily obey the command of God.

SUPREME LOYALTY

SaturdayRead Acts 5:25-30

" *Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.*" When Peter was told to do something that would be in violation of God's will, he refused to comply. Imprisonment was the result. Peter was willing to go to prison rather than going against God. His fellow believers prayed, and God intervened on his behalf and Peter was set free by Divine intervention. We have seen things occur in our nation contradictory to Biblical teaching. Believers must obey God!