

FEBRUARY

(Sat 31st) & Sun 1st Proverbs 7

This chapter forms a graphic warning against adultery. The picture is of one being led off to slaughter (v 22). 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 gives a New Testament insight on why sexual sin can be so painful and destructive: because sex is deeply personal the effects of sin go deep. Pray for any you know caught up by this right now.

Mon 2nd Luke 21
Tues 3rd Luke 22:1-38
Wed 4th Luke 22:39-71
Thurs 5th Luke 23:1-24
Fri 6th Luke 23:25-26

Sat & Sun 7th & 8th Proverbs 8

Wisdom calls out. What is it to be wise? Here wisdom is personified, as though wisdom itself was a person. Indeed, true wisdom is a Person – it is to live in relationship with the God of all eternity. Ask the Lord for wisdom today.

Mon 9th Luke 24:1-34
Tues 10th Luke 24:35-53
Wed 11th Leviticus 18
Thurs 12th Leviticus 19
Fri 13th Leviticus 20

Sat & Sun 14th & 15th Proverbs 9

Where does wisdom begin? According to Proverbs it begins with the fear of the Lord (v10). Fear means to respect, to put in their proper place. Wisdom contrasts with folly and with those who mock. Are there ways in which you are growing in wisdom?

Mon 16th Leviticus 21
Tues 17th Leviticus 22
Wed 18th Leviticus 23:1-22
Thurs 19th Leviticus 23:23-44
Fri 20th Leviticus 24

Sat & Sun 21st & 22nd Psalms 1 & 2

Psalms 1 introduces the psalms. It sets before us a choice – to follow the way of the wicked or delight in the law of the Lord. Note the consequences of either choice. To digest the psalms and follow their way is surely one indication of that choice. What are you choosing today?

Mon 23rd Leviticus 25:1-23
Tues 24th Leviticus 25:24-55
Wed 25th Leviticus 26
Thurs 26th Leviticus 27
Fri 27th James 1

Sat 28th (& Sun 1st March) Psalms 3 & 4

“You, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the one who lifts my head high” (3:3). Who is the Lord for you? Is the Lord sufficient for you when others revile you or speak ill of you? In what way do you glory in the Lord? Thank the Lord today for all you have in Him.

MARCH

(Sat 28th) & Sun 1st (as for Feb 28th)

Mon 2nd James 2
Tues 3rd James 3
Wed 4th James 4
Thurs 5th James 5
Fri 6th Romans 12 (World Day of Prayer)

Sat & Sun 7th & 8th Psalms 5 & 6

These psalms of David express great anguish of soul, Psalm 6 in particular. It is a lament, a pouring out of the heart, a release of pent-up emotions before God. Sometimes we can think that we have to have everything together to come before God, to be in control. Nothing could be further from the truth. Tell God how it really is for you right now. Then look again at 6:9.

Mon 9th Jeremiah 26
Tues 10th Jeremiah 27
Wed 11th Jeremiah 28
Thurs 12th Jeremiah 29
Fri 13th Jeremiah 30

Sat & Sun 14th & 15th Psalm 7

Where do we find justice? The writer looks for it here and now. He cries out for God to make things right. Yet he recognizes something more: those who do evil bring trouble upon themselves (v 16). How do you see this truth played out today?

Mon 16th Jeremiah 31
Tues 17th Jeremiah 32
Wed 18th Jeremiah 33
Thurs 19th Jeremiah 34 & 35
Fri 20th Jeremiah 36

Sat & Sun 21st & 22nd Psalm 8

This is a beautiful creation psalm. How majestic is God’s creation! The praise of children and infants gets special mention (v2). The psalm is alive with wonder – how breath-taking that God takes such interest in mere mortals, and bestows such honour upon them. Pause. Reflect. Read the psalm again with wonder and praise.

Mon 23rd Jeremiah 37
Tues 24th Jeremiah 38
Wed 25th Jeremiah 39
Thurs 26th Jeremiah 40 & 41
Fri 27th Jeremiah 42 & 43

Sat & Sun 28th & 29th Psalms 9 & 10

Psalms 9 & 10 asks a question still posed today: “Why, Lord, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?” (v1) Do you wonder where God is sometimes? What is He up to? Note how the psalm ends: “the Lord is king forever...” Praise God today, whatever your current questions or experience.

Mon 30th Jeremiah 44 & 45
Tues 31st Jeremiah 46 & 47

APRIL

Wed 1st Jeremiah 48
Thurs 2nd Jeremiah 49
Fri 3rd Jeremiah 50
Sat & Sun 4th & 5th Psalms 11 & 12

"May the Lord silence all flattering lips and every boastful tongue..." (12:3). Flattery and boastfulness are two things the Lord hates. Where do you see them today? Where do you see them in your own life? Ask the Lord to remove them.

Mon 6th Jeremiah 51:1-35
Tues 7th Jeremiah 51:36-64
Wed 8th Jeremiah 52
Thurs 9th Lamentations 1
Fri 10th Lamentations 2

Sat & Sun 11th & 12th Psalms 13 & 14

Have you ever felt as though you were part of a persecuted minority? These psalms express this idea – evildoers flourish while God's people suffer. Yet there is also trust in God's justice. Trust in God today – and pray for persecuted minorities you know about.

Mon 13th Lamentations 3
Tues 14th Lamentations 4
Wed 15th Lamentations 5
Thurs 16th 1 Corinthians 1
Fri 17th 1 Corinthians 2

Sat & Sun 18th & 19th Psalms 15 & 16

Psalm 16 expresses the thought that those run after other gods will suffer more and more (v4). How do you see this? What may the writer have in mind here? Contrast the destiny of those who remain faithful to the Lord (vv10-11 – also quoted in New Testament). Count your blessings today, one by one.

Mon 20th 1 Corinthians 3
Tues 21st 1 Corinthians 4
Wed 22nd 1 Corinthians 5
Thurs 23rd 1 Corinthians 6
Fri 24th 1 Corinthians 7

Sat & Sun 25th & 26th Psalm 17

Again this psalm of David expresses a plea for vindication in the face of opposition. Opposition may be criticisms, unfair comments made about us, disappointment or resentment. How do you react to criticism? Do you defend yourself or leave it to God? Pray verse 8. Compare 1 Peter 2:19-25.

Mon 27th 1 Corinthians 8
Tues 28th 1 Corinthians 9
Wed 29th 1 Corinthians 10
Thurs 30th 1 Corinthians 11

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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