

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

5 Day Chronological Bible Reading Program WWW.FIVEDAYBIBLEREADING.COM

Week One: February 1-7

Day 1: Exodus 16-18; Ephesians 4
Day 2: Exodus 19-21; Psalm 33; Ephesians 5
Day 3: Exodus 22-24; Psalm 109; Ephesians 6
Day 4: Exodus 25-27; Psalm 90; Philippians 1
Day 5: Exodus 28-31; Philippians 2

Week Three: February 15-21

Day 1: Leviticus 8-11; Psalm 110; Hebrews 4
Day 2: Leviticus 12-14; Psalm 111; Hebrews 5
Day 3: Leviticus 15-18; Psalm 31; Hebrews 6
Day 4: Leviticus 19-20; Hebrews 7
Day 5: Leviticus 21-23; Hebrews 8

Week Two: February 8-14

Day 1: Exodus 32-34; Philippians 3
Day 2: Exodus 35-37; Psalm 26; Philippians 4
Day 3: Exodus 38-40; Hebrews 1
Day 4: Leviticus 1-3; Psalm 27; Hebrews 2
Day 5: Leviticus 4-7; Hebrews 3

Week Four: February 22-28

Day 1: Leviticus 24-25; Psalm 81; Hebrews 9
Day 2: Leviticus 26-27; Psalm 112; Hebrews 10
Day 3: Numbers 1-2; Psalm 64; Hebrews 11
Day 4: Numbers 3-5; Hebrews 12
Day 5: Numbers 6-7; Hebrews 13

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How often we do the same thing in the midst of our troubles? We too live in a troubled world—a world that is no friend to grace, a world that will not help us on our way to God.² We live in fear. We fail often. We flee from Jesus when we should be running to Him. Our guilt would quickly consume us as we consider our response to suffering, even as it would have the disciples. That is why Jesus spoke these words on the eve of His death, reassuring us of His victory over sin. What a comfort it must have been for the disciples to reflect back on this night only to realize that in the very same hour in which Jesus foretold their failures, He also proclaimed His victory—a victory that would give them peace. Their failures would be great, but His victory is greater still. So also, for you. Your failures may be great, but His victory is greater still. Praise God that even as you run from Jesus, Jesus runs to you. So certain is Jesus' victory over the world, He proclaims it even before He has won it. Jesus enters this dark night knowing what He must—and will—do.

Jesus goes to the cross to win the battle. John's gospel often contrasts light and darkness (John 1:5; 3:19; 8:12; 11:9–10; 12:35–36, 46). Strikingly, however, he makes no mention of the darkness at the very place where we would expect him to record it—at the cross. The other gospel writers record the three hours of darkness at Golgotha (Matt. 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44), but John does not. It is not because he is unaware of the darkness—he was there at the cross (John 19:26–27). He refrains from recording the darkness because he wants us to see Jesus' victory. It is at the cross, as He is lifted up, that Jesus draws all people to Himself (John 12:32). Jesus is the light of the world (John 8:12). The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1:5). When Jesus says to His disciples *“I have overcome the world,”* He says it in the perfect tense in Greek, signifying a completed action with a resulting state. Jesus won the victory,

and His victory endures. While the world is the place in which we have trouble, it is, and always will be, a conquered world because Jesus is, and always will be, the conqueror.³

In all of your troubles, run to Jesus. Cast your burdens upon Him. Put your faith in Him. Find peace in His victory. Take heart, because this is God's promise to you:

*The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake.*⁴

1.R. Keen and George Keith, “How Firm a Foundation,” *Trinity Psalter Hymnal* (Trinity Psalter Hymnal Joint Venture, 2018)

2.Isaac Watts, “Holy Fortitude,”

3.Murray J. Harris, *John* (B&H, 2015)

4.*Trinity Psalter Hymnal*

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From The Pastor's Desk

The season of winter brings many interesting changes to the landscape. We may experience the drifting snow as it falls to the ground. We may hear the falling ice on our roofs and windows. The cold can freeze bodies of water while the cloudy skies darken the scenery. One other fact that I have often found interesting is that we are able to see things in the winter that are normally hidden. During the growing seasons, many things are obscured by foliage that is vibrant and green keeping things concealed that we are able to view when the plants and trees go dormant in the frigid weather. One of the key things that I notice is abandoned houses that were once filled with people and served as homes for years. I imagine owners who held pride in the structures and families that filled them with noise. The houses served as shelter, gathering places, dens of rest and so much more. Unfortunately, for whatever reason, the structures were deserted and left to the elements leading to decay and rot. So much activity that once filled these structures is now left to the passage of time and destructive forces found in nature. I can't help but think of our lives.

Before Christ, they were filled with the interests of sin and the bustle of a self-service lifestyle. Everything seemed fine as we went through our lives unaware of the damage being ravaged by our iniquities. Rather than providing the long-lasting pleasure and enduring escapes it promised, the sin brought devastation and failure. The allure of sin left our lives much like an abandoned house, used up and left to ruin. What had guaranteed life could only provide mortality. It seems like a sad and awful existence and in fact it is. It is a life without hope or the possibility of help. Sin can only destroy and will never be able to provide anything good. When it is exposed by the Holy Spirit, like the abandoned homes through the winter trees, we can clearly see the wreckage wrought by our transgressions. Now the good news that is the gospel. God has made a way to fix all of this. By His grace, He has provided Jesus as the propitiation for our sins. He takes away the ruin of sin and gives us new life. This isn't like someone buying the abandoned house and remodeling it. It is a spiritual bulldozer of sorts that flattens what was and replaces it with a new build that is impervious to any decay.

Our old sin-filled lives are replaced by new life that has been bought and paid for with the blood of Jesus. The writer of Hebrews I believe put it succinctly: *“Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?” Hebrews 13:5-6* Okay, so it's not just good news; it's actually great news. God the Father, through Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit, takes the rundown, broken and devastated lives we have as a result of sin and makes them new. It comes with the promise that He will never leave us or forsake us. He will be our Helper, so we have no reason to fear. These are all the things sin cannot offer. These are things only God can give us and that by His overwhelming love, bountiful grace and generous mercy. We should all remember the wreck our lives would be if our sin had not been exposed and our hearts changed to mortify that sin and cleave to Christ as our Lord and Savior. To God be the glory. God bless you all,

Bro. Jim Tenney

FBC Family,

Amber and I's heart really is to see men and women, young and old, go from not knowing God whatsoever, to knowing Him personally and inwardly. There is no greater thing that one can experience, than knowing God in this life. One of the greatest questions that has ever been asked is the first question in the Westminster Shorter Catechism.

Q.I. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

The question is what is the highest purpose of mankind. It's not a question that was thought of a few hundred years ago. It's an ancient question, and Solomon spent much of his life trying to discover what the true purpose of mankind is. This is how we get the book of Ecclesiastes. What is the point and highest purpose in life? I encourage you to read the book of Ecclesiastes, but its not until the last two verses that we find life's true purpose.

"The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil." – **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14**

After all has been heard on one's life and their purpose. It comes down to fearing God and following Him, for this is why we have been created. Even more so, we are going to meet Him one day. You are going to meet God. That answers our highest purpose in life, but how do we enjoy Him forever?

How does a person go from not knowing God to knowing Him inwardly?

We may have the misunderstanding if I come to church, if I stop doing the "bad things" and start doing some "good things", then one day in eternity I'll be saved.

That if I do some things for God, then I'll be saved one day.

I truly believe this has been one of the greatest faults of much of modern Christianity in our country. We teach on behavior modification and teach stories on being a morally good person. We know how to do many "things" for God, but do we know Him?

The Christian life is about knowing and communing with God and Christ Jesus, and how does an individual know God personally and inwardly? All throughout the New Testament, the writers make it clear that there is one way in which men and women are to come to God that they may know Him.

It is believing in Jesus Christ and His finished work through faith in Him and the repentance of our sins unto salvation. This is Jesus' purpose in coming in flesh and blood.

He is the One who satisfies the wrath of God in our place by His sacrifice. He is the One who conquers both sin and death for us by tearing down what separates us from God. Now He is calling us to come to God through Him. This is how we enjoy God, by coming to Christ Jesus.

This is how we continue to enjoy God, by continually coming to Christ Jesus. And this is how we will eternally enjoy God, by Christ Jesus.

Let us never get tired of the Gospel and let us never stop coming to Christ.

-Jeremy Martinez

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The disciples will soon face the greatest trial of their lives. In less than twenty-four hours, they will be shaken to the core. One of them will betray. One of them will deny. All of them will flee. And Jesus will be crucified, dead, and buried. In the hours leading up to these troubling events, Jesus met with His disciples in the upper room. There He spoke to calm their anxious hearts. The last words He said to them were these:

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Here Jesus tells us not only where to find peace, but also the basis for that peace.

Peace in Jesus

As the darkness of night fell, Jesus knew that His disciples were troubled in heart. The darkness had already overcome one of them (John 13:30); it was about to take hold of another (John 13:36–38). Jesus pierced the darkness with words of light, calming their troubled hearts as He told them that they could find peace in Him alone.

They would need to run to Jesus.

They would need to flee to Jesus.

They would need to abide with Jesus.

Jesus' words were not only for the disciples; they are for you too. The only place you will find true and lasting peace in this troubled world is in Jesus.

You must flee to Jesus for refuge.

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!

*What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*¹

Victory in Jesus

You must flee to Jesus for refuge, because victory is found in Him alone.

In His final words to the disciples in the upper room, Jesus said,

"In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

The tribulation of the disciples that night would be great: fear, failure, fleeing from Jesus.

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The weather has been the major story the past few days. While the ice, sleet and snow are beautiful to look at, it causes inconvenience, loss of power in some places, and damage to nature and property. We looked out our back window one day and saw that the neighbors metal porch roof had collapsed. The adverse weather can also be deadly, as we heard reports on the news of several deaths. As I watched the sleet falling and viewed the ice covered ground, surprisingly, the scripture passage from Job 38 came to mind. Verses 29-30 record God's words to Job reminding Job of his limited knowledge and human weakness as God questions Job of his understanding of God's omniscience and omnipotence:

From whose womb has come the ice? And the frost of heaven, who has given it birth? Water becomes hard like stone, and the surface of the deep is imprisoned.

These words are set in the context of the entire chapters of Job 38, 39, and 40 as God challenges Job to give counsel to God if he can.

Sometimes, we tend to question what is happening around us in our own lives, or in the world around us. Even in the grips of this winter storm that has impacted our lives, we must remember that God is in control of it all.

He knows all about it. Despite our discomfort, inconvenience, and even the danger it presents, God will do what He will do.

Despite Davos, Al Gore, and all the climate hysteria, God has it all under control.

For all the "storm" that Job had been through, his conclusion and confession is one for us to take to heart:

Behold, I am insignificant, what can I reply to Thee? I lay my hand on my mouth. Once I have spoken, and I will not answer; even twice, and I will add no more. (Job 40:4, 5)

Therefore, I retract, and I repent in dust and ashes. (Job 42:6)

Stay warm, and be blessed in God's goodness!

Blessed to Serve,

Bro. Vernon

