



*A Daily DEVOTIONAL Guide*

F O R T Y - T W O  
*Days of God*

This 42 day intense study takes an in depth look into the character of your wonderful God. The treasured result for your labor will be a transformed life and a renewed faith in your God.

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One of the key attributes of God is His holiness. This is a concept, as with most concepts about God, that can't be fully understood by our human minds, but God does give us enough understanding to know how we should live. As you study about the holiness of God may it cause you to humble yourself and realize your weakness and His greatness.

*"He must increase, but I must decrease." - John 3:30*

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**GOD'S HOLINESS REVEALED TO MOSES**

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**Exodus 3:1-12**

What occupation did Moses have (vs 1)? Why? - See Ex. 1 & 2

How was Mt. Horeb described (vs 2)? Why?

*\*\*\*Mt. Horeb was another name for Mt. Sinai, the place where God gave Moses the Law (See Ex. 19:10-11 & Deut 4:10). It was probably referred to "as the Mountain of God" because of the different times Moses met God on the mountain..*

Who appeared to Moses in the burning bush (vs 2)?

*\*\*\*The "angel of the Lord" also signified the presence of God. Here and in other OT passages, the angel of the Lord is God himself.*

What was happening to the bush (vs 3)?

What did God do when Moses approached (vs 4)?

Why did God tell Moses to take off his shoes?

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What does this teach you about God?

*\*\*\*When a person took off their sandals, they were showing reverence and respect to the place where they were at.*

Who did God declare He was (vs 6)? Why?

What was the response of Moses to the presence of God (vs 6)?

What did God send Moses to do (vs 7-10)?

How did Moses respond (vs 11)?

How can you often feel like Moses?

What did God tell Moses (vs 12)?

Why did God choose to reveal His holiness and his power to Moses as He called Moses to serve Him?

Why do you think it is important to have a proper understanding of God as you serve Him?

## BE HOLY AS GOD IS HOLY

**Leviticus 19:1-2**

*\*\*\*Moses had received the Law from God and had spent much time declaring the Law and the purpose of the Law to the people.*

What did God want Moses to tell the people (vs 1-2)?

What does it mean that God is “holy”?

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*\*\*\*The word “holy” means both to be pure and without spot, but also means to be set apart from something. God is totally perfect with no faults and failures. He is set apart from any other thing known to mankind because of this holiness and he desires that his people be different than the world.*

Can humans ever be holy like God? If we can't, then why were the Israelites given this command?

*\*\*\*To help us understand this more, we will look at some other passages that reflect this theme.*

**Leviticus 20:1-8**

What didn't God want the children of Israel to do (vs 2)?

*\*\*\*Molech the god of the Ammonites. They worshiped him by sacrificing their children to him.*

What would those who worshiped Molech do to the name of God (vs 3)?

How can believers do this today?

What else did God not want his children to do (vs 6)?

What were the children commanded to do (vs 7)?

*\*\*\*Sanctify means to consecrate or set apart for a particular reason or purpose. God wanted his followers to choose to set themselves apart from the world for His use.*

What is man's part in the process and what is God's part (vs 7-8)?

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How should believers act towards God (vs 14)?

What will obedience lead you to (vs 15)?

Why should you be holy (vs 16-19)?

How is it easy for believers to attempt to be holy, but do it with the wrong motivation?

How do you have any hope at living a holy life (vs 20-21)?

What is your part in striving for holiness (vs 22)?

Why can't you make yourself holy (vs 23-25)?

Why is it so important to rely upon God to help you be holy rather than to attempt to try it yourself?

**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

Since you can't be perfect or holy, why should you even try?

What is the only successful way that you can follow the command to "be holy as God is holy"?

How are you letting the Word of God and the Holy Spirit sanctify you on a regular basis?

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In the Scripture, the holiness of God and the power of God often go hand in hand. When you read about the holiness of God, you will often read about His power and glory. The holy power of God sets Him far apart from any other thing or person that humans have worshiped through the centuries.

*"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness." - 1Chronicles 16:29*

**GOD DISPLAYED HIS HOLY POWER TO ISRAEL****Exodus 19:1-25**

Where did God lead the Israelites after they left Egypt (vs 1-2)?

What did God say He did for Israel (vs 4)?

What promise had God made to Israel (vs 5)?

What type of nation was Israel to be (vs 6)?

What was the response of the people (vs 8)?

What was God planning to do for the people (vs 9)?

What were the people to do (vs 10)? Why?

What does this reveal about the holiness of God?

What would happen to anyone who touched the mountain (vs 12)?

What happened after 3 days (vs 16)?

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What happened to the mountain (vs 18)?

How did God speak to the people (vs 19)?

What were the priests to do (vs 22)? Why?

**GOD DISPLAYED HIS HOLY POWER TO JOSHUA**

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**Joshua 5:13 - 6:5**

*\*\*\*The Israelites had crossed into the Promise Land without Moses. Joshua was now their leader and he was facing the difficult task of leading the Israelites against the powerful and heavily fortified city of Jericho.*

What did Joshua see by Jericho (vs 13)?

Who did the person say he was (vs 14)?

What was Joshua's response (vs 14)?

Do you respond to God with the humility the Joshua did? If so, how? If not, why not?

What did the "commander" tell Joshua to do (vs 15)? Why?

*\*\*\*The commander of the army was an earthly form of God. Joshua was in the presence of a holy God.*

What did God tell Joshua (vs 2 - Chapter 6)?

What did Joshua need to do to be victorious (vs 3-5)?

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**ISRAEL SERVED A HOLY GOD**

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**Joshua 24:14-24**

*\*\*\*In verses 1-13, God recounted all the things that God had done for the nation of Israel. He wanted them to see His power and His holiness and what affect His character has on their daily lives.*

What were some things that Joshua encouraged the people to do (vs 14)?

What did he want the people to choose (vs 15)?

How did the people respond (vs 16-18)? Why?

Why did Joshua say the people wouldn't be able to serve God (vs 19)?

*\*\*\*By saying that God would not forgive them, Joshua was telling the people that they would have to pay the consequences for their sin.*  
What can you learn about the holiness of God from these verses?

What would God do if the people turned away from Him (vs 20)?

How did the people respond (vs 21)?

What are some of the things the people needed to do in order to serve the Lord (vs 22-24)?

What can you learn from this?

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A VIEW OF GOD FROM HANNAH

**I Samuel 2:1-10**

What was the reason for Hannah's rejoicing (vs 1)?

What are some things she realized about God (vs 2)?

Why was her understanding of God's holiness so important?

What did Hannah realize about the condition of all men before a holy God (vs 3)?

What did Hannah realize about God's power (vs 4-5)?

What else did Hannah realize about God (vs 6)?

What did Hannah understand about earthly possessions (vs 7-8)?

Do you view possessions the same way she did?

What will God do for those who follow Him (vs 9-10)?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Why do you think the holiness and power of God are often mentioned together?

How can your holiness enable you to live a powerful life?

Do you have the same view of God that Hannah did? If so, how? If not, why not?

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In today's society, the holiness of God is one of those biblical topics that aren't very user friendly. People don't often want to read passages about the type of holiness that God desires from His children. This is because we want to do Christianity our way and not God's way. As you see God's holiness today, examine your life to see how seriously you take the holiness of God.

*“And the men of Bethshemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? and to whom shall he go up from us?”*

– 1 Samuel 6:20

GOD'S HOLINESS WAS REVEALED TO MEN

**I Samuel 5:1-12**

*\*\*\*Chapter 4 described how the Philistines attacked the land of Israel and invaded the tabernacle taking the ark of the covenant back with them to their land. The ark of the covenant was to be in the Holy Place of the temple and was like a small chest. In the ark, God told Moses to place the tablets with the commandments, Aaron's rod and a pot of Manna. These were all reminders to Israel's of God's greatness and his reliability in keeping His end of the covenant. This ark was special and sacred to the Israelites.*

Where did the Philistines take the ark to (vs 1-2)?

*\*\*\*Dagon was one of the main deities that the Philistines worshipped.*

What happened the first morning after that ark had been placed next to the statue of Dagon (vs 3)?

What happened the next morning (vs 4)?

What else happened to the Philistines in the region where the ark was being kept (vs 6)?

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What did the Philistines realize (vs 7)?

Where did they put the ark next (vs 8)?

*\*\*\*They thought that moving the ark closer to Israel might help the situation.*

What did God do to Gath (vs 9)?

How did the people of Ekron feel when they saw the ark coming (vs 10-11)?

How great of a problem did the ark cause (vs 12)?

What does this show you about the power of God?

**I Samuel 6:1-21**

Who did the Philistines call for (vs 2)?

*\*\*\*These men were highly involved in occult type practices which were an active part of the Philistine religion.*

What did they tell the Philistines (vs 3)?

What offering did they tell the Philistine leaders to offer (vs 4-5)?

*\*\*\*It was their practice to make models of the things that afflicted them and offer those images to the gods they thought were afflicting them. Apparently, the mice (rats) were bringing about the tumors in the Philistines.*

What lesson had the Philistines learned from the past (vs 6)?

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What was their solution to the problem (vs 7-9)?

What would they know if the cart traveled towards Israel (vs 9)?

What did the Israelites do when the cart came back (vs 14)?

What happened to some of the men of Beth-shemesh (vs 19)? Why?

*\*\*\*Numbers 4:20 But they shall not go in to see when the holy things are covered, lest they die.*

*\*\*\*They didn't just look at the outside of the ark, but they opened it up to see what was inside.*

What did the men of Beth-shemesh realize about God (vs 20)?

How could the Philistines have echoed their realization?

What did the people of Beth-shemeth do (vs 21)?

*\*\*\*The Levites were the only ones whom God allowed to take care of and move the ark.*

What does this narrative display to you about the holiness of God?

What are areas of your life where you might tend to test the holiness of God? *Hint: Things you listen to, watch and think*

How can you avoid these things to “be holy as God is holy”?

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**DAVID PROCLAIMED THE HOLINESS OF GOD**

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**Psalm 89:15-21**

How should believers walk/live (vs 15)?

Would verse 16 describe your life? Why or why not?

Why should you rejoice constantly (vs 17)?

Why do believers often fail to realize who God really is?

How is God described (vs 18)?

Why did David describe himself as holy (vs 19)?

*\*\*\*Holy means set apart and given power for a specific purpose*

How is the word "holy" used in verse 20? Why?

Where did David get all His strength (vs 21)?

Why do believers often fail to realize their strength to accomplish anything of value only comes from God?

Do you fall into this category? If so, how can you avoid this?

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What type of holiness does God want from you?

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What lesson can you learn from the Philistines and the Israelites about holiness?



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The holiness of God is the basis for His other attributes. God would not be fully God if he only had power and lacked holiness. Since God is holy, God never makes mistakes. When He uses His power, He uses it in the right way and at the right time. Understanding more about the holiness of God will allow you to develop a greater love and appreciation for Him. Ps 71:22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery, even thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israe

*“I will also praise thee with the psaltery, even thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.” - Psalm 71:22*

**DAVID’S RECOGNIZED THAT GOD WAS HOLY**

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**Psalm 22:1-31**

What was David asking God (vs 1)?

Why did that phrase sound so famaliar?

What did David say he did (vs 2)?

Though things weren’t going David’s way, what did he realize about God (vs 3)?

What did David realize about the past (vs 4)?

Why is it important to look beyond present when you are in the midst of a difficult circumstance?

What can you see about the character of God (vs 5)?

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What did David think about himself (vs 6)? Why?

How were people mocking David (vs 7-8)?

What did David realize about God (vs 9-10)?

How was David feeling (vs 14-15)?

What does this show you about your human emotions?

Why do believers often feel guilty when they struggle with the same struggles that David had?

What did David ask God to do (vs 20-21)?

What did David do in the midst of his trials (vs 22-24)?

Why is it hard to praise God in the midst of trials?

Why is it so important to praise God?

What was David determined to do in the midst of hard times (vs 25)?

How was he able to do this?

What important thing did David realize about God (vs 28)?

What did David realize that all men will do (vs 29)?

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Why was this a motivation for him to continue trusting in God?

How did David's recognition of the holiness of God (vs 3) lead to his understanding about the trustworthiness of God?

**Psalm 71:17-24**

How did David's relationship with God as a young person help him throughout his life (vs 17)?

What did David understand about God (vs 19)?

What does it mean that God is righteous?

What had God continually done for David throughout his life (vs 20)?

What can you learn about difficult times through this?

What was the end result (vs 21)?

What did David realize about God (vs 22)?

Why do you think David described God as the "Holy One"?

What did David's realization of God lead to (vs 23)?

What did David want to continually talk about (vs 24)?

How often do you talk about spiritual things? If not very often, why not?

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**Psalm 99:1-9**

What are some things David understood about God (vs 1-2)?

What did David declare (vs 3)? Why?

How did David partially describe the holiness of God (vs 4)?

What was David's response to a holy God (vs 5)?

What are ways that you worship God?

Why does David include the way God answered prayer in his description of a holy God (vs 6-7)?

What can you learn about God's dealings with sin from verse 8?

What was David's response to God's holiness (vs 9)?

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How do you worship God? Read these verses to see if they describe your life.

*Romans 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

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What are some areas of your life that you need to change so that your life can be an act of worship offered up to God?

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The whole character of God is centered around His holiness. He acts the way that He acts because He is holy. Developing a greater understanding of His holiness will help deepen your knowledge of the whole character of God. You will understand more and more why He responds. Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye wen the way that He responds and leads the way He leads when you gain a deeper understanding of His holiness.

*“Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye wen” - Ezekiel 36:22*

#### ISAIAH WAS CONFRONTED BY A HOLY GOD

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##### **Isaiah 5:13-24**

*Isaiah prophesied during the time of the divided kingdom. A time where much of Israel had rejected God and many of the Israelites had become deeply involved in idol worship. God sent many prophets to warn them, but the people wouldn't listen. Isaiah was one of the prophets who begged the people to repent, knowing that their failure to repent would lead to the destruction of the nation. In the first part of chapter 5, Isaiah compared Israel to a vineyard that was planted and nurtured by God, yet they failed to produce godly fruit. Instead they chose to go their own way and only produced wild grapes.*

What was going to happen to the Israelites (vs 13-14)?

\*\*\*“Sheol” is a reference to the grave and death.

What will happen to all the Israelites who were extremely prideful at one time (vs 15)?

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What does God's justice have to do with His holiness (vs 16)?

How will God's righteousness display His holiness (vs 16)?

What were the people asking for (vs 19)?

Why was this a foolish thing to do?

What was the attitude of many of the Israelites towards God (vs 20)?

How do you see the same thing existing today even among believers?

List some modern ways that verses 21-23 are being practiced today.

What was the real sin of the people?

How can you fall into this same trap today?

Why do you think Isaiah described God as the "Holy One" of Israel in this passage?

**Isaiah 6:1-7**

What did Isaiah see (vs 1-2)?

What were they saying (vs 3)?

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Why is it important to understand the context around this passage?

*\*\*\*This vision is a total contradiction to how the people were living. The Israelites had used the temple for idol worship and this vision displayed God's hatred of their abominations.*

What did Isaiah respond to the holiness of God (vs 5)?

How does the reveal how awful the sins of the people were?

How can you see God's holiness and forgiveness balanced out (vs 6-7)?

Why is humility a vital component of your Christian walk?

Do you express the same humility that Isaiah expressed?

**GOD IS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS HOLY NAME****Ezekiel 36:16-32**

What had the Israelites done (vs 16-17)?

What was the result (vs 18-19)?

What was the response of the foreign nations (vs 20)?

What had Israel allowed to happen (vs 21)?

How can you be like the nation of Israel?

Why did God have to act the way He did towards the nation of Israel (vs 22)?

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What can you learn from this?

What did God want all the nations to know (vs 23)?

How does this help you understand how God can love you even though you are a sinner?

What was God planning to do for the nation of Israel (vs 24-31)?  
\*\*\**These events described here have not been fully fulfilled, and won't be until Christ returns.*

What did this reveal about the love of God?

What did God once again emphasize (vs 32)?

GOD IS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS HOLY NAME

Why do we as humans often think that the whole world is centered around us?

Why is it so important for you to make God the center of your life?

Is God the center of your life? Explain.

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The idea that God is holy isn't new to most believers. We say that He is holy, but do we live lives that display that we serve a holy God. The holiness of God is not only seen throughout the Scripture, but is also evident in the last days. As you see God's holiness throughout the book of the Revelation, ask God to reveal to you any areas of your life that you need to change.

*"Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest." - Revelation 15:4*

THE HOLINESS OF GOD REVEALED IN THE REVELATION

**Revelation 3:7-13**

List the four descriptions given of God in verse 7.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

What praise did God give to the church at Philadelphia (vs 8)?

What will God make happen (vs 9)?

What was God going to do for the church?

What will God do for true believers (vs 12)?

Why do you think the holiness of God is mentioned before the passage about the Philadelphia church?

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What was John asked to do (vs 1)?

Who do you think was sitting on the throne (vs 2-3)?

What did He look like (vs 3)?

\*\*\**For a description similar to this, but in much more detail, see Ezekiel 1:4-28.*

Who was seated around the throne (vs 4)?

Who were these people?

\*\*\**Many commentators have different ideas as to who these men were, but no one really knows for sure.*

What came from the throne (vs 5)?

What was around the throne (vs 6)?

\*\*\**The many eyes were a depiction of the fact that God could constantly see everything that was happening to all men around the world.*

How did the different creatures look (vs 7)? Why?

*The likeness to a lion symbolizes strength and power. **second ... like a calf.** The image of a calf demonstrates that these beings render humble service to God. **third ... face like a man.** Their likeness to man shows they are rational beings. **fourth ... like a***

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***flying eagle.** The cherubim fulfill their service to God with the swiftness of eagles' wings. - MacArthur Study Bible*

What did the creatures that surrounded the throne of God say continually (vs 8)?

Why did they repeat holy three times?

\*\*\**Perhaps it had to do with the fact that God was holy, is holy and always will be holy.*

How does holiness and living forever go hand in hand (vs 9)?

What was the response of the 24 elders to the holiness of God (vs 10)?

What does this teach you about your response to God?

What did the elders say about God (vs 11)?

What will this realization in a person's life cause them to do?

**Revelation 6:9-11**

\*\*\**John saw angels begin to open different seals which predicted future events and pronounced specific judgments upon the world.*

Who did John see under the altar (vs 9)?

What did they cry out (vs 10)?

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Why do you think their cry included a description of the holiness of God?

What did God give to those who were martyred (vs 11)?

What can you learn about the holiness of God from this passage?

**Revelation 15:1-4**

What did John see in verse 1?

*\*\*\*These were the final judgments that God was going to pour out upon the earth.*

Who was standing beside the sea of glass?

*\*\*\*This was the description of those who refused to receive the mark of the beast and were killed for their faith.*

What were some descriptions given about God (vs 3)?

Why did they say that God alone was holy (vs 4)?

What will this holiness cause people to do?

**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

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How would you live differently if God was physically with you each day?

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What affect should the holiness of God have on your life?

Weekly Summary  
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Take time today to catch up on any days that you have missed this week. Then, meditate on what you have learned and write down five things that made an impact on you this week.

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3.

4.

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Though the study of God this week will focus on His justice, it is hard to limit ourselves to the one characteristic of God. Many times that God is described in the Scripture, He is described by more than one, if not several, characteristics. Though you will focus on His justice today, you will also be able to see many of His attributes.

*“He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.”*  
– Deuteronomy 32:4

## THE SONG OF MOSES

**Deuteronomy 32:1-43**

*\*\*\*Moses was preparing the nation of Israel for his death, and during this time, he gave them many instructions. Though instructions were good, he also wanted to let the people know what he really thought of God. He did this through what is described as “The Song of Moses.”*

What can you see about Moses’ view of God (vs 3)?

Why do you think Moses called God the “Rock” (vs 4)?

How you define “just” after reading verse 4?

What did Moses want all men to realize about God (vs 4)?

How is God’s love described (vs 10-12)?

How has God displayed the same love to you?



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What did God do for the people (vs 13-14)?

Why did they turn away from God (vs 15)?

What lesson can you learn from this?

How was the error of the Israelites summed up (vs 18)?

What does God's justice protect (vs 27)?

What will wise people do (vs 28-29)?

How would you put yourself in this category? Explain.

What can you see about the justice of God from verses 34 & 35?

What will God do for those who love Him (vs 36)?

How do people often make mistakes in this area?

How did God describe himself in verse 39?

How can the justice of God be seen in verse 43?

What lesson can you learn from this?

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*\*\*\*David was on his death bed and he desired to give one last charge to the nation and to Solomon who would be the next king.*

What is similar between David's song about God and the song that Moses wrote about God (vs 3)?

Why should men rule justly?

What will be the result when a leader is just (vs 4)?

What will God be to all those that call upon Him (vs 5)?

Why do you think a just God desires just rulers?

THE ISRAELITES REALIZED THAT GOD WAS JUST**Nehemiah 9:32-38**

*\*\*\*Nehemiah led a group of Israelites from captivity to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Since they realized the walls were destroyed because of their sin, they took a great deal of time to read the Law and then confess the sins of Israel to God.*

How was God described in verse 32?

Is this how you would describe God's working in your life? Explain.

How was God just though Israel faced great destruction and pain (vs 33-34)?

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How had God been good to the Israelites (vs 35)?

**Nehemiah 10:28-39**

As a result of understanding the justice of God, what are some of the things the Israelites committed to do (vs 28-31) ?

Do you have those same commitments in your life? Explain.

How did their heart for God affect the way that they gave to God?  
How much did they give to Him?

Have you ever given that much to Him? Would you be willing to make that type of sacrifice for God? Explain.

What did they commit to do (vs 35-39)? Why?

**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

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How has God been a Rock in your life?

How can you see that God's justice doesn't only mean punishment, but should draw your attention to the blessings He gives?

Why do you think most people wouldn't be willing to give 33% of their income to God? How can you be different?

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What do you think a just God would do for you?

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Focusing on only one characteristic of God is very difficult to do because most passages that talk about God describe how many of His attributes are working together at the same time. As you read today, you will see once again how God is just, but you will also catch a glimpse of many of God's other attributes.

*“Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.”*  
- Isaiah 45:21

#### THE JUSTICE OF GOD REVEALED THROUGH ISAIAH

##### **Isaiah 45:1-25**

*\*\*\*Some of the book of Isaiah predicted the destruction that God would bring upon Israel if they failed to repent and turn back to Him. Though some of the book described destruction, God followed the destruction with hope. After many of the Israelites would be taken into captivity by the Babylonians, God would use a king from the Medo-Persian empire named Cyrus to help restore the city of Jerusalem and allow the Israelites to establish their Jewish identity. The picture of Cyrus is also a small picture of the great victory the Jesus Christ will have when He reigns and rules over the world.*

How did God describe Cyrus (vs 1)?

*\*\*\*This was a term that was used of David and Solomon and was also used to reference the Messiah (Jesus Christ). It was used here to display how God was going to use Cyrus as His tool.*

How was Cyrus able to easily be victorious over the powerful Babylonian nation (vs 2-3)?

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What can you learn from this?

Why did God say He was going to give Cyrus the victory (vs 4)?

How is the love of God displayed (vs 4)?

What does this show you about God's love for you?

What should be your response to God as you understand the significance of verses like verse 5?

What does God want people to know (vs 6)?

What does verse 7 reveal about God?

What warning is given in verse 9?

Why is this such an important warning for you?

What do verses 11-13 reveal about God?

What would God do for those who sought Him (vs 17)?

Why did God create the earth (vs 18)?

What does God do (vs 19)?

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What do many people lack (vs 20)?

How is God described in verse 21?

How are the righteousness and justice of God similar?

\*\*\**The same Hebrew word that is translated "just" is also translated "righteous."*

What does God want all men to do (vs 22)?

What does God say will happen (vs 23)?

What comes from God (vs 24)?

What can you learn from this?

What promise does God give to all men (vs 25)?

How can this promise be applied to your life?

How can the justice of God be seen throughout the whole passage?

### THE JUSTICE OF GOD REVEALED THROUGH ISAIAH

#### **Zephaniah 3:1-20**

\*\*\**Like Isaiah and many of the prophets whose writings are part of Scripture, Zephaniah was called by God to pronounce judgement upon Israel for their sin, but to bring them hope for the future.*

Why was God going to bring judgment upon the nation of Israel (vs 1-4)?

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What does this reveal about God (vs 5)?

Why is it so important for you to understand that God is just?

Why do you think most false religions distort the justice of God?

Why did God bring difficult times to the Israelites (vs 7)?

After reading the first eight verses of chapter three, is God's judgement unfair? Explain.

What are the result of the judgement of God (vs 14-20)?

What can you learn about God's justice through this?

### PERSONAL APPLICATION

Why do you think many people feel that God isn't just?

What do you think a misunderstanding of God's justice can lead to?

What affect has the understanding of God's justice had on your life?

What lesson would you like other to learn about God's justice?

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For the last few days we looked at different places where Scripture declared that God was “just” (KJV). We will now see how God practices “justice.” The fact that He is just means that He will carry out the correct and righteous justice on all men. He will make the right decision for you everytime.

*“To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.” - Proverbs 21:3*

**CALLED TO DISPLAY JUSTICE**

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**Genesis 18:16-21**

*\*\*\*God had send his messengers to tell Abraham and Sarah that they were going to have a child and then the messengers began traveling towards Sodom and Gomorrah to pronounce destruction.*

What had God chosen Abraham to do (vs 18)?

What had God commanded Abraham to do (vs 19)?

What was the way of the Lord (vs 19)?

What does God desire of you?

What does this mean on a practical level?

**SOLOMON DISPLAYED GOD’S JUSTICE**

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**I Kings 10:1-10**

Why did the Queen of Sheeba visit Solomon (vs 1)?

How did Solomon respond (vs 3)?

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What was her response when she saw God’s working through Solomon (vs 5)?

How do people respond to your wisdom and the way that you life for and worship God?

What did the queen recognize about Solomon (vs 6-7)?

What are some things that the queen realized about God (vs 9)?

Why did she say God had made Solomon king (vs 9)?

If God wanted Solomon to live this way, how do you think He wants you to live?

What is the only way that you have the ability to live like that?

**JUSTICE IS GOD’S FOUNDATION AS KING**

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**Psalms 89:1-18**

How have you seen the love and faithfulness of God in your life (vs 1-2)?

How do verses 5 & 6 describe God?

What should be your view of God (vs 7)? Is it? Explain.

What is God able to do (vs 9)?

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*\*\*\*Vs 10 - Rahab was a poetical name for Egypt.*

What does verse 11 say about God?

In light of this verse, how should you view all that you claim to be yours?

How should you live everyday?

What do you think it means that God has a “mighty arm” (vs 13)?

What are the foundations of God’s throne (vs 14)?

Why is it so important to understand what type of ruler and judge God is?

What would it be like serving a king who wasn’t just in his actions?

*\*\*\*To help you understand this, picture a referee at a ball game who made calls according to his feelings, and not according to the rules.*

*There would be no order or consistency.*

Why do you think a proper view of God’s justice will greatly assist people in having a proper view of God?

What does God’s justice mean to those who walk in God’s ways (vs 15-16)?

How does God’s justice allow Him to be your shield and strength (vs

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17-18)?

### THE IMPORTANCE OF JUSTICE IN YOUR LIFE

#### **Proverbs 21:1-5**

What is a natural way for humans to live (vs 2)?

How have you seen this true in your life?

Why is it so important to understand that God judges differently than people judge?

What does verse 3 say about the justice of God?

Does your life display justice? Explain.

What is the opposite of justice (vs 4)?

How can hasty judgments and decisions lead to injustice (vs 5)?

### PERSONAL APPLICATION

What is the only way that you can have the ability to live a life of justice?

What do you think that justice should look like in a person’s life?

What does the justice of God mean to you?

David learned many lessons throughout his life. Many of those lessons had to do with the wonderful character of God. Through battles and trials David had learned to trust and rely upon God and He found that God was always there to help. As he was nearing the end of his life, he took time out to praise His wonderful God and to allow us to see the many things that He learned about God.

*“I will call on the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.” - II Samuel 22:4*

#### **DAVID ADORES HIS WONDERFUL GOD**

##### **II Samuel 22:1-7**

What are some characteristics of a rock (vs 2-3)?

Why did David describe God as a rock?

How is God your rock? If He isn't why not?

What was the purpose of a fortress (vs 2-3)?

Describe some times where you need a fortress?

How has God been your fortress?

Why do you need a “deliverer” in your Christian life (vs 2)?

Why do you think many Christians reject God's way and try to do things on their own?

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How could a person find refuge in a rock (vs 2)?

*\*\*\*The area of Judea where David spent most of his life was full of rocky hills. These rocks served as protectors and also served as hiding places while he was being chased by Saul.*

Describe some storms that have come into your life where you had to seek refuge in God?

What happened during times when you tried to seek refuge in something else other than God?

What does it mean that God is “the horn of my salvation” (vs 3)?

*\*\*\*Horns were a symbol of strength and power because animals would use their horns to fight off their enemies in battle.*

Why is it so important to realize that as a believer, God will fight your battles for you if you look to Him?

What do you think will be the result when you take your battles into your own hands?

Though many believers know they should let God do it, how come many still try win their battles by themselves?

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What is a stronghold (vs 3)?

*\*\*\*A stronghold was a place that would offer protection from enemies. They were places in nature where David and his men would easily be able to see attackers that were coming and would easily be able to defend themselves. These would be places like cliffs and rocks that would offer natural protection while David was on the run.*

What type of savior was David talking about in verse 3?

How can God be this type of savior for you?

What had David learned was one of the most important things in life (vs 4)?

Do you call on the Lord daily or only when you get into tough circumstances? Explain.

What can you do (or what are you doing) to make sure that you call on the Lord for help each and everyday?

Who or what are enemies that you need to be saved from (vs 4)?

Have you ever been or seen someone in a situation like David described in verses 5 & 6? Explain.

How do you or that person respond? What is a right response?



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What will God do when you call out to Him?

Why do people sometimes think that God won't or doesn't hear them?

PRACTICAL EXAMPLE OF GOD'S DELIVERANCE

**I Samuel 23:24-29**

*\*\*\*Saul wanted to kill David so he and his army aggressively sought to find David. David had escaped before, but things were getting pretty intense as Saul got closer to David.*

Where did David go to hide (vs 25)?

Describe the what was happening (vs 26)?

How close was Saul to capturing David?

How did God deliver David (vs 27)?

What did David call the place (vs 28)? Why?

*\*\*\*Selahammahlekoth meant "rock of division" or "rock of escape"*

Where did David go and hide (vs 29)?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Why do many people often only seek God as a last resort? How can you avoid this?

Though you read about the character of God, why do you think it is so hard for God's character to become a reality to many people?

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To many believers, God never becomes very real to them in their lives because they don't allow Him to be real. They face trials and troubles and briefly turn to Him for help, but they have trouble really trusting Him. This doubt and fear is due to a wrong view and understanding of God. God wants to do great and mighty things for you and through you, but you must let Him work.

*“He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.” – 2 Samuel 22:20*

**THE GREAT POWER OF GOD**

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**II Samuel 22:7-31**

*\*\*\*In verses 8-16, David poetically makes several references to the power of God. He used illustrations from the most powerful forces in nature to help aid our understanding of the great power of God. What did David do? How did God respond (vs 7)?*

What does verse 8 display about the love of God for His children?

Why is it hard at times to truly know that God loves you?

What can you learn about the power of God from verses 8-16?

Why is it so important to understand the great power of God?

What did God do for David (vs 17)?

Why is it often hard to understand how such a powerful God could be

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so gentle?

What are some practical ways that God can rescue you from your enemies that are much stronger than you are (vs 18)?

*\*\*\*Most of the battles you face will not be physical, but spiritual.*

What does it mean that the Lord was David's "stay" (vs 19)?

Why did God deliver David (vs 20)?

Why does God view you the same way?

*Galatians 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love. 7 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?*

Why is it so important as a believer to realize that God is not angry with you?

*\*\*\*As you read through verses 21-25 you must remember that David was writing this at the end of his life. This was after He made many mistakes, including lying, murder, adultery — what we would call the "big" sins.*

How did God reward David (vs 21)?

What did David say he had done (vs 22-24)?

David knew that he was a sinner, yet he still wrote this. What do you think he understood about a relationship with God that many

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believers fail to understand today?

Why do many believers live in constant fear and guilt?

How can you see that this comes from a wrong view of God?

*Galatians 6:7 says, Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*

How can the truth of this principle be seen in verses 26-28?

Why is humility so important in the Christian life (vs 28)?

How is God a lamp in your life (vs 29)?

Why do you think many people, even believers, stumble around in the darkness?

What point was David trying to get across (vs 30)?

*\*\*\*A troop referred to a large group of an opposing army.*

How have you see God do the impossible through you? If you haven't why do you think that is?

Why is it so important to understand that God's way is perfect (vs

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31)?

How has God's Word proved to be true in your life?

Practically speaking, how can God be your shield (vs 31)?

A PRACTICAL EXAMPLE FROM SCRIPTURE

**Joshua 2:1-21**

*\*\*\*Read this passage and then answer the following questions.*

How was God a shield for the spies?

How did you see God's power in the situation?

How did you see God's perfect way and perfect plan at work?

How did God deliver them from great distress?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

If God is who He says He is and does what He says He will do, why do you think so many people struggle with trusting Him and giving their lives completely to Him?

Write down some specific lessons that you have learned about God from the experiences of your life.

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As David summed up all that God meant to him, it was clearly evident that David had truly experienced God. God wasn't just a word or a distant person, but He was an active, vital part of David's daily life. As you read today's passage, ask yourself if you can say that same things about God that David said. If you can't carefully examine your relationship with Him.

*“For who is God, save the LORD? and who is a rock, save our God?” - II Samuel 22:32*

**GOD WAS REAL TO DAVID**

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**II Samuel 22:32-51**

What point was David trying to get across in verse 32?

How can God be your strength and power (vs 33)?

What did David mean when he said God made his way “perfect”?  
 \*\*\**The Hebrew word used here was translated in many different ways. According to the Online Bible Hebrew Lexicon, the word means “complete, whole, entire, sound.”*

How does God make your life complete?

What did God do for David (vs 34)?

\*\*\**A hind was a type of deer*

\*\*\**High places were considered places of security and safety.*

Practically, how can or how has He done this for you?

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What did David realize about the many victories he had won (vs 35)?

How does this explain why David's life was marked with humility?

How should you understand what you have in light of this verse?

What do shield's do (vs 36)?

Why do you as a follower of God need a shield?

What do you think David meant when he said, "Your gentleness made me great"?

How can verse 37 be understood in the culture of that day?

*\*\*\*There are many rocky hills and steep cliffs in the land of Israel. While David was on the run from Saul, he spent much of his time in these rugged places and walked on many narrow paths where one slip of the foot would send him tumbling down a deep cliff to certain death below.*

What did God do for David?

What are some practical ways that God has done this for you?

What had God given David the power to do (vs 38-40)?

How can He give you the power to do the same?

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Why is it important to let God take care of your problems (vs 41)?

How can verse 44 be applied on a practical level in your life?

How great was the power of God on David's life (vs 45-46)?

Why is it so important to understand that you serve a living God (vs 47)?

How is God the "rock of *your* salvation" (vs 47)?

Why is it significant that David chose not to take credit for any of the battles that he had won (vs 48-49)?

What are some areas in your life where you are tempted to take the credit for our success? Explain.

What kind of love did God show to David (vs 51)?

How has He shown this love to you?

GOD WANTS TO BE REAL TO YOU

*\*\*\*To many God is just a Supreme Being who doesn't concern himself greatly with the affairs of men, but their understanding of God is not the biblical understanding presented in Scripture. For a greater understanding of the study passage, read all of chapter 8.*

A Description of God  
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What has Paul realized about God (vs 31)?

What proof do you have of God's loving power towards you (vs 32)?

What is Christ doing for you (vs 34)?

What difference should this idea make in the way that you live?

What point was Paul trying to get across (vs 35)?

How have you seen this verse true in your life?

How can you be a "conqueror" in life (vs 37)?

What do verses 38 and 39 show you about God's love?

**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

Why is it important that a love for God be your motivating factor for serving Him?

Why do you think many Christians have a warped view of God?

Is there anything you need to change in your life to better allow yourself to know God like Paul and David knew God?

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## Weekly Summary

## Day 14

Take time today to catch up on any days that you have missed this week. Then, meditate on what you have learned and write down five things that made an impact on you this week.

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## The Power of God in Creation

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As you look around you and carefully ponder the beauty of everything that you see, pause a moment to think about how much power it took to create that beauty. What you see around you didn't happen by chance, but was a result of the grand and glorious power of God. The same power that God can give you through the Holy Spirit.

*“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.” - Psalm 19:1*

IN THE BEGINNING**Genesis 1:1-27**

*\*\*\*Though these verses might be extremely familiar to you, read through them slowly and then take some time to look around you. Take some time to meditated upon the power of God as seen through His wonderful creation.*

If you have access to a window, take a look outside. Describe the most amazing thing that you see.

How do you see God's wonderful workmanship in that object?

Why is it hard to fathom how God just spoke and creation came into existence?

What does that tell you about God?

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What should be your response to God as you realize His power in creation?

**THE SKILLED CRAFTSMAN**

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**Psalm 19:1-14**

What does verse 1 say about God?

What does the consistency of daytime and night time reveal about the knowledge of God (vs 2)?

How does Creation speak about the existence of God (vs 3)?

How did David describe the movement of the sun (vs 4-6)?

Why is the sun so amazing?

What can you learn about God from the sun?

Why do you think David jumped from the God of creation to the God with a “perfect law” (vs 7)?

What do the laws of nature reveal about the laws of God (vs 9)?

How should you view the Word of God (vs 10)?

Do you view it this way? Explain

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What will be the result in keeping the Word of God (vs 11)?

Why can verse 12 be proven true as you see nature all around you?

What was David’s response to the greatness of God (vs 13)?

What did David want to see in His life (vs 14)?

Do you have the same desire that David had? Why or why not?

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**Romans 1:16-32**

How is the wrath of God evident (vs 18)?

What does verse 19 teach you about creation?

What can be clearly seen about God through nature (vs 19)?

What does it mean that nature leaves men with no excuse for rejecting God (vs 20)?

How do verses 21-23 describe the modern science of our day?

How can believers get caught up in the same thing?

What does it mean that “God gave them up” (vs 24)?



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*\*\*\*God allowed men to reap the consequences for choosing to go their own way rather than turning to Him. This can be seen in our world today as the consequences for unnatural sin are spreading at a rapid pace.*

What do people often do with creation (vs 25)?

How can you see this true in society today?

What is the natural consequence of this (vs 26-27)?

How can you see the importance of teaching about the Creator in society today?

How are you helping others understand more about your Creator?

#### PERSONAL APPLICATION

How does the power of God in creation encourage you to live a life that is sold out for God?

How can understanding the awesome power of creation help you realize how good God is to you?

Think of the most magnificent sight of God's creation that you have seen. Explain why you are glad to have the same power that created that wonder living inside of you giving you power to face each day.

God's Power to Change Lives  
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Though God's power can be seen in many different ways, His power to change lives is one of the most practical ways that we can see the power of God. How God can take a person who is as evil as they come and make them a great servant for Him is far beyond my understanding.

*“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.” - I Timothy 1:15*

#### THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH

##### **Acts 8:26-40**

*\*\*\*Philip the Evangelist was part of the church in Jerusalem. Perhaps he was converted on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2). He began to take the message of the Gospel to the Samaritans and many of them believed on Jesus Christ. Though He was head of a prosperous ministry in Samaria, God had other plans for him.*

What did God want Philip to do (vs 26)?

Why wouldn't this make sense in human terms of ministry?

What was Philip's response (vs 27a)?

What can you learn from verses 26-27a?

Who did Philip meet and what was this man's position (vs 27)?

*\*\*\*There was a large population of Jewish people down in Egypt. It appears that some of them had an influence upon this man and he was searching for some answers.*

What was the man doing (vs 28)?

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How did God direct Philip (vs 29)?

What did Philip ask him (vs 30)?

Why do you think the man responded the way he did (vs 31)?

How can the working of God be seen in the passage that the Eunuch was reading (vs 32-33)?

What did Philip have a chance to do (vs 35)?

Would you be ready to share the Gospel if you were put in a situation like this? If not, why not and what can you do about it?

*\*\*\*To answer this question, think about how many times you have shared the Gospel in the past year. That will give you a clue as to how ready you are.*

What was the end result in the situation (vs 36-38)?

What did God do to Philip (vs 39-40)?

What does this show about God's power to change lives?

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**SAUL IS CONVERTED BY THE POWER OF GOD**

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**Acts 8:1-3**

*\*\*\*The end of Acts 7 described how Stephen, and active member of the Jerusalem church, was martyred for his faith.*

What was Saul's attitude towards the death of Stephen (vs 1)?

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What did the death of Stephen encourage Paul to do (vs 2-3)?

**Acts 9:1-9**

How much did Saul hate the Christians (vs 1-2)?

What happened to him on the way to Damascus (vs 3)?

How did God confront Saul (vs 4-6)?

*\*\*\*A prick was an iron rod that was used to prod oxen on to do the work they were assigned to do. Though the oxen would try to kick the iron rods, they would do no damage to them.*

What happened to Saul (vs 7-9)?

**Acts 26:12-18**

*\*\*\*In this passage, Paul is standing before King Agrippa defending his right to share the Gospel, but more importantly was sharing the Gospel to the king through his personal testimony.*

What did God say He was calling Saul to do (vs 16-17)?

What was God going to give Saul the power to do (vs 18)?

**Acts 9:10-20**

How is God's power seen in verses 10-11?

How bad of a person was Saul (vs 13-14)?

How is God's power to change lives evident in verses 15-16?

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How did God's power transform your life?

How is God's power transforming your life today?

What was the result of God's transforming power (vs 19-20)?

**I Timothy 1:12-17**

What did Paul (Saul's new name after he was converted) realize about his ministry (vs 12)?

What did Paul know about his former life and the transforming power of God (vs 13-14)?

How is the power of God seen in verse 15?

Why did Paul say God showed mercy on Him (vs 16)?

What did Paul declare about God (vs 17)?

**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

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Why is God's power needed to truly change lives?

Why is it easy to question the power of God?

Where do you think you would be in life if it wasn't for the power of God?

God's Power Over Nature  
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There are several recorded instances in the Word of God that describe God's power over nature. You could probably spend 42 days just looking at God's power over nature, but we will only a short time to look at a few of these and some valuable lessons that God wants you to know about His power.

*“And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” - Mark 4:41*

**GOD HAS POWER OVER THE SUN**

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**Exodus 10:21-29**

*\*\*\*Moses has asked the Pharaoh of Egypt to let the Israelite nation leave Egypt. The Pharaoh said no, so God sent several plagues on Egypt to force Pharaoh to let them go. Each plague increased in severity and was displayed God's power over the power of the Egyptian deities.*

How did God describe the darkness that was going to come upon the Egyptians (vs 21)?

How dark was it in Egypt (vs 22-23)?

What did God do for the Israelites (vs 23)?

How can the ultimate power of God be seen in this?

What was the result (vs 24)?

What this plague really enough to move Pharaoh to give into the requirements of God for the release of the Israelites (vs 25-29)?

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What can you learn about the hardness and pride of men through this?

**Joshua 10:6-15**

*Joshua and the leaders of Israel had mistakenly made a peace treaty with the Gibeonites who lived in the Promise Land that the Israelites had begun to invade. The Amorites, who inhabited the Promise Land, didn't like the Gibeonites because they sided with Israel. They gathered an army and led an attack on the Gibeonites.*

What did the Gibeonites do (vs 6)? What did Joshua do (vs 7)?

What did God tell Joshua (vs 8)?

How do you think this made Joshua feel?

What did God do (vs 10)?

What else did God do (vs 11)? What was the result?

What did Gideon ask God to do (vs 12-13)?

What did God do (vs 13)?

What is significant about this event (vs 14)?

What can you learn from this?

**Isaiah 38:1-8**

What happened to Hezekiah (vs 1)?

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What did Hezekiah do (vs 2-3)?

How did God answer His prayer (vs 4-6)?

What can you learn from this?

What did God give Hezekiah as proof of His promise (vs 7)? Why?

What are some ways that God gives you proof of His promises to you?

What was the sign (vs 8)?

Why was this a miracle?

*\*\*\*The sun was setting, but apparently the sun began to rise backwards.*

**Matthew 27:45**

*\*\*\*This passage comes in the middle of the crucifixion as Jesus is hanging on the cross between two thieves.*

How long was their darkness upon the earth?

*\*\*\*The times mentioned in Matthew were given according to the Jewish Calender. The time that darkness would have occurred would have been between noon and three in the afternoon.*

Why do you think God caused the darkness to start at noon?

*\*\*\*It is not clear how dark it was. Apparently it was a night-time type darkness and not the same darkness "which could be felt" that*

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*the Egyptians experienced.*

**Revelation 8:12-13**

*\*\*\*The judgement talked about in these verses describe the "trumpet" judgements which will be the second in a series of three judgments that God will cause to come upon the earth in the end times.*

What happened when the fourth angel blew the trumpet (vs 12)?

What type of panic do you think this will cause?

What did the angel pronounce (vs 13)? Why?

**Revelation 16:8-9**

*\*\*\*The judgement talked about in this verse described the third series of judgements called the "vial" or "bowl" judgements.*

What was the fourth bowl judgement (vs 8)?

What did the people fail to do (vs 9)? Why do you think this is?

**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

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Why do you think it is so important to recognize that power that God has over nature?

What do you think should be the response of all believers as they realize the great power of God

Though believers know God has power, why do many still fearful?

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Though you can see the power of God all around you, and read about the power of God through His Word, do you really believe that your God is powerful? Because you are human and live in a human world, your natural response to life is to try to trust in yourself and in your own strength. The problem with that ideas is that your strength will fail. This is why you need to turn to God for help and let him produce great and mighty miracles in your life.

*"Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually." - Psalm 52:1*

**GOD WITHOLDS AND SENDS RAIN**

*\*\*\*Ahab was one of the most wicked kings that Israel ever had. According to I Kings 16:31, he made the terrible evil of the other kings appear mild.*

**I Kings 17:1**

What did Elijah say would happen to Israel?

Why do you think God wanted this?

**I Kings 18:1-5,**

What did God tell Elijah to do (vs 1)?

How severe was the famine in Israel (vs 2-5)?

*\*\*\*In verses 6-40, Elijah had the powerful showdown with the prophets of Baal and God sent fire down from heaven, completely consuming Elijah's alter. The children of Israel the chased after and killed the prophets of Baal.*

What did Elijah tell Ahab (vs 41)?

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What did Elijah do (vs 42b)?

How many times was Elijah's servant to look for a cloud (vs 43)?

What did he see the seventh time (vs 44)?

What did he Elijah tell his servant to do (vs 44)?

How can you see Elijah's faith in God?

How do you have this type of faith? In not, how can you get it?

What happened to the little cloud (vs 45)?

What does this passage show you about God' power over nature?

**James 5:13-18**

What was James emphasizing in this passage (vs 13-16)?

How was Elijah described (vs 17)?

Why do you think James described him this way?

What did Elijah do (vs 17)?

What was the result (vs 17)?

What did he do a second time (vs 18)?

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What was the result (vs 18)?

What does God want you to understand from this?

How come many Christians fail to realize the power that they have access to?

Describe how you realize the power God has given you through prayer.

JESUS CALMS THE SEA

**Mark 4:35-41**

*\*\*\*Jesus had been preaching and teaching for a good part of the day and now evening had come.*

What did Jesus decide to do (vs 35)?

What happened while they were out at sea (vs 37)?

*\*\*\*They were sailing on the Sea of Galilee. Though the Sea wasn't extremely large, it was known to have some violent storms at times. Perhaps this is due to the facts that there were mountains all around the sea creating a "bowl-like affect" causing the wind to whip around. This storm was most likely a supernatural storm brought by God for a purpose.*

How bad was the storm (vs 37)?

What was Jesus doing at the time (vs 38)?

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How did the disciples act when they woke Jesus up (vs 38)?

How can you react this way when difficult times come into your life?

Why is it easy to react this way?

What did Jesus do (vs 39)?

What was the result (vs 39)?

What did Jesus ask the disciples (vs 40)?

Why did He ask them this?

How can understanding the power of God help you through any difficult situation in life?

Why were the disciples amazed (vs 41)?

**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

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Why do you think God give so many illustrations of His Power in His Word?

Why do many people often fail to recognize the power of God?

How can you avoid this failure?

God's Power to Protect  
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One of the great privileges of being a believer is the realization that God's protecting hand is watching over us. God will only allow things to happen to you that He wants to happen to you. You can rest assured that He is watching over you and that He has the power to protect you through every situation.

*“And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.” - Genesis 50:19-20*

**GOD'S PROTECTED HIS SERVANT PAUL**

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**I Kings 6:8-23**

What nation was preparing to attack Israel (vs 8)?

What did he secretly tell his servants (vs 8)?

What did Elisha do when God revealed the Syrian's plan to him (vs 9)?

What was the result (vs 9)?

How many times did this happen (vs 10)?

Why was the Syrian king frustrated (vs 11)?

What did his servant realize about Elisha (vs 12)?

How could Elisha do this?

What can you learn about the power of God through this?

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What did the Syrian king plan to do (vs 13)?

How did he attempt to capture Elisha (vs 14)?

What did Elisha's servant see when he woke up in the morning (vs 15)?

What did Elisha respond (vs 16)?

Do you tend to respond like Elisha or like his servant when difficulties arise? Explain.

Why did Elisha pray for his servant (vs 17)?

What can you learn about Elisha's trust in God through this?

What did the servant see when God opened his eyes (vs 17)?

What did Elisha do when the Syrians came down to seize him (vs 18)?

How did God respond (vs 18)?

What can you learn from this?

What did Elisha do with the men (vs 19)?

\*\*\*Samaria was the capital of the Israelite nation (the northern 10 tribes).

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What did Elisha do (vs 20)?

What can you learn about prayer from this?

How did Elisha respond when the Israelite king asked him what to do with the Syrian army (vs 21-22)?

What was the result (vs 23)?

What can you learn about the protecting power of God through this?

**GOD'S PROTECTED HIS SERVANT PAUL**

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**Acts 14:8-21**

What did Paul do (vs 8-10)?

How did the people in the crowd respond (vs 11-12)?

What did the priest of Zeus (Jupiter) do (vs 13)?

What was the response of Paul and Barnabus (vs 14-18)?

How did the people react when the Jews from other cities came in and degraded Paul and Barnabus (vs 19)?

What did they think happened to Paul (vs 19)?

What happened when the disciples went to get his body (vs 20)?



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What can you learn about the protecting power of God through this?

What did Paul and Barnabus continue to do (vs 21)?

How is their godly character and trust in God displayed through this?

Do you have the same type of resolve to be obedient to God? Explain. \*\*\**The best way to know how you will live for God through difficult situations is to evaluate how much you are sold out to Him while things are easy.*

PERSONAL APPLICATION

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Do you really think God would protect you the same way that He protected Elisha? If not, why not?

What are some ways that God has protected you?

How can the protecting hand of God give you great confidence and boldness as you seek to follow Him?

What changes do you think you should make in your life after today's study?

The Power of God  
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As you close out this week of looking at God's power, you will be studying a variety of references that declare the mighty power of God. These verses should thrill you when you stop to think that you have instant access to this power and that God wants to show Himself powerful in and through your life.

*"He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves" - Psalm 66:7*

REJOICE BECAUSE OF THE POWER OF GOD

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**Psalm 66:1-7**

What should be your response to the power of God (vs 1-2)?

Is this how you respond when you think about God? Explain.

How great is God's power (vs 3)?

What does His power cause the earth to do (vs 4)?

How is God's power described (vs 5)?

What do verses 6 & 7 reveal about the power of God?

How does knowing about the power of God make you feel?

WALK IN THE POWER OF GOD

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**Psalm 89:5-18**

What do verses 5 & 6 teach you about the power of God?

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What does it mean to fear God (vs 7)?

How can a healthy fear of God be seen in your life?

How does the power of God and His faithfulness go hand in hand (Vs 8)?

What does God have the power to do to those who oppose Him (vs 10)? *\*\*\*Rahab: A symbolic name for Egypt*

What difference should the understanding that God controls the earth make in your life (vs 11-12)?

*\*\*\*Tabor & Hermon were mountains in Israel.*

How can you be blessed (vs 15-16)?

How are you being blessed like this? If you aren't, why not?

How is God your "glory and strength" (vs 18)?

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**SACRIFICING IN HONOR OF THE POWER OF GOD**

**I Chronicles 29:10-17**

What did David realize about God (vs 11)?

What did he understand about God's power (vs 12)?

What was the result of this understanding (vs 13)?

Describe how your life is filled with praise and thanksgiving.

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What did David realize about all the money and possessions that he and the people had given God (vs 14-16)?

What are some things that God desires from you (vs 17)?

What did David want for the people (vs 18)?

How is this desire evident in your life?

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**THE POWER OF GOD BRINGS SALVATION**

**Romans 1:16-17**

What did Paul understand about the Gospel?

What is the Gospel?

Why is it so important to understand the power of God when it comes to salvation?

**I Corinthians 2:1-5**

What didn't Paul use when he presented the Gospel to the Corinthians (vs 1)?

What did He declare unto them (vs 2)?

Why did Paul need the power of God (vs 3-4)?

Why is the power of God so important (vs 5)?

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**I Corinthians 3:5-9**

How did Paul describe himself (vs 5)?

What does God's power do (vs 6)?

Why is it so important to grab hold of this principle (vs 7)?

How is it easy to get discouraged when you leave out the power of God in your life?

What are you working to build (vs 8-9)?

**Ephesians 3:7-10**

What did God's power enable Paul to be? How does it do the same for you?

Why is humility so important in your Christian life (vs 8)?

Who has God called to display His power and wisdom to all men (vs 10)?

How are you doing your part to accomplish this?

**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

Why is it easy to try to live the Christian life in your own strength?

What can you do to avoid this?

Weekly Summary  
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Take time today to catch up on any days that you have missed this week. Then, meditate on what you have learned and write down five things that made an impact on you this week.

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The term “grace” has been widely used in the context of church for many years. The simple definition of grace is “undeserved favor.” Many churches even have the word as part of their church name because they feel so strongly in the idea of grace. As you take time for the next few days to get a deeper understanding of Grace, let the awesomeness of His grace thrill your heart each day.

*“He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves” - Psalm 66:7*

THE FIRST INSTANCE OF GRACE

**Genesis 6:1-10**

What was the condition of man by this point and time in history (vs 1-5)?

*\*\*\*From Creation to the flood, over 1500 years had passed and there is very little recorded about what went on during this time.*

How did God feel about the earth at this time (vs 6)?

What did God want to do to the earth (vs 7)?

What did Noah find in the eyes of God (vs 8)?

How was Noah described (vs 9-10)?

*\*\*\*God didn't have to choose Noah because Noah was a good person. Noah lived in an evil generation and could have started all over again with the earth, but because Noah was righteous God chose to spare His life and use Him to replenish the earth. Noah*

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*didn't earn the right to stay alive on this earth, God chose to show favor on Noah and allowed Him to stay because Noah had humbled himself to seek God.*

**Genesis 6:22 & 7:1**

What characteristics marked Noah's life?

How do the grace of God and obedience to God work hand in hand?

*\*\*\*God doesn't have to show grace upon us, but chooses to pour out His grace upon those who seek after Him.*

THE GRACE SHOWN TO MOSES

**Exodus 2:1-15**

Why do you think that Moses was spared while most of the other Israelite babies his age were destroyed (vs 1-10)?

What does that reveal about the grace of God?

Did Moses act in a way that allowed Him to earn God's favor (vs 11-15)?

**Exodus 3:1-22**

Was Moses doing anything great when God appeared to Him in the burning bush (vs 1-2)?

How do the reactions of Moses reveal that he knew He was not worthy of any favor from God (vs 3-6)?

What characteristic of God can be seen in verses 7-9?

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What did Moses clearly reveal about how he felt about himself in the presence of God (vs 10-11)?

How do the grace of God and power of God go hand in hand (vs 12)?

In the conversation between Moses and God in verses 13-22, we see some vital components for understanding our part in grace and God's part in grace. See if you can pick some of these components out.

What is God's part in grace?

What is man's part in grace?

**Exodus 4:1-17**

How are we limited in our human power when it comes to accomplishing the work of God (vs 1)?

What does the understanding of your human limitations have to do with grace?

How do you see the need for the power of God to accomplish the work He has called you to (vs 2-9)?

How is the idea of human weakness and God's power reiterated once again in verses 10-17?

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**Exodus 33:7-23**

*In this passage, Moses has just finished receiving the ten commandments and had returned to find the golden calf which the Israelites were worshipping. God ordered that the Israelites leave Sinai and told the nation that he would no longer be with them because of their rejection.*

Where did Moses go to meet with God after he had heard this (vs 7-11)?

Why was Moses concerned about leading the people into the promise land without the presence of God (vs 12)?

How did Moses appeal to the grace of God (vs 12-13)?

Why did Moses need the grace of God if he was going to lead the people of Israel (vs 14-16)?

What did God decide to do because of His grace upon Moses (vs 17)? What did Moses ask God to do and what was God's response (vs 18-22)?

How did this display the grace of God?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

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Describe the grace of God?

Why do you need the grace of God?

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The subject of Grace will become more interesting as you began to study the concept in a deeper way. It is as if God initially chooses to show give his favor unto you though you have done nothing deserving of it, but to continue in that grace you must choose to live in a way that is righteous before God.

*“For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.” - Psalm 84:11*

GRACE SHOW TO GIDEON

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**Judges 6:1-17**

What problem did the Israelites have (vs 1-6)?

What did they do because of this problem (vs 7-10)?

What was Gideon doing when the angel of God appeared unto Him (vs 11)?

How did the angel describe Gideon (vs 12)? Why is the description of Gideon somewhat humorous?

What did Gideon say the Lord had done (vs 13)?

How would Gideon be able to defeat the Midianites (vs 14)?

What had Gideon done up to this point to make himself worthy of leading such a battle? What does this show about the grace of God (vs 15-17)?

From this passage, what can you see about God’s part in grace and

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the responsibility of man?

**HANNAH'S PLEA FOR GRACE**

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**I Samuel 1:1-19**

What problem did Hannah have (vs 1-2)?

How was Hannah treated by her husband (vs 3-5)?

How was she treated by her husband's other wife (vs 6-8)?

What did Hannah do as a result of her situation (vs 9-11)?

What happened in the temple (vs 12-16)?

Why did Hannah realize that she needed the undeserved favor of God on her life in order to have a child (vs 17-18)?

What can you learn about grace from this?

**EZRA RECOGNIZED THE GRACE OF GOD**

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**Ezra 9:1-15**

After continued warnings from the prophets and their failure to repent, many of the Israelites were killed by the Babylonian army and some were taken into captivity in Babylon. They were in this captivity for seventy years until some of them were allowed to return to rebuild the temple and eventually rebuilt the city. This was a process that took several years and during that time Ezra and the other spiritual leaders were deeply concerned about the holiness of the Israelites.

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What was reported to Ezra (vs 1-2)?

What was Ezra's response to this news (vs 3-5)?

What did Ezra recognize about God and the nation of Israel (vs 6-7)?

What did Ezra realize about the opportunity God had given the Israelites to return (vs 8)?

How was this grace further explained (vs 9)?

What God's grace continue to the Israelites if they continued in their sin and their wicked ways (vs 10-15)?

What does this teach you about grace?

**GRACE SHOWN TO THE UPRIGHT**

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**Psalms 84:1-12**

What are different things declared about God in verses 1-4?

Who receives strength from God (vs 5-7)?

What is revealed about the presence of God (vs 10)?

What does the Lord choose to do to those who live and walk according to His commands (vs 11)?

Does this mean that you deserve the grace of God if you live righteously?

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How can you balance the idea that you don't deserve God's favor with the fact that He chooses to give it to those who live righteously?

**James 4:1-9**

What did James reveal about the source of arguments and fighting (vs 1-2)?

What do verses 3 & 4 reveal about human nature?

What does it mean that the Holy Spirit becomes jealous?

How can you make the Holy Spirit jealous?

Who does God give His grace to (vs 6)?

What are some things that you can do to put yourself in a position to receive more grace from God (vs 7-8)?

How does humility and grace go hand in hand (vs 9-10)?

\*\*\*The idea of grace presents us with an interesting paradox. Grace is completely given by God because we as humans deserve nothing but eternity apart from God in hell. He chooses to show His favor on us and delivers us from this destruction when we call on Him and He also chooses to show more favor on us when we live righteously before Him. So we see that grace is God's choice, yet there is still responsibility given to man.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Describe how you have seen the grace of God on your life?

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Grace is a word that has many different definitions and descriptions, but in all the uses of it, it is a tremendous and invaluable truth for all believers. We have been mainly looking at the Old Testament description of grace, but starting today, we will be looking at the New Testament meaning.

*"And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace."  
- John 1:16*

GOD'S GRACE POURED OUT ON ISRAEL

**Zechariah 12:1-13:1**

*Zechariah wrote at a time when the Israelites were traveling back to Jerusalem to rebuilt the temple and rebuild the walls. They had been in captivity in Babylon for over 70 years because of the great sin they had committed. They were looking forward to God restoring the nation of Israel to its original glory, but they didn't realize that Israel wouldn't be restored fully until the end times. This passage is a prophecy of the end times and the mercy God will have on the nation who rejected Him over and over again.*

How does this prophecy begin (vs 1)?

Why is the declaration of who God is so important to understanding what He can do?

What will happen to anyone who tries to destroy Jerusalem (vs 2-3)?

What will God do for Judah? What will the people realize (vs 4-5)?

What promises does God give to Judah (vs 7-9)?



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What will God pour out on the Israelites during this time (vs 10)?

What will they realize about what they had done (vs 10)?

What will be the response of the Israelites when they realize the grace of God (vs 11-14)?

What will God do to the Israelites as a sign of grace and mercy while they are mourning (13:1)?

How can you see God's grace shining through in this passage?

*\*\*\*If you have a hard time answering this question, think about how you act towards those who have treated you in a negative and hurtful way when all you have tried to do is love them and help them. The Israelites rejected God and killed His son, yet he still chose to pour out His grace on them.*

How are you practicing grace in your life when it comes to dealing with others? If you aren't, how do you intend to start?

What amazes you about the grace of God?

**GOD'S GRACE POURED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST**

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**John 1:1-18**

*John introduced Jesus Christ by calling Him the "Word." According to the The MacArthur Study Bible, "John borrowed the use of the*

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*term "Word" not only from the vocabulary of the OT but also from philosophy, in which the term was essentially impersonal, signifying the rational principle of "divine reason," "mind," or even "wisdom." John, however, imbued the term entirely with OT and Christian meaning and made it refer to a person, i.e., Jesus Christ. Greek philosophical usage, therefore, is not the exclusive background of John's thought. Strategically, the term "Word" serves as a bridge-word to reach not only Jews but also the unsaved Greeks. John chose this concept because both Jews and Greeks were familiar with it."*

Why is it important to realize that Jesus existed before He physically came to this earth (vs 1-3)?

How is Jesus described in verses 4-5? What does that description mean to you?

What was the purpose of John the Baptist (vs 6-8)?

How do you have a similar purpose as a believer?

How did the world respond to the coming of Jesus (vs 10)?

What did the Jews do to Jesus (vs 11)?

What did God do for those who chose to accept Jesus (vs 12)?

How can the grace of God be seen in this?

Why is it vitally important to understand that salvation originates with God (vs 13)?

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What happens to us when we start to think that salvation is of us?

What was Jesus full of (vs 14)?

Describe how this was true from what you know of the ministry of Jesus?

What have we received from His fullness (vs 16)?

*\*\*\*According to the Bible Knowledge Commentary, "The words we . . . all refer to Christians and include John the author. Because of the fullness of His grace . . . one blessing after another comes to Christians as waves continue to come to the shore. The Christian life is the constant reception of one evidence of God's grace replacing another."*

What was the difference between Moses and Jesus Christ (vs 16)?

How are grace and the law complimentary and somewhat contradictory of one another? *(We will look at this in greater detail in our study when look at some of the passages in Romans.)*

**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

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How has God showed you grace in salvation?

What should be your response to this grace?

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As we saw a little yesterday, and will continue to see today, the Word grace has a variety of uses and slightly different meanings as it is used throughout the Bible. Though the uses vary, the understanding that we are receiving favor from God runs consistent though the uses of the word.

**GREAT GRACE**

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**Acts 4:32-37**

What existed among believers as the early church was just beginning (vs 32)?

What two things are preceded by the word "great" (vs 33)?

What does the word "grace" mean in this passage?

*\*\*\*It appears here to be associated with the idea of power and strength as well as the idea of great blessing from God.*

What were the New Testament church members doing (vs 34-35)?

How were they showing grace to each other in this passage?

**CONTINUE IN GRACE**

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**Acts 13:42-43**

*\*\*\*Paul and Barnabas traveled to Antioch of Pisidia as they were on their first missionary journey. As Paul normally did, he went to the Jewish synagogue in the town and took the opportunity to deliver a message about the Messiah. He expounded the Old Testament Scriptures and many Jews began to understand the truth of salvation.*

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What were the people asking Paul and Barnabas to do (vs 42)?

Who did Paul urge to “continue in grace” (vs 43)?

How was a grace based salvation different than the religious system the Jews had been caught up in?

*\*\*\*The Jewish legal system had become a system of works and doing, rather than a system that led to an understanding of God and the importance of fellowship with Him.*

How can you get caught up living in a works based type of religion rather than a grace based relationship?

COMMENDED IN GRACE

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**Acts 14:24-28**

*\*\*\*At the end of the first missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas traveled back to Antioch where they had been first sent out to report how God had used them.*

What had happened in Antioch before they left for their missionary journey (vs 26)?

How were they commended to serve in the “grace of God”? See Acts 9:15-16, 13:2-4

**Acts 15:40-41**

Who was recommended by the church in this passage?

What special grace had they been given?

What can you learn about grace from these passages?

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THE COUNSEL ON GRACE

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**Acts 15:1-11**

What had some of the Jews been teaching to the Gentile believers in Antioch (vs 1)?

What did Paul and Barnabas do about this teaching (vs 2)?

What did some believers think needed to be done to the Jews (vs 5)? Why do you think they thought this?

What did the early church do to help decide the matter (vs 6)?

What can be learned from this?

What did Peter stand up and declare (vs 7-9)?

What did Peter say those who were pushing circumcision were doing (vs 10)?

What did Paul declare about grace in verse 11?

What can you see about spiritual leadership in these verses?

What can you see that grace is through this passage?

THE FREEDOM OF GRACE

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**Acts 18:24-28**

How was Apollos described (vs 24)?

What did Aquilla and Priscilla do for Apollos (vs 25-27)?

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Who did Apollos help a great deal when he went to Achaia (vs 27-28)? How did he help them?

What can be seen about grace from this passage?

THE WORD OF HIS GRACE

**Acts 20:17-35**

*\*\*\*As Paul was on his way back to Rome, he met with the Ephesian leaders for some words of instruction for the church.*

What had Paul done for the Jews (vs 17-21)?

What did Paul know was going to happen (vs 22-23)?

What had Paul done (vs 24)?

Why do you think he defined the Gospel as the “Gospel of grace”?

What did Paul instruct the leaders to do (vs 28)?

What did Paul know would happen (vs 29-31)?

What did Paul commend them to (vs 32)? What do you think that meant?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

What does it mean to live in the grace of God on a daily basis?

How can you find yourself living in works rather than grace?

Grace According to the Book to the Romans  
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There have been many songs written about the greatness of the grace of God on our lives, and I think that many of those songs come out of the understanding of grace that is presented in the passages that you will read today. As you read and gain a deeper understanding of the grace of God, let that grace change you and motivate you.

*“Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:”*  
- Romans 5:20

THE POWER OF GRACE

**Romans 1:1-6**

What did Paul mean when he said he was called to be an apostle (vs 1)?

What does it mean to be “separated unto the Gospel” (vs 1)?

What is the Gospel (vs 2-4)?

What are two things that Paul had received because of the Gospel (vs 5)?

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*\*\*\*Apostleship: to send one away; called for a specific task and purpose*

What would those two things enable Paul and those who ministered with him to do (vs 5-6)?

How would you define the use of the word “grace” in this passage?

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THE GRACE OF GOD TOWARDS SINNERS

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**Romans 3:21-31**

*\*\*\*In the first part of chapter 3, Paul describe how all men are sinners and how there is no person who is righteous before God. No matter what a person does or how hard they try, all men are helpless when it comes to earning a standing of righteousness before God.*

What is the only way that a man can be declared righteous before God (vs 21-22)?

Why is that (vs 23)?

How are men justified (vs 24)?

What did Paul mean when he said that man was “freely” given the grace of God (vs 24)?

What relationship does justification, grace and redemption have with each other (vs 24)?

What did God choose to do for us (vs 25-26)?

What did Paul try to explain in verses 27-31?

What is a key lesson you can learn about grace from this passage?

Why do you desperately need the grace of God on your life?

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GRACE SHOWN TO ABRAHAM

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**Romans 4:1-23**

Why was Abraham justified (declared righteous) in the sight of God (vs 1-3)?

What is revealed about grace in verse 4?

What do verses 5-8 reveal about salvation?

How do verses 9-12 reveal that salvation is for all men?

How do we receive the promise of God (vs 13)?

How does the Law bring wrath (vs 15)?

What does verse 16 declare about grace?

After reading chapter 4, write a brief summary of the point that Paul was trying to prove?

THE POWER OF GRACE

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**Romans 5:1-21**

What do you have with God through salvation (vs 1)?

How do we receive the grace of God (vs 2)?

What does it mean to “stand in grace” (vs 2)?

What does this grace produce (vs 2)?

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What will an understanding of the grace of God do for you during times of suffering (vs 3-5)?

How was the grace of God displayed to us (vs 6-11)?

What can be learned about grace from verse 15?

What can you have because of the death and resurrection of Christ (vs 17)?

What has the power and ability to justify all men (vs 18)?

What was the result of God choosing to show grace on you through Jesus Christ (vs 19)?

What is the relationship between sin and grace (vs 20)?

What does grace have the power to do for you?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Why do you think a proper understanding of grace is so important?

What amazes you about the concept of grace?

The Power of God  
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The Grace of God is so wonderful and so vast, that it will take more than one week just to cover the surface truths of it, but as you close this week of your devotional study, focus on truly understanding the grace of God.

*“And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.” - II Corinthians 12:9*

NOT LIVING IN SIN, BUT IN GRACE

**Romans 6:1-4**

What argument were people using which caused them to be hesitant about fully embracing grace (vs 1)? Does this still happen? Explain.

How should we live once we are saved (vs 2-4)?

**Romans 6:12-19**

What are some things we are not supposed to do and things we are to do (vs 12-13)?

Why should sin not have control in the life of a believer (vs 14)?

What does that mean?

What did Paul mean when he described how believers are under grace and not under the law (vs 15)?

What argumentation did Paul use in verse 16?

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What is your present state because of grace (vs 17-19)?

THE ELECTION OF GRACE

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**Romans 11:1-6**

Who did God choose not to reject (vs 1)?

What had Israel done that was worthy of rejection (vs 2-4)?

What did Paul mean when he wrote, “there is a remnant according to the election of grace” (vs 5)?

What is grace contrasted with (vs 6)?

What does this passage reveal about grace?

DIFFERENT BY GOD’S GRACE

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**Romans 12:3-8**

What was Paul given to say what he could say (vs 3)? What did he mean by this?

What was Paul explaining in this passage (vs 4-5)?

Why are we all different (vs 6)?

What does grace teach us about getting along with one another?

How is pride in contradiction with grace?

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GOD’S GRACE MADE YOU WHO YOU ARE

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**I Corinthians 15:9-11**

What will grace cause us to realize about ourselves (vs 9)?

What must we understand about grace (vs 10)?

How could God’s grace be made “vain” (vs 10)?

How do we need God’s grace to accomplish any thing of value (vs 10)?

GRACE IN GIVING

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**II Corinthians 8:1-9**

How was the grace of God evident in the churches of Macedonia (vs 1-5)?

Why do you need this same grace?

What was Paul’s desire for the Corinthian church (vs 6)?

How can we “abound in grace”?

What did the grace of God do for you (vs 8-9)?

ABOUNDING IN GRACE

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**II Corinthians 9:6-15**

What was Paul’s point in this passage (vs 6)?

What is God able to do (vs 7-8)?

What does that mean to you?

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What does God do because of His grace (vs 9-10)?

What do verses 11-15 teach about the grace of God?

NOT LIVING IN SIN, BUT IN GRACE

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**II Corinthians 12:1-10**

What did Paul have the privilege of doing (vs 1-4)?

What could that have caused in his life (vs 5)?

What did Paul choose to do (vs 6)?

What did God do to Paul (vs 7)?

What did Paul do in response (vs 8)?

What was God's response to Paul's request (vs 9)?

How would you define grace from this passage?

How can the grace of God be displayed through our lives (vs 9-10)?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

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How can you live in grace towards others?

How is the grace of God keeping your pride in check?

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Take time today to catch up on any days that you have missed this week. Then, meditate on what you have learned and write down five things that made an impact on you this week.

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Since the beginning of time there has been a battle between doing things man's way and doing things God's way. Man's way of salvation involved earning, while God's way involved accepting. We must choose to accept His grace because it is the only way that we will receive true victory and inherit His abundant riches.

*"Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, by grace ye are saved;" - Ephesians 2:5*

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**CALLED BY HIS GRACE**

**Galatians 1:6-24**

What was Paul amazed at (vs 6)?

What do you think it means to be "called into the grace of Christ"?

What is the difference between a person who lives with an understanding of grace and a person who doesn't (vs 10)?

Why are verses 11-12 key in understanding the idea of grace?

What does verse 15 reveal about grace?

What was the result of God's grace (vs 16-24)?

**II Timothy 1:8-14**

What was Paul asking Timothy to do (vs 8)?

What did God do for you (vs 9)?

How did God do it (vs 9)?

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What is revealed about grace in verse 9?

What was Paul's responsibility as a person under grace (vs 11)?

What type of attitude did a proper understanding of grace cause Paul to have (vs 12)?

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**FIGHTING AGAINST GRACE**

**Galatians 2:15-21**

What will our human works not produce (vs 15-16)?

What point was Paul trying to make (vs 17-18)?

Why can't we be justified by our works and by God as the same time (vs 19)?

How should grace change your life (vs 20)?

What does it mean to "frustrate" the grace of God (vs 21)?

*\*\*\*The Greek word translated "frustrate" here is translated 8 times as despise and 4 times as reject in the KJV.*

If you try to work to earn the favor of God, what are you doing to the idea of grace (vs 21)?

**Galatians 5:1-6**

What has grace done for you (vs 1)?

What does salvation by works require a person to do (vs 2-3)?

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What does it mean to “fall from grace” (vs 4)?

*\*\*\*This doesn't mean that they lost their salvation, but their understanding of living for and walking in Christ had become corrupted by their choice to be involved back in a works based religion.*

What really matters to God (vs 5-6)?

How is it easy to fall into the same temptation the Galatians did and live in our works rather than in grace?

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**THE RICHES OF HIS GRACE**

**Ephesians 1:3-10**

What has Christ done for you (vs 3)?

What did Christ choose you to be (vs 4)?

How did Christ choose you (vs 5)?

What does grace have to do with God's praise and acceptance (vs 6)?

What do we have because of the riches of God's grace (vs 7)?

What does this mean?

What did God do for us (vs 8-10)?

How does a passage like this thrill you and motivate you as a follower of Christ?

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**FIGHTING AGAINST GRACE**

**Ephesians 2:1-10**

What were you like before you were a believer (vs 1-3)?

How does this emphasize how lost all people are without Christ?

What did God do (vs 4)? Why?

What does it mean to be “made alive” (vs 5)?

What does it mean to be saved by grace (vs 6)?

What does God want to do for you (vs 7)?

How are grace and faith both a vital part of your salvation (vs 8)?

What have you been saved to do (vs 10)?

How are you living out what God has saved you to do?

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**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

How does grace go directly opposite of salvation by works?

What happens when people fail to understand the grace of God?

What about grace was especially interesting to you today?

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Today, you will wrap up your study on the grace of God and see how the proper understanding of grace will change the way that you live. Let the understanding of God's grace change you.

*“Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.” -1 Peter 3:7*

**GRACE – MOTIVATING OUR SERVICE FOR GOD**

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**Ephesians 3:1-13**

What was Paul talking about in verse 2?

*\*\*\*Dispensation has the idea of stewardship or managing. By God's grace, Paul had been given the responsibility of making known the mystery (something that was hidden and is now revealed) of the Gospel.*

What specific mystery was Paul talking about here (vs 6)?

What was Paul made (vs 7)? How?

How is grace the complete working of God (vs 7)?

What did Paul realize about the grace that had been given to him (vs 8)?

What does verse 11 have to do with grace?

What does God's grace allow you to do (vs 12)?

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How should an understanding of God's grace cause you to act (vs 13)?

**THANKFUL FOR GRACE**

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**Colossians 3:12-17**

What are you to choose to “put on” in your life (vs 12)?

How are you to treat others (vs 13)?

Why is love so important (vs 14)?

How are you supposed to sin (vs 16)?

What does that mean?

*\*\*\*The idea of grace here has to do with thankfulness for the grace that God has given you.*

How will your singing be different when you truly understand God's grace and are truly thankful for it?

**GRACIOUS TALK**

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**Colossians 4:5-6**

How are you supposed to live (vs 5)?

How can you speak with grace?

What will happen in your relationships and your dealing with others when your speech is gracious?

Why is this hard at times?

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THE THRONE OF GRACE

**Hebrews 4:14-16**

What should a full realization of Christ cause you to do (vs 14)?

What is an amazing fact about Christ (vs 15)?

What do you think the “throne of grace” means?

How can this thought thrill you and move you to live for God?

GRACE – MOTIVATING OUR SERVICE FOR GOD

**Hebrews 12:12-17**

What are you commanded to do (vs 12)? Why (see verses 1-11)?

What are you supposed to do (vs 14)? What does this look like?

How can a person fail to obtain the grace of God?

*\*\*\*This book was written to Jews encouraging them to completely trust in Christ. Many failed to do so, though they were highly religious.*

*\*\*\*Root of bitterness – See Deuteronomy 29:18 – People commonly ate roots for food and there were some roots that looked good, but were poisonous. People looked like believers, but they failed to truly accept the grace of God because they tried to make it with their self-righteous works.*

HOPING IN GRACE

**1 Peter 1:10-16**

What did the prophets do?

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What did the prophets realize (vs 12)?

How do you “gird up the loins of your mind” (vs 13)?

*\*\*\*In the Bible days, people often wore robes which would interfere with things that they wanted to do with involved action. When they were going to do something which involved running or movements in which their garments would get in the way, they would tie their garments around themselves so they would be prepared for action.*

What do you set your hope on (vs 13)?

What does that mean and how do you do that?

How are you commanded to live (vs 14-16)?

HOPING IN GRACE

**1 Peter 3:1-7**

How are wives supposed to live (vs 1-6)?

How are husbands supposed to live (vs 7)?

How should the realization that you are an “heir of grace” affect the way that you treat others?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Why is it easy to try to live the Christian life in your own strength?

What can you do to avoid this?

God's Mercy in the Old Testament  
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Just as the meaning of the word “grace” involved many facets of our faith, the term mercy does as well. A simple definition of mercy involves having compassion on those who are miserable. This often leads to the idea of sparing a person from what they truly deserve and giving them what they don’t deserve. The terms of grace and mercy are often used together and help us see the love of God in a greater way. The word “mercy” is used 261 times in the KJV and the word “merciful” is used 36 times. Though many of these describe how a person acted or how we should act, the number of times mercy is mentioned helps us know that understanding the mercy of God is vital to our understanding the character of God.

*“ But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.”  
- Genesis 39:21*

**GOD’S MERCY TOWARDS LOT**

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**Genesis 19:1-22**

*\*\*\*Chapter 18 described how the angels of God first visited Abraham and told him that the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were going to be destroyed. Abraham pleaded for God to spare the cities and God said He would if there were 10 righteous people found in the city. The angels then traveled to Lot’s house and that is where the reading starts today.*

How bad was the city of Sodom (vs 1-11)?

What did the angels do to the wicked men (vs 11)?

What did the angels tell Lot to do and what did he do (vs 12-14)?

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What happened when morning came (vs 15)?

What was Lot’s response (vs 16)?

How did God show mercy on Lot (vs 16)?

How have you seen God display this type of mercy in your life?

What can you see about God’s choice to have mercy inspite of Lot’s attitude at times (vs 17-22)?

Why do you think God chose to be merciful to Lot and not the others (see Gen 18:22-33)?

**GOD’S MERCY TOWARDS LOT**

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**Genesis 39:19-23**

*\*\*\*For the sake of time, we will not read through the whole story of Joseph, though if you want to it is found in chapters 37, 39-46 of Genesis. Up to the point in our passage, Joseph had been sold into slavery by his brothers and his father, Jacob, was told that Joseph was dead. Joseph was bought by Potiphar, the captain of the guard in Egypt. While there, God blessed the household of Potiphar, but Joseph caught the eye of Potiphar’s wife. She attempted to seduce him and when he resisted she became angry and lied to her husband saying Joseph made the moves on her.*

What was Potiphar’s response to his wife’s report (vs 19)?

Where was Joseph thrown in jail (vs 20)?

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How did this show the mercy of God?

What did God do for Joseph (vs 21)?

What position was given to Joseph (vs 22)?

How was God's mercy displayed even through Joseph's time in prison (vs 23)?

### THE MERCY SEAT

#### Exodus 25:17-22

*\* The characteristic of God's mercy was pictured to the Israelites through the furniture in the tabernacle. Specifically, this is pictured through the ark of the covenant. The ark of the covenant was to be placed in the "Holy of Holies" where the only the high priest would enter once a year to offer a sacrifice on the Day of Atonement.*

What were the Israelites commanded to layer the ark of the covenant with (vs 10-15)?

What does this reveal about God?

What was the mercy seat to have carved upon it (vs 18-19)?

Where was the mercy seat to be placed (vs 21)?

What was one of the items to be placed in the ark (vs 21)?

What was the great significance of the ark (vs 22)?

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Why do you think that God called this the "mercy seat"?

#### Leviticus 16:11-16

What was the high priest to do for himself around the mercy seat (vs 11-14)?

What offering  
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PERSONAL APPLICATION

Why do you need the mercy of God?

What can an understanding of mercy do for your life??

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The actions of the Israelites and the reactions of God are given for us to be an example to learn from. The plight of the Israelites closely parallels our Christian journey with its ups and down, victories and failures. Let the understanding of God's mercy sink into your heart and mind today.

*“So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy” - Romans 9:16*

GOD CHOOSES TO HAVE MERCY

**Exodus 33:12-23**

*\*\*\*While Moses was up on Mt. Sinai receiving the law from God, the Israelites became worried and built a golden calf to worship. Because of this, God's anger was kindled and Moses pleaded on behalf of the people to spare their lives. God did so, but the Israelites were going to have to face the consequences for their actions. God then told Moses that He would lead them to the promise land, but would not enter into it with them. This didn't settle well with Moses so he began to plead with God on behalf of the people. This is where we begin the reading today.*

What did Moses ask God (vs 12-13)?

How did God answer (vs 14)?

What was Moses unwilling to do (vs 15)?

What made the Israelites different than all the other nations (vs 16)?

Why did God choose to answer the prayer of Moses (vs 17)?

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What did Moses ask God (vs 18)?

What was the response of God (vs 19)?

What did God reveal about His mercy (vs 19)?

What can you see about mercy from this?

What did God do (vs 20-23)?

**Romans 9:14-24**

*\*\*\*In this context of this passage, Paul was arguing against the idea that all Israelites are true children of God just because they were born into Jewish families. A person can't earn salvation by what he does or the family he is born into. He used Jacob and Esau to illustrate how God chooses one person over another not because they earned it, but because of His sovereign plan.*

What did Paul declare (vs 14)?

What did Paul use to prove his point (vs 15)?

What point was he making in verse 16?

What other Old Testament illustration did Paul use (vs 17)? What was his point?

What did Paul declare (vs 18)?

What is a natural question when that comes to a person's mind when thinking through this (vs 19)?

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What was Paul's response to this hypothetical question (vs 20-21)?

What do you think Paul meant in verses 22-23?

What can be seen about the mercy of God from this passage?

**GOD DECLARES HIS MERCY**

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**Exodus 34:5-9**

*\*\*\*After Moses broke the first tablets of the law, God ordered him to return back up the mountain for the second set of tablets to be written.*

What did God declare about Himself (vs 6-7)?

What was He trying to get Moses and the people to understand?

*\*\*Remember what had just taken place!*

What was the response of Moses in verse 8?

How should this be your response to the character of God?

What did Moses ask God to do (vs 9)?

How can God's declaration here be a great comfort to you?

**GOD'S MERCY DISPLAYED AGAIN**

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**Numbers 14:10-26**

*\*\*The spies had just returned from the promise land and ten of the twelve had given a negative report and told the people that it would*



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*be impossible to conquer the land. The people raised their voices and began to weep and complain towards Moses and to God.*

What did the people want to do to Moses (vs 10)? How did God stop them?

What did God tell Moses He was going to do (vs 11-12)?

What was the reasoning that Moses used when he pleaded with God (vs 13-16)?

How did Moses appeal to God (vs 17-18)?

What did Moses ask God to do (vs 19)?

What was God's response to this (vs 20)?

Did God take away all punishment for their sin (vs 21-22)?

What lesson can be learned about mercy from the fact that God still brought a punishment upon them?

What was so great about God's mercy here?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

What should be your proper response to the mercy of God?

Why is it easy to take God's mercy for granted?

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Through his psalms, David talked often about the mercy of God. This is because David needed it and experienced it often in his personal life. Understanding the mercy of God allowed David to press on and become a man after God's own heart even with all of his faults and failures.

*"For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him." - Psalm 103:11*

GOD'S MERCY UPON SOLOMON PROMISE TO DAVID

**II Samuel 7:1-15**

*\*\*David had been anointed to be king many years before, and at this point in his life he finally became the king over the whole region of Israel. This is an event surrounding this special occasion.*

What was David concerned about (vs 1-3)?

What had God done for David (vs 8)?

What did God promise him (vs 9)?

What else did God promise David (vs 12-13)?

What did God say He would do to Solomon even when he sinned (vs 14-15)?

How does this understanding of mercy encourage you?

DAVID DECLARED GOD'S MERCY

**II Samuel 22:26-51**

*\*\*Up to this point in his life, David had been in many battles with the*

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*Philistines, with Saul and with many other opposing forces. He finally reached a point of rest where there was little fighting and he looked back in this passage and remembered what God had done for Him and how God had given Him the victory.*

What did David declare about God (vs 26)?

What does this mean to you in your personal life?

What goes hand in hand with mercy (vs 28)?

What did David recognize about the Word of God (vs 31)?

What did David declare about God (vs 32-33)?

Describe some of the things that God had done for David (vs 34-43)?

How have you seen God do things like this in your life?

What was David going to praise God for (vs 44-50)?

What kind of mercy does God show (vs 51)?

What thrills you about the idea of steadfast mercy?

How can you show this same mercy to others?

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PLENTIFUL IN MERCY

**Psalm 86:1-17**

What was David asking God to do for him (vs 1-4)?

What did David understand about the mercy of God (vs 5)?

What did an understanding of the mercy of God allow David to do freely (vs 7)?

What did David understand about God (vs 8-10)?

Why did David want to praise God (vs 11-12)?

Describe some times that you have felt this way in your life.

What was David asking God to do (vs 14-16)? Why?

What was David asking God to do in verse 17?

HIS MERCY ENDURETH FOREVER

**Psalm 103:6-18**

How is God described (vs 8)?

What can you see about the idea of mercy as David further explained how mercy worked in his life (vs 9-11)?

Why is this understanding of mercy so important in your relationship

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with Christ?

What can you learn about mercy from verses 13-18?

**HIS MERCY ENDURETH FOREVER**

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**Psalm 136:1-26**

*\*\*In this Psalm, David drives home the point that we all desperately need the mercy of God in our lives. He wanted to praise God for His mercy understanding what he would be without the mercy of God.*

Read through this passage and then write five different observations that you have made about the mercy of God.

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**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

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Why is mercy so important in your life?

Where would you be without the mercy of God?

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Though we will end our study of the mercy of God today, don't let it end your personal understanding of the mercy of God. There are many more passages that deal with the mercy of God because His mercy is a necessity in your life.

*“But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us” - Ephesians 2:4*

**GOD'S MERCY BY SENDING JESUS CHRIST**

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**Luke 1:46-56**

*\*\*As Mary arrived at her cousin Elizabeth's house, Elizabeth declared how Mary was to be blessed above all women because she was to give birth to the Messiah. Mary then broke out in praise to God.*

What had God done for Mary (vs 46-49)?

Who is the mercy of God for (vs 50)?

Who does God show special mercy and favor towards (vs 51-53)?

What did God do for Israel? Why (vs 54)?

**Luke 1:67-79**

What had God done for Israel through Jesus Christ (vs 67-69)?

How is the mercy of God seen in verses 70-72?

What does God want out of your life (vs 74-75)?

Describe how your life is fulfilling this purpose?

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How does a proper understanding of the mercy of God inspire you to live completely for God?

Why did God send Jesus (vs 76-79)?

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**THE MERCY DISPLAYED BY JESUS**


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**Luke 18:35-43**

What is the scenario of this passage (vs 35-37)?

What did the man cry out to God (vs 38)?

How did the people with him respond (vs 39)?

What did he continue to do (vs 39)?

What did God do for the man (vs 41-43)?

How was this merciful of Jesus?

What can you learn about mercy from this?

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**EVERYONE NEEDS THE MERCY OF GOD**


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**Romans 11:28-12:2**

*\*\*In this passage, Paul described how both Jews and Gentiles need Jesus Christ in order to receive salvation. In this portion of the passage, Paul is addressing the Gentile believers.*

How did the Gentiles receive mercy because of the disobedience of

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the Jews (vs 30)?

What was one of the reasons that God showed mercy to the Gentiles (vs 31)?

What does verse 32 declare?

How did a recognition of the mercy of God cause Paul to break out in praise (vs 33-36)?

Why did Paul bring up the mercies of God in 12:1?

How will understanding the Word of God make living as a sacrifice a desirable things to do for a believer?

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**RICH IN MERCY**


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**Ephesians 2:1-10**

What type of person were you before you became a believer (vs 1-3)?

How is God described (vs 4)?

Why did God need to be rich in mercy?

How did God show His mercy to you (vs 5-7)?

What does this show us about the way we live mercy out in your life?

Why do grace and mercy often go hand in hand?

How are you showing mercy to others the way God showed mercy to

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you?

MERCY TO THE GREATEST SINNER

**I Timothy 1:12-17**

What did God choose to do for Paul (vs 12)?

What had Paul been (vs 13)?

What did God do for Paul (vs 14)?

How did Paul recognize His need for the mercy of God (vs 15)?

Why did Paul say God showed him mercy (vs 16)?

What point was Paul trying to make to Timothy?

How is it that the more we understand the seriousness of our sin, the more we appreciate and long for the mercy of God?

PLEADING FOR MERCY

**Hebrews 4:14-16**

How is Jesus described (vs 14)? Why (read the previous verses)?

What makes Jesus such a wonderful High Priest (vs 15)?

What does verse 16 teach us to do? Why?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

What difference should the mercy of God make in your life?

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Take time today to catch up on any days that you have missed this week. Then, meditate on what you have learned and write down five things that made an impact on you this week.

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It has become common in Christianity for people to make decisions and choices based on what they feel the will of God is for their lives. The problem normally with this type of choice is that it wasn't the Word of God that led them to this conclusion, but was a feeling based on their perspective or their thought of what God would have them to do. Though this is accepted in Christianity, you as a believer can't live this way. When faced with a choice or decision you must understand the importance of searching through Scripture and letting God tell you what His will is through His revealed Word. You will spend the next few days studying passages that tell you directly what God's will is for your life.

*“He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves” - Psalm 66:7*

THE ONE WHO DOES THE WILL OF GOD

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**Mark 3:31-35**

Who wanted to meet with Jesus (vs 31-32)?

How did Jesus answer them (vs 33)?

Was He being rude to them by answering this way? Explain.

Who did Jesus say was his true family (vs 34-35)?

What did He mean by this?

GOD HAS A DIRECT PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

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**Acts 13:36**

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*\*\*In this passage, Paul is declaring to the people at Antioch of Pisidia that Jesus Christ was different than the other leaders of Israel. He didn't just die, but rose again to give them victory. He used David as an illustration which you will read about in this passage.*

How does the will of God relate to David in verse 36?

What can be learned about the will of God from this verse?

GOD'S WILL IS NOT ALWAYS EASY

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**Acts 21:7-14**

*\*\*Paul was finishing his last missionary journey and was on his way back to Jerusalem to deliver the money he had collected for the Jerusalem church.*

Where did Paul stop on his way to Jerusalem (vs 8)?

*\*\*Caesarea was a city located on the Mediterranean sea in the land of Israel that was build by Herod the Great. It was used as a residence for the governor who ruled over the region of Judah. It is where Paul was taken to be tried before he was sent to Rome because of an appeal to Caeser.*

What did one of Philip's daughters prophecy about Paul (vs 10-11)?

What was the response of the people around Paul when they heard this (vs 12)?

What did Paul declare to the people (vs 13)?

What does this show that Paul understood about the will of God?

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What did the people finally do (vs 14)?

How can you see that God's will is not always your will?

LED BY THE WILL OF GOD

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**Romans 1:8-15**

What was Paul constantly doing for the church in Rome (vs 8-9)?

How was Paul led by God and not his own desires (vs 10-11)?

What was Paul's personal desire (vs 12-15)?

How have you seen that your personal desires are not always God's will for your life?

**Romans 15:30-33**

What did Paul want the Roman believers to do (vs 30)?

What did he want them to pray for (vs 31)?

*\*\*Paul was planning to go to Jerusalem to deliver the money he had collected for the church.*

What did Paul realize about his desire to visit the church at Rome (vs 32)?

How can we see from this passage that God's will is not always our will?

How does prayer work together with the will of God?

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THE HOLY SPIRIT KNOWS THE PERFECT WILL OF GOD

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**Romans 8:26-30**

What does the Holy Spirit do for you (vs 26)?

Why is this an important concept to understand?

How does the Holy Spirit intercede for you (vs 27)?

How will all things work (vs 28)? Why?

What is God's will for all believers (vs 29)?

What did God do for you (vs 30)?

Why is God's plan for your life more thrilling than your own?

CALLED BY THE WILL OF GOD

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**I Corinthians 1:1**

What did Paul understand about the will of God?

How do you think he could be so sure?

**II Corinthians 1:1**

What does it mean that Paul was "an apostle be the will of God"?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

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Why is it easy to be led by what you think rather than by the Word of God?

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You will start to see more and more that the will of God isn't a miraculous event for your life, but is daily obedience to His plan. God's will for you isn't limited to the passages that you read that say the words "will of God," but His will is revealed through the whole counsel, instructions and teaching in His Word.

*"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication" - I Thessalonians 4:3*

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**KNOWING GOD'S WILL THROUGH HIS WORD**

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**Romans 12:1-2**

*\*\*A few days ago, you looked at this passage along with the end of the chapter eleven as you gained a deeper understanding of the mercy of God. The orders that are given in these verses should be motivated by the mercies of God.*

How does God want us to live our lives (vs 1)?

What are we not to be conformed to (vs 2)?

What does this mean?

*\*\*The context of the passage reveals that this verse is speaking about more than outward conformity, but is speaking about changing our thinking to think the way that God thinks about things.*

How can we renew our minds?

What will be the result of looking at things the way God looks at them?

*\*\*God's Word is the source for determining His will. He reveals to*



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*you in His Word what His will is, yet many believers think things are the will of God because of a peaceful feeling or some counsel that they have received.*

According to this passage, how can you know what the will of God is?

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**II Corinthians 8:1-7**

What had the Macedonian church done (vs 1-2)?

How did the people give (vs 3)?

What can you learn from this?

What was so amazing about their attitude in giving (vs 4)?

What did they do first (vs 5)?

How did they accomplish the will of God in the way that they gave?

What is the will of God for your life as revealed in this passage?

What was Paul trying to encourage the believers in Corinth to do so that they would be doing the will of God like the Macedonians (vs 6-7)?

**OBEYING GOD'S WILL FROM YOUR HEART**

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**Ephesians 6:1-9**

Why do you think God often reminds children to obey, honor and

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respect their parents (vs 1-3)?

Why do you think that Fathers were singled out in verse 4?

What is God's will for children and His will for fathers according to this passage?

What is the will of God for slaves (vs 5-7)?

*\*\*A slave in New Testament times would have a similar position of an employee today, just as owners would be like employers.*

What is His will for employers (vs 9)?

Why is obeying the will of God not always easy?

Though we often look for great signs as to what the will of God is for a person's life, how can you see that the will of God for your life involves simple day to day tasks?

What did God promise to those who followed His will (vs 8)?

**SPIRITUAL MATURITY AND THE WILL OF GOD**

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**Colossians 4:12-13**

What does the Bible reveal about Epaphras (vs 12)? – See Colossians 1:4 & Philemon 23

What did Epaphras do on a regular basis (vs 12)?

What was the desire of Epaphras (vs 12)?

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How does spiritual maturity and the will of God go hand in hand?

What do you see about prayer and the will of God?

**THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD**

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**I Thessalonians 4:1-7**

What did Paul want the believers to do (vs 1)?

What is God's will for your life (vs 3)?

Why do you think that God's will for you is to live in sexually pure (vs 4-6)?

What has God called you to be (vs 7)?

Why is this easier said than done?

When you fail to live in purity and holiness, what are you actually doing (vs 8)?

**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

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Why is it important to live our God's will in daily areas of your life?

What happens when you choose not to live out His will? Why is it easy to let emotions in your life rule out what the truth is?

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Doing the will of God is not always easy, yet it is well worth it. It is easy to forget that all of us one day will stand before God and will be accountable for how we chose to obey God. The rewards for eternity will far outweigh the difficulties and sufferings that you go through for His sake.

*“And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.” - I John 2:17*

**THE WILL OF GOD IS TO GIVE THANKS**

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**I Thessalonians 5:16-17**

*\*\*In this passage, Paul was giving the Thessalonians many practical instructions on how to live their daily lives.*

What does Paul tell believers to do (vs 16)?

Why is this hard to do?

What is the first step towards rejoicing in all things (vs 17)?

Why is this hard to do?

Why do you think Paul emphasized that the will of God is for you to give thanks in all circumstances?

**THE WILL OF GOD INVOLVES SUFFERING**

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**Hebrews 10:32-39**

*\*\*In this passage, the writer of Hebrews described how believers have so much because of the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This sacrifice should be the motivation that cause believers to constantly live a surrendered life for God.*

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What happened to the believers when they were first saved (vs 32-33)?

How did they have compassion on (vs 34)?

What did they willingly choose to suffer (vs 34)?

Why did they choose to suffer this (vs 34)?

What were they instructed not to do (vs 35)?

What did the believers need (vs 36)?

What was the will of God for the believers in this passage?

What will believers face when they stand up for the truth (vs 37-39)?

Why do you think God's will involves suffering for Him?

**GOD'S WILLS YOU TO OBEY YOUR AUTHORITIES**

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**I Peter 2:13-17**

What are you commanded to do (vs 13)?

Why are we commanded to do so (vs 14)?

Why is this the will of God (vs 15)?

How are you to live (vs 16)?

What are some other things that God wills for you to do (vs 17)?

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**SUFFERING FOR DOING GOD'S WILL**

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**I Peter 3:13-17**

What does God promise to those who suffer for Him (vs 13-14)?

What are you to be ready to do at all times (vs 15)?

Would the way that you react to difficulties in life spark interest about Christ in the hearts of others? Explain.

How are you to respond when being hurt by others (vs 16)?

What does Peter say about God's will (vs 17)?

**I Peter 4:12-19**

What shouldn't you be surprised about (vs 12)?

How should you react (vs 13)?

What do verses 14-16 teach?

How does answering to God for the way that you live help you understand your need to suffer for righteousness (vs 17-18)?

What can you learn about God's will (vs 19)?

**CHOOSING TO LIVE IN GOD'S WILL**

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**I Peter 4:1-6**

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How are you to prepare yourself for spiritual battle (vs 1)?

How should you choose to live (vs 2)?

How do the Gentiles live (vs 3)?

How will they react when you do God's will (vs 4)?

What will they have to do for their actions (vs 5-6)?

What can you learn about God's will from this passage?

**THE BENEFITS OF DOING GOD'S WILL**

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**I John 2:15-17**

What shouldn't be part of the life of a believer (vs 15)?

What is part of the world (vs 16)?

Why is it important to understand that the world will pass away (vs 17)?

What will happen to those who do the will of God?

**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

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Are you living out the will of God for your life? Explain.

What changes do you need to make in your life to help you live according to His will?

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As you finish out this section on doing the will of God, I hope you have realized that doing His will is not some mystical thing to seek after, but involves daily obedience and surrender by choosing not to do what you want to do and choosing to do what He wants you to do. I hope you will live daily delighting to do His will.

*"I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." - Psalm 40:8*

**GOD IS NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH**

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**II Peter 3:1-13**

What was Peter trying to do in his letter (vs 1)?

What did Peter want his readers to remember (vs 2-3)?

What will evil men attempt to do (vs 3-6)?

What will they forget (vs 7)?

What does verse 8 mean?

What does verse 9 declare about the will of God?

How have you made this part of your will?

What will happen at the end of the world (vs 10)?

How does Peter say you should live (vs 11-12)?

Describe how you are living this way.

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**NOT YOUR WILL, BUT HIS WILL**

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**Luke 22:39-46**

Where was Jesus going and where had He just been (vs 39 & previous verses)?

What did Jesus tell the disciples to do (vs 40)?

What did Jesus pray (vs 42)?

How can you follow this example when it comes to the will of God?

What did God do for Jesus (vs 43)?

How will God do the same for you when His will is hard?

How can you see that Jesus didn't want to fully follow God's will?  
Why didn't he (vs 44)?

What did Jesus choose to do (vs 45)?

**Hebrews 12:1-2**

How does God want you to run the race of life?

How was Jesus the example for us?

How could Jesus go through with the will of God even though He knew it would bring such agony?

How can you be joyful doing God's will even though it might not be what you want it to be?

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**OUR PURPOSE - TO DO HIS WILL**

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**John 4:31-38**

*\*\*Jesus had just finished telling the Samaritan woman at the well about Himself and how she could be saved when the disciples arrived back from the village with some food.*

How did Jesus respond to their urging for Him to eat (vs 31-32)?

What did Jesus say that he lived for (vs 33-34)?

What was part of the will of God that Jesus wanted to accomplish (vs 35-38)?

How are you striving to accomplish the will of God in this area of your life? If you aren't, how do you intend to change?

**John 5:31-32**

What did Jesus live for (vs 31)?

How is this the burning desire of your life? If it isn't, what needs to change?

**John 6:35-40**

How did Jesus describe Himself (vs 35)?

What did He mean by that description?

What did Jesus promise to those who seek after Him (vs 37)?

Why did Jesus say He had come (vs 38)?

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What did Jesus say was God's will for Him (vs 39)?

What promise do we have because of Christ (vs 40)?

**Hebrews 10:1-10**

What couldn't come by sacrifices (vs 1-4)?

What did Jesus say about God's desires (vs 5-6)?

What did He say He had come to do (vs 7)?

Why is it reemphasized that Jesus had come to do the will of God (vs 8-9)?

What do you have because of the will of God (vs 10)?

DELIGHTING TO DO HIS WILL

**Psalm 40:6-8**

What was more important to God than sacrifices and offerings (vs 6-8)?

How did David feel about doing the will of God (vs 8)?

Why do you think he felt this way?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Is your daily desire to do the will of God? Explain.

How can you find delight in doing God's will?

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When you think of the chastening of God, the thought of a loving, caring God doesn't often pop into your mind as well. But you will see from your study today that the reason God chooses to chasten you is because He loves you.

*"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." - Hebrews 12:6*

GOD'S ROLE AS A LOVING FATHER

**Deuteronomy 8:1-10**

What did Moses want the children of Israel to remember (vs 1-2)?

What had God done for the nation of Israel (vs 3-4)?

What did Moses want the Israelites to know (vs 5)?

How can a person keep the commands of God (vs 6)?

Why do you think commanded obedience in the Bible is usually followed by promised blessings (vs 7-10)?

**II Samuel 7:12-17**

*\*\*As David was establishing his kingdom in Jerusalem, he desired to build a Temple, but God sent word through Nathan that He didn't want David to build it, but wanted his son Solomon to be the builder. What did God say He would do (vs 12)?*

What did God promise (vs 13)?

What type of relationship was God going to have with Solomon (vs

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Why was this an important part of the Father/Child relationship?

What did God promise about Solomon (vs 15)?

Do we have that same promise today? Can you think of other verses that support this idea?

**DON'T DESPISE GOD'S CHASTENING**

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**Proverbs 3:11-12**

What are you told not to despise (vs 11)?

How can you get tired of reproof from God (vs 11)?

Why does God choose to bring correction to our lives (vs 12)?

How does God view you (vs 12)?

Why do you think there such a negative attitude about punishment and discipline in our society today?

Why is God's discipline a precious thing?

**DON'T DESPISE GOD'S CHASTENING**

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**Isaiah 26:16-19**

*\*\*Throughout the history of the nation of Israel, you see constant chastening from the Lord. This was in no way because of a hatred or*

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*dislike for the people, but in love, God tried to bring them back to himself by putting them through great difficulties.*

What did Isaiah compare the discipline of the Lord to (vs 16-17)?

How does God want His children to respond to His discipline (vs 16)?

What do verses 18-19 teach?

What do these verses have to do with the discipline of the Lord?

**GOD CORRECTS US THROUGH HIS WORD**

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**II Timothy 3:16-17**

*\*\*One of the greatest things about the chastening of the Lord is that it doesn't have to happen. He gave you His Word to help you correct you wrongs without Him having to bring chastening to your life.*

What does it mean that all Scripture is inspired (vs 16)?

What has God given Scripture to do (vs 16)?

What does God want as the end product of His Word (vs 17)?

**DON'T GROW WEARY OF HIS CHASTENING**

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**Hebrews 12:1-11**

How are you commanded to live (vs 1)?

What does that look like on a practical level?

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What does verse 2 mean?

Why are you to remember Christ and biblical characters when you start to grow weary of living for God (vs 3)?

What did the writer of Hebrews remind you of (vs 5-6)?

What does verse 7 teach?

What does a lack of discipline (vs 8)?

Why do you appreciate the discipline of your father (vs 9)?

Why do earthly fathers discipline (vs 10)?

Why does God discipline (vs 10)?

Is discipline enjoyable (vs 11)?

Why should you choose to learn from discipline rather than to become upset about discipline (vs 11)?

**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

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How have you seen God's discipline in your life?

How have you responded to it?

How should you respond to discipline?

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Throughout the last six weeks you have seen many great and wonderful things about God. As you complete this study about God, one of the greatest things to remember is that the God you have read about and talked in depth about for the past six weeks is also a personal God who wants to have close, intimate fellowship with you.

*"I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." - II Corinthians 6:16*

**INTIMACY WAS SEEN FROM ADAM AND EVE**

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**Genesis 3:8-13**

*\*\*Adam and Eve were created and given instructions in the garden, but God didn't just instruct them and leave them, He also walked with them and talked with them on a regular basis. The reading here takes place after Adam and Eve had just committed sin and broken the command that God had given them.*

What did Adam and Eve hear (vs 8)?

What did they do (vs 8)? Why?

What does this reveal about the fellowship man had with God before the fall?

What does this reveal about God's love even though man had sinned (vs 9-13)?

**WALKING WITH GOD**

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**Genesis 5:21-23**

What happened to Enoch? Why?

What can you see about personal intimacy with God from this?



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What does this passage reveal about Enoch?

What does it take to walk with God?

**GOD MEETS WITH HIS PEOPLE****Exodus 33:7-11**

What was the special tent talked about in verse 7 used for?

What would the people do when Moses went into the tent (vs 8)?  
Why (vs 9)?

What would God do with Moses (vs 9-10)?

What can you see about the intimacy of God (vs 11)?

**I WILL BE YOUR GOD****Leviticus 26:1-13**

What did God command the people (vs 1-2)? Why?

What are some of the promises that God have the children of Israel  
(vs 3–10)?

What did they need to do in order to receive those promises?

What did God say He would do for the Israelites (vs 11)?

What other promise did He give to them (vs 12)?

What did God remind the people of (vs 13)?

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What do verses 9-10 teach?

What are you promised (vs 11)?

How are you a debtor (vs 12-13)?

What didn't you receive (vs 14-15)?

What did you receive (vs 15)?

What does this allow you to do (vs 15)?

*\*\*The term "Abba" is a term of endearment and closeness. Our closest English equivalent would be the term "Daddy" – a special term reserved for a dear loving and caring father.*

What does the Holy Spirit reveal to you (vs 16)?

Who are you because of Christ (vs 17)?

What does this passage teach you about intimacy with God?

**Galatians 4:1-6**

What was Paul saying in verse 1-2?

What were you before you accepted Christ (vs 3)?

What did God do (vs 4)?

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What did you receive (vs 5)?

What did God do for you (vs 6)?

What position do you have in Christ (vs 7)?

**OUR RICHES IN GOD**

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**Ephesians 1:3-14**

What did God do for you (vs 3-4)?

What position do you have because of Christ (vs 4-6)?

How does God choose to treat you (vs 7-8)?

How can God's love for you be seen in verses 9-10?

What do you have promised to you (vs 11)?

What does it mean to be "sealed with the Holy Spirit" (vs 13)?

How does this passage reveal God's intimacy towards you?

**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

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How can you increase your intimacy with God?

What are some hindrances to intimacy with God?

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Take time today to catch up on any days that you have missed this week. Then, meditate on what you have learned and write down five things that made an impact on you this week.

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