

AUGUST

Sat & Sun 1st & 2nd Psalm 32

Our greatest need is forgiveness (v1). There is little understanding today of the true nature of sin – sin separates us from God; we all need the blood of Christ to cover our sin. Praise God today for the forgiveness He offers!

Mon 3rd Hebrews 11

Tues 4th Hebrews 12

Wed 5th Hebrews 13

Thurs 6th Deuteronomy 1:1-25

Fri 7th Deuteronomy 1:26-46

Sat & Sun 8th & 9th Psalm 33

“The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unflinching love” (v 5). When you look around at the world today, look beyond the obvious – often the pain and suffering and evil - look for the green shoots of God’s work, the mustard seeds of hope. God is at work today; pray for eyes to see it!

Mon 10th Deuteronomy 2

Tues 11th Deuteronomy 3

Wed 12th Deuteronomy 4:1-24

Thurs 13th Deuteronomy 4:25-49

Fri 14th Deuteronomy 5

Sat & Sun 15th & 16th Psalm 34

“Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame” (v 5). To be in a right relationship with God is to renounce the place of shame. Shame looks for somewhere to hide or something to conceal. To know our God is to know that we are accepted as we are. We have nothing to fear.

We are free. Give thanks!

Mon 17th Deuteronomy 6

Tues 18th Deuteronomy 7

Wed 19th Deuteronomy 8

Thurs 20th Deuteronomy 9

Fri 21st Deuteronomy 10

Sat & Sun 22nd & 23rd Psalm 35

Do you ever feel like everything is going against you? In the Psalms we often hear cries for help. This psalm is one of them. Where do you need help right now? Take it to the Lord today. Tell him how you think and feel.

Mon 24th Deuteronomy 11

Tues 25th Deuteronomy 12

Wed 26th Deuteronomy 13

Thurs 27th Deuteronomy 14

Fri 28th Deuteronomy 15

Sat & Sun 29th & 30th Psalm 36

“In their own eyes they flatter themselves too much to detect or hate their sin” (v 2). Acknowledging sin requires tough honesty. Ask God to reveal to you today any needed area of confession.

Mon 31st Deuteronomy 16

SEPTEMBER

Tues 1st Deuteronomy 17

Wed 2nd Deuteronomy 18

Thurs 3rd Deuteronomy 19

Fri 4th Deuteronomy 20

Sat & Sun 5th & 6th Psalm 37

“Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture” (v 3). Remind yourself today that you are safe in the Lord. Whatever trials lie before you, whatever you face, never forget: you are safe in the Lord.

Repeat it over.

Mon 7th Mark 1:1-20

Tues 8th Mark 1:21-45

Wed 9th Mark 2

Thurs 10th Mark 3

Fri 11th Mark 4:1-25

Sat & Sun 12th & 13th Psalm 38

A plea for help. The writer tells the Lord like it is – “all my longings lie open before you, Lord” (v9). Use this psalm as a springboard to express areas of your own pain and disappointment before the Lord. Don’t hold back!

Mon 14th Mark 4:26-41

Tues 15th Mark 5:1-20

Wed 16th Mark 5:21-43

Thurs 17th Mark 6:1-29

Fri 18th Mark 6:30-56

Sat & Sun 19th & 20th Psalm 39

Life is short. “Let me know how fleeting my life is” (v4). “Everyone is but a breath” (v5). How vital it is that we are connected with the Lord of eternity. “My hope is in you” (v7) says the psalmist. Put your hope afresh in him today.

Mon 21st Mark 7:1-23

Tues 22nd Mark 7:24-37

Wed 23rd Mark 8:1-21

Thurs 24th Mark 8:22-9:1

Fri 25th Mark 9:2-29

Sat & Sun 26th & 27th Psalm 40

“He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God” (v3). This is a word of testimony as to what the Lord has done. What is it that the Lord has done in your life? Who could you tell?

Mon 28th Mark 9:30-50

Tues 29th Mark 10:1-31

Wed 30th Mark 10:32-52

How will I be different today because of what I have just read?

OCTOBER

Thurs 1st Deuteronomy 21
Fri 2nd Deuteronomy 22
Sat & Sun 3rd & 4th Psalm 41

Times of illness or weakness are often times when we draw away from crowds and from people. People may draw away from us too. Yet this psalm affirms that the Lord does not withdraw, that He sides with the weak. Do you know anyone who is weak at this time? How can you stand with them?

Mon 5th Deuteronomy 23
Tues 6th Deuteronomy 24
Wed 7th Deuteronomy 25
Thurs 8th Deuteronomy 26
Fri 9th Deuteronomy 27
Sat & Sun 10th & 11th Proverbs 10

These sayings of proverbial wisdom give a practical wisdom which is just as helpful today. Choose one or two, and meditate on them in particular.

Mon 12th Deuteronomy 28:1-35
Tues 13th Deuteronomy 28:36-68
Wed 14th Deuteronomy 29
Thurs 15th Deuteronomy 30
Fri 16th Deuteronomy 31
Sat & Sun 17th & 18th Proverbs 11

(St Lukes Day)

“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed” (v25). This summarises a recurring theme in the Bible: we are more blessed in giving than in receiving. Pray for God to help you truly believe and live in this way.

Mon 19th Deuteronomy 32:1-27
Tues 20th Deuteronomy 32:28-52
Wed 21st Deuteronomy 33
Thurs 22nd Deuteronomy 34
Fri 23rd Mark 11:1-19
Sat & Sun 24th & 25th Proverbs 12

“Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid” (v1). Is there an area in your life right now where you need to be more disciplined? Tell someone who might help keep you on track with this.

Mon 23rd Mark 11:20-33
Mon 26th Mark 12:1-27
Tues 27th Mark 12:28-44
Wed 28th Mark 13:1-23
Thurs 29th Mark 13:24-37
Fri 30th Mark 14:1-26

Sat 31st (& Sun Nov 1st) Proverbs 13 (comments with next plan)

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ST LUKES BIBLE READING PLAN



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GROWING AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST

The following plan can help you to read the Bible in a regular and systematic way, and develop your relationship with God, through dependence on the Holy Spirit. Before you start, make sure you have a Bible in a translation that you find easy to read. You may well find it helpful to write down your journey along the way; use an exercise book or specially produced journal. Pray, asking God to speak to you, teach you and feed you. The acronym SOAP provides a model to help you read and reflect on God's Word.

S = SCRIPTURE. Read the passage for the day from the Bible Reading Plan.

O = OBSERVATION. What did you observe from the passage – its meaning? Was there a particular verse that stood out to you?

A = APPLICATION. What area of application – inspiration, encouragement, correction, etc - can you see in your life at this time?

P = PRAYER. Take this to God in prayer.

A question or suggestion for reflection follows the weekend reading.

Share your insights and questions with another Christian.

‘Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.’ Ps 119:105 (TNIV)

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