



DayBreak with **BIBLE READING**

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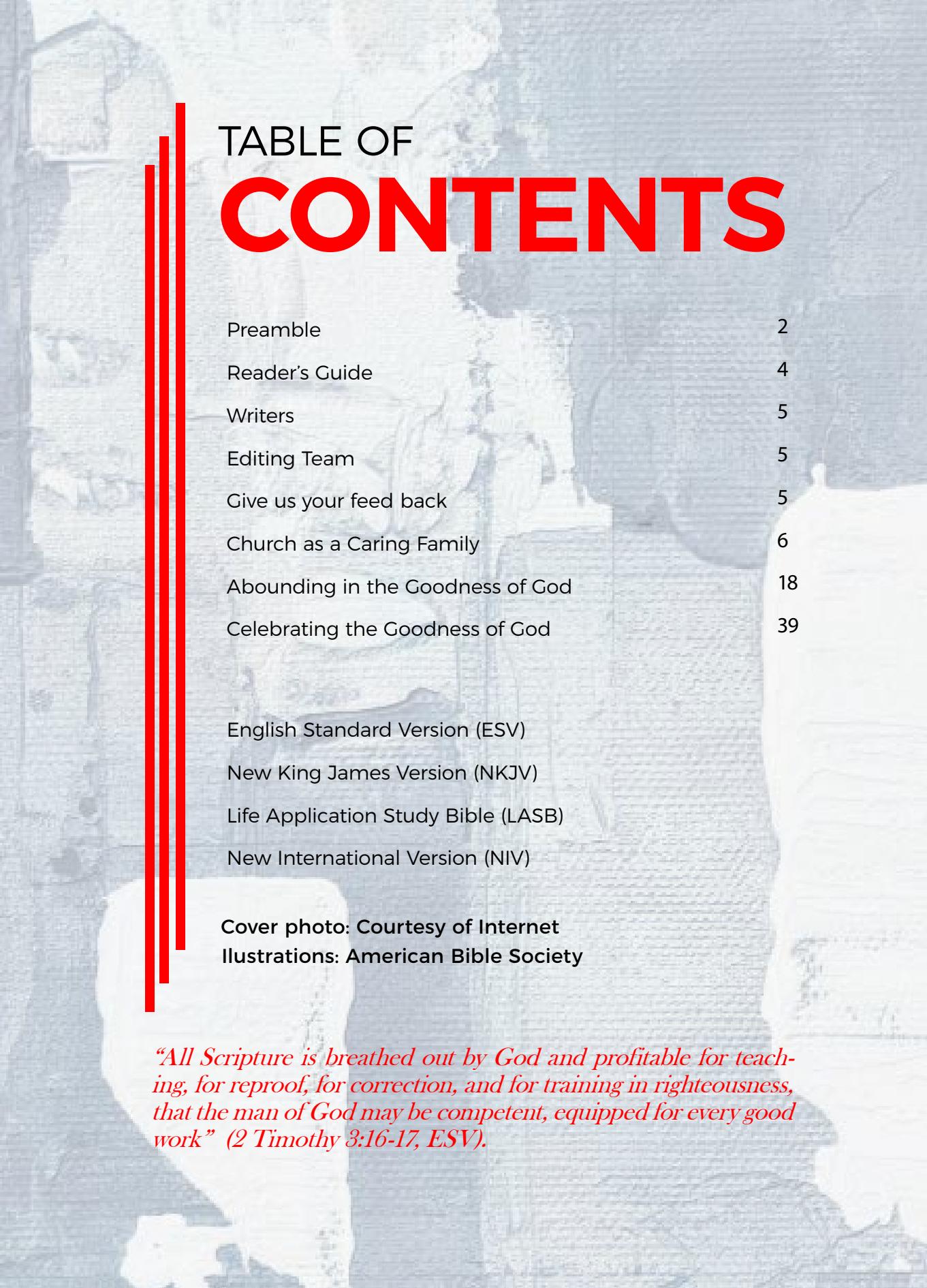


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PREAMBLE

All Saints' Cathedral, Kampala's (ASCK) theme for this year, 2025 has been: ***“Imitating God’s goodness by doing good”*** [Galatians 6:9-10; 3 John 11]. ***The theme is calling us not to grow weary in doing good. As a body of Christ, we have the responsibility to do good and help mankind, especially those in Christ and in need. We should imitate God who does good to us so that we do good to others. Let us avoid tyranny and resist the temptation to respond in kind.*** Therefore, let us endeavor to study and apply the Word of God; it is the weapon with which we shall defeat the thief, the tempter, the devil (Matthew 4:4-10), the flesh and the world. We will benefit from the Word only when we apply it in our lives! The Word will turn us into humble persons, encourage us to serve God effectively and make us heroes/heroines for Christ! The Church is admonished not to be swayed by all kinds of false teachings that are common these days, but to remain faithful to the Bible. As a believer engages daily in the discipline of Bible reading and study, she or he gets spiritual nourishment and hope. We encourage parishioners to read the Bible daily - that way, they may be rooted in the Word of God (*Psalm 119:7-8, 11*) in order to be fruitful wherever they are, and gain hope beyond difficulties.

“Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway” (Proverbs 8:34, NIV). Nothing is more blissfully profitable than “spending time with God”, daily. You do not have to spend hours studying the Word of God and praying, just set aside 15 to 30 minutes every day, at an appointed time, preferably in the morning. Then, He will guard and guide you throughout the day. It is a cardinal error to go anywhere without talking to God. It is like setting out on a journey without fuel. *“...If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here”* (Exodus 33:15, NKJV).

So, every day, sit somewhere in inner silence and let God talk to you, through devotionals such as contained in this booklet, as you study His Word. Then pray about what is going on in your life and around you; in the lives of those you care about, in your nation and the world as a whole. In your prayer, talk to God like a friend, because He is, and let Him speak to you as well. Learn to listen to God and recognise His call, like Samuel eventually did (*1 Samuel 3:4-10*), by reading and studying His Word.

Dear Reader, we praise God for this far He has brought us into this year 2025! This fourth and last quarter we shall focus on three topics: **1. Church as a caring family; 2. Abounding in the goodness of God; 3. Celebrating the goodness of God**

For each topic, we will pick excerpts from all over the Bible; Genesis to Revelation. Equip yourself with a good Bible preferably NIV, ESV, NKJV, or LASB, a pen and a note book. If you can, please acquire a good Bible dictionary, commentary and a concordance. But central to all these, is the BIBLE as the critical authoritative reference. Let it be known to all that the entire Bible is about God's redemptive plan for mankind. Jesus Christ Himself told His disciples that, "...*These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled*" (Luke 24:44-ESV). Therefore, as you read the Bible every day, figure out what the passage teaches about the Person or work of Jesus Christ and apply that teaching to your own life.

As you read the Bible, look out for a **command to obey**, a **promise to claim**, a **rebuke to heed**, a **sin to repent of** and an opportunity to **share the Word** with another person. Most importantly, the essence of this publication is to facilitate godly transformation by applying the Word of God in your life. Be expectant to hear your loving Father tenderly giving you direction every day, telling you; "...*This is the way, walk in it...*" (Isaiah 30:21).



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READERS' GUIDE

In this daily guide, the Bible Study for believers, each day's portion is structured as below;

- (i) Referential indication of the reading for the day, with a summative statement of what it is about,*
- (ii) Brief notes for the day's text,*
- (iii) A meditation verse, question or challenge for the day, and*
- (iv) A suggested prayer.*

It is suggested that you acquire and maintain a notebook for your Bible study. It is further recommended that (i) You start off your quiet time with a short prayer; confessing your sins and seeking God's forgiveness, invite the Holy Spirit to guide you as you listen to God through His Word; (ii) read the text slowly and meditatively.

As you read and meditate: (i) take notes of any important convictions you encounter, including but not limited to: (ii) the day's take home as italicized in the notes, and (iii) your take home as per the final paragraph of the preamble.

Structure your notebook into your daily notes with dates and the relevant reading. At the end of the study of each theme, you may read through all the notes you have taken on the theme in order to "gather the sheaves" you have harvested from the Book, noting in particular, the holiness and goodness of God.

May the Lord bless you as He speaks to you through His Word.

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THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025

CHURCH AS A **CARING FAMILY**



Biblical care involves showing compassion and concern for others, loving, depicting the character of God and His teachings.

A caring church is one in which parishioners or believers in Christ stand together in worshipping God according to His laid down procedures in the Bible, showcasing genuine love for others in a particular congregation. The leadership of such a church cares to preach sound biblical theology and is concerned for the well-being of the congregation, supporting the various ministries as it gives opportunities to the parishioners to support one another.

In this context, a family is the act of loving and upholding one another despite one another's shortcomings. This is a group of two or more people who are born of the spirit, having God as their Father and being co-heirs of Christ.

Wednesday, 1st October 2025. Care for orphans and widows.**Text: James 1:19-27**

In the ancient culture, orphans and widows had very little means of economic support (v.27). Many were reduced to beggars unless someone was willing to help them. Some would starve to death unless they sold themselves into slavery.

When the church cares for such people, it puts God's Word into practice. Today, many times, we see people, including relatives, grabbing property of widows and orphans. Some pretend to take care of orphans and along the way they manipulate and take advantage of them. The church as an institution, and you as an individual should intervene and help such helpless people in our society.



Meditate on verse 27. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray that You teach me how to care for vulnerable people, especially the widows and orphans in my society. Amen.

Thursday, 2nd October 2025. The church should defend the rights of the poor and needy. Text: Proverbs 31:1-9

Every individual in the church, especially those in authority should judge rightly, speak up and defend the rights of the poor and needy (v.9). Let the church use its voice and influence to defend the vulnerable so that justice is executed impartially. In Uganda, today, one hears of people saying that without money, you cannot get justice.

This is wrong and evil. Whoever is involved in this injustice should repent. *Justice should be for all the people equally regardless of his / her social standing or wealth.* One can sincerely be impartial and give equal justice to all when she/he is in Christ. It is only in Christ that you can resist temptation and differentiate between right and wrong.



Meditate on verse 9. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help me to defend the rights of the poor and needy, I pray. Amen.

Friday, 3rd October 2025. Be generous to the poor. Text: Proverbs 14:19-26

The church of Christ should be generous to the poor (v.21), particularly those who belong to Christ. Do not despise your neighbour and fail to show kindness to the poor in your society. Church members should stand against pride and stinginess. *It*

is only when you are in Christ and realize how God has freely loved you, and by His grace given you salvation that you, in turn, should reciprocate by being generous to the poor.



Meditate on verse 21. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help me not to despise my neighbours; instead, I pray that I be generous to them. Amen.

Saturday, 4th October 2025. Give justice to the weak and fatherless:

Text. Psalm 82:1-5

As a member of the church, especially if you are in position of authority and influence like a judge, defend the weak, orphans and ensure justice for the afflicted and needy (v.3). The church should defend the vulnerable and those who cannot defend themselves. We see many crying every day, young and old, they need your help. *Let the church speak against evil in our society.* Let the church be the salt and light to this dark world (*Mat.5:13-14*). You are the salt and light when Jesus Christ is your Saviour and Lord.



Meditate on verse 3. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray that You incline the hearts of our leaders to give justice to all who need it without bias. Amen.

Sunday, 5th October 2025. Let your concerns lead to help. Text: James 2:14-17

The church should not stop at only expressing the concerns of the poor, it should go on help them (vv.15- 16). While we cannot earn our salvation by serving and obeying God, deeds of service are verification of our faith in Christ (v.17). It is important that your tangible acts of compassion and service go alongside your faith. Do not stop at only sympathizing with one in trouble, but go ahead and offer material help. “*Giving little is better than too many words of sympathizing.*”



Meditate on verses on 15-16. How are you going to respond to them?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help me care for the needy in my community and beyond. Amen.

Monday, 6th October 2025. Help your relatives. Text: 1 Timothy 5:1-8

As a member of the body of Christ, you should help your relatives, especially members of your immediate family (v.8). Probably you know some people who live lavishly in

towns while their parents are languishing in poverty in their respective villages. Some heads of families enjoy grilled meat while their immediate family members are fed on a poor diet in their respective homes. Such need to repent and the Lord will forgive them and give them the wisdom on how to look after their families.



Meditate on verse 8. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Our Father in heaven, in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray for the many parents who abandoned their homes to go back and reconcile with their families. Amen.

Tuesday, 7th October 2025. The church should encourage its members to work.

Text:2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

The Church should encourage its members to make the most of their talents and time, working all they can to provide for themselves and dependants (vv.7-10).

Prayer is very good for a Christian; but set time to pray and time for work. Rest when you should and work when it is time to work. In some instances, you find churches with vast quantities of land laying idle, please develop such resources. However, there should be balance so that in the process of developing projects, the ministry of evangelism should not be neglected.



Meditate on verses 7-10. How are you going to respond to them?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, equip and inspire the Church leadership to utilize their resources fully. Amen.

Wednesday, 8th October 2025. Serve the interests of others.

Text: Philippians 2:1-11

A caring church should instruct believers to act in humility, valuing others above themselves as they consider others more important than themselves (vv.3-4). This will help to fight selfish ambition and vain conceit. This promotes a mindset of service as one considers the needs of others. Naturally, everyone looks out for his/her own interests. It is only when you are in Christ, and as you follow His example (vv.5-11), that you can genuinely seek the interests of others first. The rampant stealing, we are witnessing in Uganda is because most people are seeking their interests above others. *They need to repent and God will forgive them.*



Meditate on verses 3-4. How are you going to respond to them?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray that You diffuse the selfish spirit in me. Amen.

Thursday, 9th October 2025. Encourage one another. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Members in a caring *church* should be sensitive to others' needs for encouragement and give supportive words or actions(vv.9-11). Church members should offer support, hope and strength to one another to grow in faith and persevere in challenges. Instead of spreading rumors among the brethren, *bring reconciliation and unity in the church and fellowships as you are guided by the Holy Spirit*, who you receive at the point that you receive Jesus Christ.



Meditate on verses 9-11. How are you going to respond to them?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help us to encourage one another as Your children, I pray. Amen.

Friday, 10th October 2025. Be sensitive to the failings of the weak.**Text: Romans 15:1-7**

The church should care to instruct those who are strong in faith to bear with those who are weak rather than focusing on self-pleasing. The church should encourage unity and mutual support within its community (v.1). This calls for selflessness as all focus on the well-being of the community. Do not under look those who are struggling in their spiritual journey, instead reach out to them and grow together. *Feed them with sound doctrine as you promote biblical theology.*



Meditate on verse1. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, equip me to be sensitive to those who are growing in their faith. Amen.

Saturday, 11th October 2025. Do good to wrongdoers. Text: Romans 12:9-21

A caring church should teach its members to do good to even wrongdoers and to act kindly towards evildoers (vv.20-21). As a church member, *overcome evil with good*, do not revenge, instead, through acts of kindness help your enemies in wisdom (v.20). Do not let the evil actions of others cause you to retaliate with evil, but with acts of goodness and love (v.21). Respond by choosing to show grace and compassion, thereby breaking the cycle of revenge and bitterness. Trust God in the name of Jesus Christ, that God will give you the grace to be gracious and compassionate in this politically and spiritually corrupt environment.



Meditate on verses 20-21. How are you going to apply them to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help me not to revenge when I am hurt. Amen.

Sunday, 12th October 2025. Be kind and share with others.**Text. Hebrews 13:7-16**

It pleases God when you act kindly and share with those in need. (v.16). The practical acts of kindness and generosity are tangible expressions of faith, and this pleases God. As a member of your church, commit yourself to acts that benefit others, *reflecting the love and compassion of Jesus Christ*. Share the resources and blessings with those in need, using what God has given you to help others. We are in a culture that glorifies selfishness by hording material things. We need to repent and share with others (*Mat.25:36*).



Meditate on verse 16. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Our Father in heaven, in the name of Jesus Christ, help me to do good and share with those in need. Amen.

Monday, 13th October 2025. Carry one another's burden.**Text: Galatians 6:1-10**

The Church benefits and becomes strong when members work together for the common good (vv1-3). As a member of the church, be on the lookout for any member who needs help, correction or encouragement. *With humility and gentleness, reach out to that person as a sign of love of Jesus Christ (Jhn 13:34-35)*. You can only do that effectively when you are in Jesus Christ; and you receive and believe in Jesus Christ by faith alone.



Meditate on verse 16. How are you going to apply to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, point me, by Your Spirit, to helping others in need. Amen.

Tuesday, 14th October 2025. Help those who are truly in need.**Text: Matthew 5: 38-42**

As a member of a caring church, you should help those in need, those forced to beg for sustenance (v.42). However, you should not give foolishly to a lazy person or to give where giving would do more harm than good. A caring church should encourage the spirit of giving and compassion where members are beyond mere legal obligations, and help those in need. *Members should have generous hearts as they help others*. There are many people in our society that are truly in need, let the Holy Spirit help you to identify those you can give. *You receive the Holy Spirit at the point you get saved.*



Meditate on verse 42. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, lead me into identifying those in need of help. Amen.

Wednesday, 15th October 2025. Love one another. Text: John 15:12-17

The members of a caring church love one another (v.12). Individuals in the church may not necessarily die for one another; but they can practice sacrificial love. For example; giving, listening, encouraging and helping (v.13). *You are able to practice sacrificial love when you are in Christ, because in Him you realize how much He loves you.* Members of a caring church love one another the same way Jesus loves them. Such love goes beyond emotions and comes out in practical actions of service and sacrifice.



Meditate on verse 12. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, fill me with sacrificial love for my fellow Christians, I pray. Amen.

Thursday, 16th October 2025. You are the light of the world.

Text: Matthew 5:13-16

Members of a caring church are the light of the world (v.14). If the members are living for Christ, they will glow like lights, showcasing Jesus Christ. A believer in a caring church can hide his/her light by; denying the light not explaining his/her light to others, being quiet when she/he must speak, compromising, going along with the crowd and by letting sin dim his/ her light. A caring church is visible and has a positive influence in the world as it reveals God's truth and love. *One becomes the light of the world as he reveals God's truths and love.* One becomes the light of the world only when he/she is in Christ. In appreciation of what God has done for him, he does godly works which attract others and are drawn to God.



Meditate on verse 14. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Our Father in heaven, the Lord of heaven and earth, in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray You enthuse me to be the light to this dark world. Amen.

Friday, 17th October 2025. Do not get tired of doing good.

Text: Galatians 6:1-10

Individuals of a caring church keep on doing good as they trust God for the results. Soon they reap a harvest of blessings (vv.9-10). This calls for persistent faith and action, as one plants and waits for harvest. One's benefit of good works may not

show up immediately, but will eventually be seen at some point. *Remember good works cannot save you, but faith in Jesus Christ alone.*



Meditate on verses 9-10. How are you going to apply them to your life?



Prayer: Our loving Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, strengthen me never to get tired of doing good. Amen.

Saturday, 18th October 2025. Work hard and bless others. Text: Acts 20:17-35

A caring church emphasizes the principle of giving other than receiving (v.35). There is joy and fulfilment in giving and selflessness that aligns with the teaching of Jesus Christ on love and service. Therefore, *members of a caring church prioritize the needs of others* and find solace in meeting their well-being.



Meditate on verse 35. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Our Almighty Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, navigate our hearts to give more than we receive, I pray. Amen.

Sunday, 19th October 2025. Forgive one another. Text: Ephesians 4:25-32

Members of a caring church forgive one another (vv.32). God forgives us not because we forgive others but just because of His great mercy. Since you are freely forgiven, then you need to forgive one another as a sign that you have become one with Christ who forgave even those who crucified Him. As a member of the church, you are called to embody kindness, forgiveness and compassion towards one another to highlight the forgiveness from God through Jesus Christ. *Being kind, compassionate, and forgiving* are important virtues that every member of a caring church should possess to foster better relationships in daily interactions



Meditate on verse 32. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Our loving Almighty Father in the name of Jesus Christ help me to forgive those who hurt me. Amen.

Monday, 20th October 2025. Be a servant to others. Text: Matthew 20:20-28

Members of a caring Church serve one another (v.26). In the Christian faith, true greatness is found in selfless service and humility, not in power or authority. *True humility can only be reflected in your character when you are in Christ.* This enables you to follow in His footsteps as you serve His chosen ones (v.28). A caring church does not seek greatness through power or authority, but in serving others.



Meditate on Verse 26. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, fill my heart with zeal to genuinely serve others. Amen.

Tuesday, 21st October 2025. Husbands should love their wives.

Text: Ephesians 5:22-33

In a caring church, a husband should give himself for his wife (v.25). This is to love his wife in a self-sacrificial manner, following the example of Christ with the church. This means that a husband should be willing to sacrifice everything for her, care for her as if caring for his own body, making her well-being of primary importance. If a husband treats his wife this way, she will automatically submit. Instead, today, we see all manner of male tyranny and oppression towards their spouses. *Such husbands need to repent and God will forgive them through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord.*



Meditate on verse 25. If you are a husband, how are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Our loving Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray that You teach husbands how to genuinely love their wives. Amen

Wednesday, 22nd October 2025. Love your enemies. Text: Matthew 5:43-48

Like Jesus Christ taught, a caring church should teach her members to love their enemies (v.44). In emulating Christ, you will be saying that you truly belong to Christ, because *it is through Him that, we subdue the natural selfishness in us.* Loving your enemy goes beyond refraining from hatred; it embraces actively showing love and kindness as you pray for them. Praying for your enemies is the spiritual indication of love. You could be having enemies; those who dislike you, insult you or are actively trying to harm you, love them and pray for them.



Meditate on verse 44. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, give me the ability, I pray, to love and pray for my enemies. Amen.

Thursday, 23rd October 2025. Feed your enemy. Text: Proverbs 25:21-28

A caring church teaches its members to feed their enemies (vv.21-22). Never seek to revenge. Such acts of kindness can make the enemy remorseful, and can even cause transformation, which pleases the Lord. Do not retaliate in face of animosity, instead, be kind. *You can only do this when you are in Christ and the Holy Spirit is*

leading you, otherwise the natural instinct in you, tells you to fight back.



Meditate on verse 21-22. How are you going to apply them to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray You accord me an opportunity to feed my enemies. Amen.

Friday, 24th October 2025. Be compassionate. Text: Luke 10:25-37

It would have been very strange and unlikely for a Samaritan to help a Jew. However, loving one's neighbour involves care and compassion, even those you do not relate with, but happen to be in need (v.33). A member of a caring church should love his/her neighbour regardless of background or social status. This also could be the beginning of witnessing to him/her that *Jesus Christ loves him/her more*. You do this effectively if Christ is your Saviour and you are under His Lordship.



Meditate on verse 33. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, teach me how to have compassion on others, I pray. Amen.

Saturday, 25th October 2025. Serve others. Text: Luke 22:24-27

A caring church becomes great when it serves others (v.27). This is contrary to what we see in this world today. Most of our leaders are selfish and arrogant. They need to repent and serve the people they are leading with humility, wisdom and integrity. *In the Kingdom of God, true greatness is in humility and service to others.*



Meditate on verse 27. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray for an opportunity to serve others. Amen

Sunday, 26th October 2025. Do good. Text: Titus 3:1-8

A caring church should encourage its members to be involved in serving others. While good works cannot save you, or increase God's love for you, it is a true indicator of your faith and love for Christ (v.8). This is a good connection between belief and behaviour. *Your genuine faith in God will lead you to serve others.* Such an impact is beneficial, helpful and aligned with the will of God.



Meditate on verse 8. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Our loving Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray that You

draw our Church members into being involved in the work for not only themselves, but for others as well. Amen.

Monday, 27th October 2025. Love God with all your heart, soul and mind.

Text: Matthew 22:34-40

The commandment from *Deut.6:5* was repeated twice a day by the faithful Jews (v.37). A caring church has total devotion to God, not superficial or partial; rather a *love that permeates every aspect of a believer's life*. The heart represents the core of a person's being like emotions, desires and affections. The soul represents one's inner self. The mind represents one's intellect, thoughts and understanding. You will effectively give total devotion to God when you are in Christ.



Meditate on verse 37. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray that You teach me to love You with all my heart, with all my soul and with all my mind. Amen.

Tuesday, 28th October 2025. Refresh others. Text: Proverbs 11:24-31

A caring Church refreshes others (v.25). Give your possessions, time and energy freely to others. When you give, you get a right perspective on your possessions, you are freed from enslavement to your possessions, you experience the joy of helping others and get God's approval. *Giving to others leads to personal benefit and prosperity*. Do not give in order to get, instead, give as an act of gratitude, appreciating that everything belongs to God, you are just a steward of the same.



Meditate on verse 25. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray You equip me to refresh others. Amen.

Wednesday, 29th October 2025. Heeding instruction. Text: Proverbs 19:20-29

Members of a caring church heed to instruction in order to avoid errors (v.27). A caring church listens in order to get knowledge and understanding. *Never reject guidance and instruction*. The best guide is the Holy Spirit whom you receive when you receive and believe in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord. You receive Christ by faith alone.



Meditate on verse 27. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray You equip me to pursue knowledge and understanding. Amen

Thursday, 30th October 2025. Be practical in Love and service.**Text: Acts 9:36-43**

In this text, we see Tabitha in her devotion to serving others. She had a reputation for kindness (v.36) and was actively involved in charity. A caring church should have members who are devoted, kind, serve others and are involved in charity. Not only should you be a disciple of Jesus Christ, but you should also be involved in charity work in your community. Remember, charity work cannot add anything to your salvation, salvation is by grace alone in Christ. You do good works in appreciation of what God has done for you.



Meditate on verse 36. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank You for all the Christians who are serving others, especially those in need. Amen.

Friday, 31st October 2025. When you help the needy, you help Christ. Text: Matthew 25:31-46

Members of a caring church should help the least in their respective communities (v.45). The least in society are the vulnerable, marginalized or those in need, for example, the sick, the naked and those in prison. When you care for such, you care for the Lord. A caring church should intervene in such situations. Your church or yourself, could be doing it, but you need to do it more. This is a practical way of showing the love of Jesus Christ in you.



Meditate on verse 45. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Our loving Father in Heaven, in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray that You fill us with the spirit of caring for the vulnerable in our society, without ceasing. Amen.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2025

ABOUNDING IN **THE GOODNESS OF GOD**



God is good, and His goodness to creation flows from that. But we are not always attentive to, or even, aware of, His goodness as shown in creation, in providence (what He provides), and in His divine nature. The purpose of the messages this month is to aid us in acknowledging His abounding goodness, and then living in that knowledge. We want to give special attention to the Person and work of Jesus Christ, because in Him and through Him and to Him are all things. Our frequent acknowledgment of that must abound daily.

Saturday, 1st November 2025. Enjoying the abundance of creation.**Text: Genesis 1:1, 31**

The reading for today is only two verses, but you should read the entire chapter. It tells us that God has always existed, and He created absolutely everything, though He was under no obligation to create anything. The only true and living God; God the Father, the Son (*Jesus Christ*), and the Holy Spirit, were perfectly content and fulfilled in their being, existence, and life together. They needed nothing. *Creation is the work of grace*. It is grace, because God was not obligated. If He now wanted to destroy it or re-do it, it would be His right, because He made it. God sustains and provides for everything, because He is gracious and good.

As we Christians move about our neighborhoods and the world, we should note that everything is made, sustained, and given provision by God, even those things made by people, who are tools in God's hands. Though human sin has corrupted everything, all creation still bears the marks and presence of the Creator and still reflects something of His nature. We as children of God should marvel at what our Heavenly Father has made. Consider the flowers of the field and the vastness of the stars as indicators of His power and the beauty of what He does spiritually, re-creatively, for His people in the redeeming work of Christ. Let us rejoice abundantly!



Challenge: *When you move through your day, make a conscious effort to notice God's handiwork. Then give Him glory and rejoice abundantly.*



Prayer: *Heavenly Father, open my eyes to see Your creative work all around me. In Jesus' name, bnl;**9I pray. Amen.*

Sunday, 2nd November 2025. Abounding comfort in Christ.**Text: 2 Corinthians 1:1-5**

This letter might be Apostle Paul's third to the believers in *Corinth* (*1 Cor.5:9*), and this passage is good to have near the start of our meditations about abounding in the goodness of God. The goodness from God flows from His good nature. This means everything about Him and everything He does (*or does not do*) is right, just, and virtuous. In *verse 5* Paul points to the sufferings of Christ that we share and to the comfort we receive. Christ's sufferings include His arrest, fake trial, beatings, and crucifixion. The benefit we receive from that is substitutionary. Jesus was forsaken by God the Father to pay for *our* penalty and *our* punishment for *our* sins. Because we are united to Him (*Rom.6:5*), *His* accomplishments are ours in "abundance!"

The comfort we receive from the work of Christ is more than sufficient. It is "abundant!" Paul also wrote, "*where sin increased, grace abounded all the more*" (*Rom.5:20*). Sin is huge and world-wide, but God's grace is greater and eternally

more abundant. If you are unsure about your salvation from sin, or if you even doubt you are saved, it is because you are neither looking to, nor trusting in Jesus Christ *alone*. You are also looking at yourself and your sin. Jesus accomplished everything necessary for you to be accepted by God and be received into His Kingdom and eternal life. We can delight abundantly in the goodness of God's saving grace!



Challenge: *You cannot be comforted abundantly in the goodness of God's salvation if you are trusting yourself.*



Prayer: Our Father in Heaven, thank You for Your most precious gift of salvation, perfectly accomplished in Christ. I pray You focus my trust completely on Him. In His name, I pray. Amen.

Monday, 3rd November 2025. Abounding goodness in marriage.

Text: Genesis 2:7-25

Here we read about the special creation of human beings. In chapter 1, we read that God created both Adam and Eve, but in chapter 2, we get a closer look and discern that God created Adam first and Eve later. When God created Adam, He did not make a partner for him initially, as He did for the other creatures, because He was instructing us about the nature of marriage and giving us some insight into the nature of God. God declared Adam's alone-ness "not good" (v.18), because God Himself is not alone, He is three persons, yet the same substance, one divine being. Because Adam was made in the image of God, he would need someone who is like Him.

Within the God-head, the three persons love each other perfectly. The Father loves the Son and the Holy Spirit and encourages the Son and the Spirit to love each other. The Son does the same toward the Spirit and the Father, and the Spirit does the same toward the Father and the Son. There is no jealousy, only perfect love. *Within marriage the husband and wife are to love each other and whatever children God gives to them.* There is to be no jealousy, only love. As the three persons of the God-head are one true God, even so the husband and wife are one flesh. Though they were two, they are now no longer two (v.24; Mat.19:6). We are given such abounding insight into the nature of our good God and of marriage!



Question: *If you are married, are you living with your spouse in a way that reflects the one-ness of God?*



Prayer: Heavenly Father, give me the grace to live my marriage abundantly. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Tuesday, 4th November 2025. God's promise of a Redeemer.**Text: Genesis 3:1-15**

God created Adam and Eve exactly according to His eternal plan. Though He declared creation to be “very good” (*Gen. 1:31*), the couple was not absolutely perfect; they were mutable/changeable; they would be able to sin/disobey their Creator. Indeed, they could die (*2:17*). God tested them in the garden to see if they would love Him and obey His commands. When tempted by the devil, they chose to believe the lie, to eat the fruit that God forbade. So, when they ate it, they died. However, they continued to live because God immediately gave them saving grace. Not only did He withhold the death penalty, but He promised to send a Redeemer who would pay it for them (*3:15*).

Adam and Eve lost their intimate fellowship with Yahweh and were sent out of the garden. But God continued to communicate with humanity (e.g., *Gen. 6:13*) so that they would know His plan to bring them back to Himself. Eventually, Yahweh commanded Moses to write what He said (e.g., *Ex. 34:27*), and thus the Scriptures were begun for the better preserving of God’s Word. The basic message of the Bible is redemption; specifically, *God’s redeeming grace in a Redeemer, and the only Redeemer of God’s people is Jesus Christ*. Let us live abundantly in God’s goodness to provide for us eternal life by the work of Christ, which is graciously, fully, and freely applied to us, which we receive only by faith alone.



Question: *Only God can bring a person from death to life. Are you trusting in yourself, even partially, to do that? Trust only in Jesus.*



Prayer: *Gracious God our Father, thank You for Your grace and willingness to redeem me from my sin and death. In the name of Jesus the Redeemer, I pray. Amen.*

Wednesday, 5th November 2025. God preserves His people for good.**Text: Genesis 50:15-21**

The story of Joseph (*Gen. 37-50*) is a fascinating lesson about God’s sovereignty and how He uses and *overrules human activity, including evil*. The story is particularly about redemption, and it provides some insight into the life of Jesus Christ and His work as Redeemer. But the general lesson of God’s sovereignty in all things can be applied to all of us in all our circumstances. Joseph’s father loved Joseph more than the others, but his brothers hated him. They sold Joseph into Egyptian slavery, and he was soon cast into prison. Eventually Joseph became prime minister over the whole nation of Egypt. The brothers feared Joseph would take revenge, but he assured them that their evil scheme was used by God for good.

The abounding goodness and sovereignty of God is clear in this story, but the story also prefigures something of the person and work of Jesus. God the Father loved His eternal Son above all. Yet He willingly and gladly sent His Son to redeem from sin all His chosen people, so that He could bring them into eternal life. Using the hatred of others, the Father brought Jesus to the cross, put our sins on Him, and punished Him rather than us. Christ's resurrection and enthronement finalized our redemption. However, God's sovereignty is also in every minute of our lives, His children. Be encouraged. God is working even in your difficulties. What an abounding good work of grace!



Question: *Are you quick to complain about your difficulties? Probably. Next time, and always, remember God is at work. Glorify Him in it.*



Prayer: *Our Father, open my eyes to see you working in my challenges. In Christ's name, I pray. Amen.*

Thursday, 6th November 2025. God's chosen intercessor.

Text: Exodus 33:12-23

Moses was God's special prophet; the one God would use to deliver Israel out of their enslavement in Egypt. Moses was the one who would lead the people through the Red Sea, through the wilderness, to Mt. Sinai, and to the Promised Land of Canaan. Moses was concerned that Yahweh would not continue with Israel because they were being disobedient and idolatrous; so Moses interceded and prayed that Yahweh would continue with them. Yahweh agreed, because Moses found favor in God's sight (v.17). Due to the faithful work of Moses interceding for the people, the nation of Israel was not destroyed, even though they continually *disobeyed* Yahweh and *disbelieved* His promises.

The faithlessness of Israel is sad, but we Christians are naturally the same. Always remember, we are accepted by God *only* because of His grace to us in Jesus Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection purchased our salvation completely. *Jesus Christ, our greater Moses, stands between us and God. He is interceding for us, praying for us.* God the Father receives the work of His eternal Son, Jesus, and accepts us in Him. This also guarantees that God will never depart from us. Indeed, we are united to Him, and separation is impossible. We have great reason to live in abounding, joyful gratitude to, and trust in, God because of the work of His chosen Mediator, Jesus Christ the Righteous.



Question: *Are you fearing that God will abandon you in the end? That is impossible. Jesus is interceding for your salvation, and God promises you eternal life.*



Prayer: Father in Heaven, give me grace to know in my heart Your assurance of salvation in Jesus Christ. In His name, I pray. Amen.

Friday, 7th November 2025. Yahweh is with Joshua mightily. Text: Joshua 1:1-9

About forty years before this chapter, in *Exodus 17:9*, we first meet Joshua as Moses' aide-de-camp (*personal assistant*). He was also a general and a prophet. In our reading today Yahweh speaks to His prophet, Joshua, who is now the new leader of the nation of Israel. Yahweh encourages Joshua in the work he has been called to do; taking the place of Moses and leading the Israelites into the promised land. Moses was the greatest that Israel would ever have (*before Jesus and the Baptizer, who prepared the way for Jesus*). Joshua was surely feeling unworthy, weak, and anxious. But Yahweh did not scold Joshua. *He graciously promised to be with him* (v.5).

Joshua went forward in God's grace to lead the people, as Yahweh commanded. He did so with great success, and the people revered Joshua, as they revered Moses (*Jsh.4:14*). Especially noteworthy is the crossing of the River Jordan on dry ground (*Jsh.3:15-17*). Jesus Christ (*his Hebrew name is Joshua, meaning God saves*) has gone before us through death and conquered it, so that we will not be touched by death's eternal curse when we die. We will enter Paradise, where believers will be with Christ Jesus for eternity. Death frightens nearly everyone, but we can rejoice *abounding*ly at that time, because we will be with Jesus forever, starting at the moment of death.



Challenge: Do not let the fear of death rob you of the joy of being with Jesus. By God's grace, be courageous, as Joshua was.



Prayer: Father, give me grace to trust that You are always with me; so I can be brave, and thus honour Jesus. In His name, I pray. Amen.

Saturday, 8th November 2025. Sheep need a Shepherd. Text: Psalm 23:1-6

Sheep are very needy animals and are not able to care for themselves or keep themselves alive. Sheep are prey to many other animals that easily kill them for food, because they have no real defense mechanisms. They cannot run fast, and they do not have deadly teeth or claws. Sheep naturally wander away from good food and water. They are often so heavy in body weight, they easily fall and cannot get up. Sheep *need* a shepherd, a caregiver! That is why David compares us to sheep and not to wolves, lions, bears, or other powerful beasts. We have enemies (*world, flesh, devil*) that can easily destroy us, because we cannot protect ourselves.

As sheep are utterly dependent upon the shepherd for survival, so are we, utterly dependent upon the Lord Jesus Christ for life and protection. *The Lord is our*

Shepherd. Jesus gives us everything, but He especially gives us what we need for spiritual health and for life eternal. We need nothing else. Shepherd Jesus is so good that He even gave His life to save His sheep. Our sin made us the enemy of God, who was going to destroy us – justly! But Jesus paid our death penalty for us, so that we can be received into God's eternal presence. There is *absolutely* nothing we can do to save ourselves. Jesus did everything necessary, and we can rejoice abundantly!



Challenge: *Do not wander away from Jesus, the Good Shepherd. No one can pluck you from His hand (Jn. 10:28).*



Prayer: **Our Father, I know I cannot save myself. Thank You for giving me the Good Shepherd to care for me and carry me into eternal life. In Christ my Shepherd, I pray. Amen.**

Sunday, 9th November 2025. Those who fear Yahweh lack nothing.

Text: Psalm 34:1-10

David was in great danger of being killed. He did a clever job of protecting himself (*1 Sam. 21:10-15*), but he acknowledges that it was actually God who was his protector. David then gives reasons why we all should glorify Yahweh. Bringing today's verses together, we should boast in Yahweh and magnify Him. He delivers, rescues, and saves His people. We do not need to fear or be ashamed, because He is our refuge. In fact, David writes that the Angel of Yahweh (*pre-incarnate Jesus Christ*) encamps around us. We will see this idea again when the servant of Prophet Elisha has his eyes "opened" and sees the heavenly host surrounding the prophet (*2 Kin. 6:17*).

Believers are still surrounded by the Saviour's care. Scripture says that Jesus, God the eternal Son, never changes (*Heb. 13:8*). So, if He was the refuge for believers 3000 years ago, He will be that today. We cannot see it with our eyes, but Christ's Sovereign protection is all around us. As Yahweh said to Joshua, so he says to us, "I will be with you always (*Mat. 28:20*)."
Even if we suffer difficult challenges, we can never be taken away from the Lord (*Jhn. 10:28*). Sailors in a storm are extremely happy when they arrive at a safe harbour. Christians have reason to rejoice in the abounding goodness of Christ our refuge, safe from God's judgment against sin and from life's problems.



Challenge: *When you are faced with difficult challenges, the first place to go is God's word, where you will read about refuge in Christ.*



Prayer: **Father God, my good Protector, I thank You for freely providing a refuge against Your judgments, a refuge where I am safe in Your love. In Jesus's name, I pray. Amen.**

Monday, 10th November 2025. His steadfast love endures forever.**Text: Psalm 136:1-9**

This psalm is antiphonal, which means that two groups of people spoke or sang alternatingly. One group said the first half of each verse, and the second group always said, “*for his steadfast love endures forever.*” Steadfast means that God’s love persists and cannot change. Each verse gives some example of God’s work that demonstrates His steadfast love. *Verses 1-4* are about God being the only God; *verses 5-9* about God as the Creator; *verses 10-22* about God delivering Israel from slavery and giving them their own land; *verses 23-24* about God protecting Israel from their enemies; *verse 25* about God caring for all His creatures; and *verse 26*, that God is to be praised, remembering that His steadfast love endures forever.

This psalm points to Jesus Christ, who is God in human flesh, who is the Filler of Scripture. Jesus is God (*Jhn.1:1*); the Creator and Provider (*Heb.1:2-3*); the Saviour (*2Pet.1:11*); the Protector who cares for us (*Jhn.10:11*); the One to be worshipped (*Rev.5:12-14*). The abounding goodness of God is still steadfast, is ours, and cannot be taken from us. So, we should abundantly live and rejoice in that goodness. A promise of the Lord Jesus is that He will one day return for us and take us to be with Him forever in our eternal home, Heaven. *Let us glory in that abundantly!*



Question: *Are you living a life of abounding joy, remembering Scripture’s promise that God’s steadfast love is with you and endures forever? Do not be discouraged by circumstances.*

Prayer: **Father in Heaven, please give me grace to live in the knowledge that Your love for me will never change. Through Christ, I pray. Amen.**

Tuesday, 11th November 2025. Yahweh is good to all. Text: Psalm 145:1-9

The Hebrew Bible says this psalm is written by David and is a “praise to Yahweh,” especially focusing on His greatness. *Verse 5* speaks generally of praise for who God is and what He has done. Our particular interest is on *verse 9*, “*Yahweh is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.*” God is the Creator of everything; there is nothing that He has not created, and He is good to the righteous (*Mat.5:45*). This does not mean every person will be saved from sin, but in this life all receive His kindnesses.

Jesus came to the people of Israel, because God’s grace came through Israel. God’s law, all of His promises, and the tabernacle worship was through Israel. So, Israel must be the first to receive the One who fulfilled those things – Jesus Christ the Messiah. However, Jesus gladly received those who were not of Israel. For examples, a Samaritan leper who was healed (*Luk.17:18*), and a Syrophoenician woman whose daughter was possessed by a demon (*Mrk.7:28-29*), etc. But at the time of death His

goodness to many will end, and only those who belong to God's grace in Christ will enjoy abounding goodness for eternity. If you are trusting Jesus as your Saviour, give Him abounding gratitude, praise, and glory for His goodness.



Question: *Do you think God will not save you because you are too sinful, or not Jewish, etc.? Put your trust in Jesus Christ alone, and you will be saved.*



Prayer: Dear God, I acknowledge my sinfulness before You, praying that You give me grace to trust Jesus as my Saviour. Amen.

Wednesday, 12th November 2025. By His stripes we are healed.

Text: Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

Isaiah certainly had the clearest vision of any prophet about what the Messiah was going to do for the redemption of mankind. In very clear language Isaiah describes the principle of substitution. The sacrificial system of Israel's Temple worship was how a perfect animal would take the place of the sinner and pay the sinner's death penalty. This was only symbolic, of course, because an animal cannot really pay for human sin. The animal sacrifice was just a pointer to the only One who could be a real and effective human substitute. Isaiah says, "*with His wounds we are healed.*" That is because the Substitute was a perfect man, so His wounds could satisfy God's justice against sinners.

Jesus Christ is the substitute Isaiah saw. John the Baptizer referred to Jesus as the Lamb of God, meaning *Jesus was the Substitute* Isaiah foretold. Jesus lived a perfect, righteous life so that He could qualify as the Substitute. When Jesus was on the cross, God put the sins of His people onto Jesus and put Jesus to death. Apostle Peter wrote that Jesus Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree (*1Pet.1:24a*). God's justice required punishment, His mercy gave a substitute, so that by Christ's wounds we are healed (*1Pet.2:24b*). God's abounding goodness calls us to live a life of abounding gratitude, love, and obedience.



Question: *When you sin, do you think about the suffering our good God endured to pay the penalty for that sin?*



Prayer: O God, forgive me for taking the undeserved pain and suffering Jesus endured on the cross for me to be healed lightly. In His precious name, I pray. Amen.

Thursday, 13th November 2025. Yahweh says, I will heal their apostasy.

Text: Hosea 14:1-7

Prophet Hosea writes at about the same time as Isaiah. Hosea is the prophet who was

commanded by God to marry a harlot, which would be a symbolic representation of Israel's *faithlessness* to her husband, Yahweh. The Prophet has many difficult things to say to the people, especially about being abandoned by God (1:9). But Hosea also includes words of restoration and peace (1:10). That promise of restoration is specially emphasized in the passage for today. God is calling His people to bring words; meaning, He wants them to make a confession of sin, a confession of repentance, and a request for cleansing. Of course, the confession must come from a right heart (Prv.4:23).

Jesus likewise calls for a right confession (Mat.12:24). He also gave promises of peace (Jhn.14:27) and restoration (Jhn.11:43; 1 Th.4:16) that are found only in union with Him (Rom.6:5). That restoration is accomplished by the work of Christ *alone*. Because of our sin, we are exiled from God, but Jesus' righteousness is applied to the accounts of His people. His death on the cross was payment for our sin penalty. His resurrection destroys the power of death and brings us with Him into eternal life with the Father. The salvation designed by God is abounding with grace, and should move us to abounding praise!



Question: *Do you have peace and delight in knowing Jesus' good work of restoration is everything you need to be accepted by God, though you sin many times each day and deserve condemnation?*



Prayer: Heavenly Father, I sin daily. Please cleanse me and mature me by Your grace in the Holy Spirit. Bring me peace through Jesus Christ I pray. Amen.

Friday, 14th November 2025. Yahweh acts for His honour.

Text: Ezekiel 20:9, 14, 22, 44

Prophet Ezekiel was a priest who was taken to Babylon with thousands of others when Yahweh exiled Judah because of their many years of idolatry. But God showed mercy to them by continuing to speak through His prophets. He promised to return them to their land after 70 years (Jer.29:10). The restoration was not because the people deserved forgiveness. God would rebuild them because His desire was to glorify and honour His name. Part of that honour was to fulfill His covenant promise to Abraham to send a Deliverer from one of Abraham's descendants – Jesus Christ. In spite of Judah's persistent sin, Yahweh was going to fulfill that promise for His own name's sake.

God's concern for His honour is not selfish. Yahweh is the Supreme Being, the Eternal Self-Existing Being who has all life within Himself, the Creator and Sustainer of all things. *God's promise keeping displays His abounding goodness.* Any one of us would cancel a good promise to someone when that person continually offends,

but not God. God the eternal Son kept God's promise to the covenant He made with Abraham by living a righteous life for His people. We honour Him when we trust His promises and reflect His goodness by keeping them.



Question: *Are you living with the awareness that you can glorify God by reflecting His promise-keeping goodness?*



Prayer: Honourable Father, You are glorious and good. Strengthen me to bring glory and honour to You, Your Son, and Your Spirit. Amen.

Saturday, 15th November 2025. Yahweh's kindness for His people.

Text: Jeremiah 29:10-14

Jeremiah is Judah's last prophet before they are exiled to Babylon. Exile is their own fault, because they turned their backs on Yahweh, worshipped the false gods of the nations (*spiritual adultery*), and refused to listen to the prophets' call to repentance. So, God sent them away. But, as we considered yesterday, God promised to bring them back after 70 years, and He was concerned for the honour of His name. Today, we read that Yahweh's concern is for the well-being of His people. He was not willing that His nation should suffer endlessly and then perish. The Lord promised to return them to the land of Judah, to give hope for a future blessing.

When Jesus preached or healed, He was certainly glorified by the results. But He was also greatly concerned for the well-being of the people. For example, He touched a leper because of the man's sadness and pleading (*Luk.5:12*); He raised a man from the dead because of the heavy grief of the widowed mother (*Luk.7:12-15*); etc. *Jesus loves His people and has great concern and sorrow for their desperate plight due to the ravages of sin (Jhn.11:35)*. The love of God for His people is abounding; not just in general terms, but for the individuals who suffer. Turn your heart to God and rejoice abundantly in His goodness and care.



Question: *Are you rejoicing in the love and concern that God has for you? If you are trusting Jesus for salvation, it is because our kind and loving God had pity on you and gave you faith to believe.*



Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for Your concern for me even when I did not know You were there. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Sunday, 16th November 2025. Wait for Yahweh. Text: Lamentations 3:22-26

Lamentations is probably written by Prophet Jeremiah and was penned after the exile of Judah and the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple. This passage begins with an amazing confession of faith. In spite of the destruction, Jeremiah can still say

Yahweh's love, mercy, and faithfulness are great. That is probably not what the other exiles were thinking! But God was removing wickedness and disciplining His people until the time of restoration, and that is good and loving. Genuine converted believers will understand that and will wait for Yahweh, will hope in Him, and will seek His deliverance with humble patience, as He completes His purpose for them.

Perhaps the greatest example of God's secret work is when what is seen is awful – the cross of Jesus Christ. To all observers, the great work of Christ had come to an end and disappointment was strong (*Luk.24:19-21*), but that is when humility, trust and patience was required. God was putting the sins of His people onto Jesus and punishing Him instead of us. The only thing seen was torture, but Christ's resurrection on the third day proved that what God was doing was marvelous and good. If ever there was a call for God's people to see His abounding goodness and respond with abounding worship, it is in the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.



Challenge: In your own Christian life, you must see the difficulties as being times when God is working His plan in your life, for your good and for His glory.



Prayer: Father in Heaven, give me patient trust that You are always working Your good plan in my life. Amen.

Monday, 17th November 2025. God does justice and loves mercy.

Text: Micah 6:6-8

Prophet Micah wrote during the 8th century BC, the same century as Isaiah. In the verses before our passage for today Yahweh brings a legal “courtroom” charge against Israel and calls creation to be the jury. The verses following mention some of the evil acts and the judgment that God will bring against them for their sins. So, what is it that a person can do to be right with God? Must he make thousands of sacrifices or even sacrifice his oldest son to pay for the sin penalty? Even though God commanded sacrifices, that is not what He wants. *What Yahweh wants is for us to do justice, to love being merciful, and to live a life of humility in God's presence.*

God requires this because He is both just and merciful. Justice demands that God's broken laws be punished, while mercy removes the punishment. That is impossible for us to do – punishing and not punishing. But it is possible for God. God punished the sin of His people by putting their guilt on Jesus, and Jesus paid the penalty to satisfy justice. God then had mercy on us; our penalty was removed from us. God is both just and merciful! We do justice by obeying God's commands (*not for salvation but the result of it*), and we must be merciful to those who sin

against us (*Mat.6:14*). This does not mean ignoring sin, but mercy must be part of how we treat others, as God's mercy abounds toward us.



Question: *Do you demand of others what God does not demand of you?*



Prayer: **Merciful Father, increase mercy in me so that I can show Your mercy by being merciful to others. Amen.**

Tuesday, 18th November 2025. You gave your good Spirit to instruct.

Text: Nehemiah 9:6-38

This section of Scripture is a prayer to Yahweh when the people had returned to Jerusalem from exile and were rebuilding. The people gathered, The Law of God was read, and now a prayer was offered. In the prayer they included; “*You gave Your good Spirit to instruct them*” (v.20). The main focus of Scripture is redemption and the Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and much less is written about the Holy Spirit. But the Spirit is the author of Scripture (*2 Pet.1:21*), and His focus is Christ. The Spirit of God instructs us about the things of God (*especially about Christ*), about worship, and about the Christian life, all of which are recorded for us in Scripture.

The people and events of Scripture are not simply interesting facts, but they are meant to teach us. Every word of Scripture is for our spiritual well-being. Because the Bible is a spiritual book, and because we are naturally dead spiritually (*Eph.2:1*), we are unable to understand Scripture properly (*1 Cor.2:14*). Therefore, we need the Holy Spirit to give us life in God, to give us understanding about God and about what we must believe and do. If you were born without a heart, you would need a surgeon to give you a heart. That is what the Holy Spirit does for us spiritually. *The gift of spiritual life is an abounding work of God's grace. Let us rejoice abundantly!*



Challenge: *Our entire life, especially our spiritual life, is by the grace of God the Holy Spirit. Thank Him for His wisdom and instruction. Rely on Him fully and never on your own strength or wisdom.*



Prayer: **Father God, thank You for the gift of your Holy Spirit. I pray that You make me see more clearly the Spirit's good and my need of Him. I pray this in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

Wednesday, 19th November 2025. He upholds the widow. Text: Zechariah 7:9-14

Zechariah (*with Haggai*) was a prophet to the people of Judah who returned from exile. There were many reasons why the Judahites were exiled, including injustice to widows, orphans, sojourners, and any who were oppressed. Now that God has restored the people to their ancestral home, he commands them, through Zechariah, to do

justice. There are many places in Scripture that teach about Yahweh maintaining and upholding the cause of those who are oppressed. Israel being delivered from slavery shows God's concern for justice; so, they should likewise show mercy and maintain justice to those who are distressed, exploited, and treated unfairly. God's reciprocating principle of "*because we have received mercy, we must give mercy* (*Mat.18:33*)" applies here.

That principle continues today for those who belong to God's grace in Christ. We were once enslaved to sin, spiritually orphaned, far from God, and often treated unjustly by the world. But God delivered us by the gracious work of Jesus Christ. God pitied our plight, gave us Jesus to live and die for us, and He brought us into His eternal family. God reminded Israel of their deliverance and how that should motivate a merciful life. He also reminds us of our origins and mercy received. James writes that *true faith shows justice to those who are oppressed* (*Jam.1:27; 5:4*). Let us emulate God's abounding concern for our plight by extending mercy and protection to others.



Question: *Are you treating others the way God has treated you or the way you would like to be treated (*Mat.7:12*)?*



Prayer: **Gracious Father, thank You for your concern for me. Give me the grace to uphold those who are in need for the honour of Christ. Amen.**

Thursday, 20th November 2025. Sons of your Father. Text: Matthew 5:43-48

This passage is in the first chapter of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (*ch.5-7*). To love one's neighbor is from *Lev.19:18*, and Jesus quotes that again when He is asked which command is the greatest (*Mat.22:39*). The teaching of "hate your enemy" is not in Scripture. Rabbis probably taught that "neighbor" referred to other Israelites, who must not love the nations around them (*e.g., Jsh.23:7*). Adding to God's Law is never wise. As Jesus teaches in today's passage, loving others applies to all others, including enemies. Jesus points out that God shows love by giving sun and rain to those who belong to Him and also to those who do not.

As children of God, we are called to emulate our Heavenly Father. Regarding the matter of love, we are to *do* mercy, kindness, goodness, etc., to *all* others. This is difficult, but it is our calling. It is very easy to love those who love us (*Luk.6:33*); but *to be like our Heavenly Father, we must do the work of love to everyone*. When we consider our salvation and the costliness of it, we must remember that God the eternal Son, Jesus Christ, came to save those who are naturally His enemies (*Rom.5:10*). What an abounding blessing that God did not treat us the way people treat one another. Let us eagerly show this grace to others.



Challenge: *Let us emulate our Heavenly Father and show Christ-like mercy, kindness, and justice to all.*



Prayer: Father of grace, I thank You for making me, once Your enemy, to be Your beloved child. Build in me grace to love those who are enemies to me. Amen.

Friday, 21st November 2025. Loving the unlovable. Text: Mark 1:40-42

In the Scriptures before Christ, in God's Law given through Moses, those who had skin diseases were considered unclean ceremonially (*Lev.13*). Such people were not permitted to live among the general population and could not participate in worship at the Tabernacle/Temple. If the disease faded, then the person could return after a cleansing ritual. Leprosy, however, was permanent. So, leprous persons lived outside the camp permanently, forever cut off from the life of Israel. If another person is somehow touched by an unclean or leprous person, that person became unclean and was put outside the camp for a time. So much about Israel was symbolic, and leprosy was a symbol of sin, though it did not mean the leprous person was damned to hell.

According to our passage, Jesus touched the leprous man before pronouncing him clean. The law says that would make Jesus a law-breaker and would make Him unclean. But Jesus is the law-giver, and He is free to work above it. *Jesus is also pure and cannot be touched by sin or disease.* The ceremonial laws had their purpose, and they needed to be obeyed. But when Jesus touched the man, we are shown that compassion, mercy, and love supersede the ceremonial law (*Mat.12:1-8*). *What the leprous man was physically, we all are spiritually.* Let us increase our appreciation for the abounding goodness of God toward our weak conditions, and let us do that for others.



Challenge: *It is not easy to reach out to those we find offensive, but by God's grace we will be able to show the compassion of Christ to others.*



Prayer: Compassionate Father, I pray for strength to treat others as Jesus did. In His name, I pray. Amen.

Saturday, 22nd November 2025. No one is good but God alone.

Text: Mark 10:17-27

At this point in Mark's gospel, Jesus is very well known. One day, as He was travelling, a rich young man (v.22) runs to Jesus, kneels before Him, wanting to know what he must do to enter heaven. *First*, he called Jesus good, and truly Jesus is good, perfectly. But the man does not know that Jesus is God. He just thinks Jesus is

only a good man. Scripture says there are no good people (v.18). We all are sinners, God-haters by nature, who disobey God naturally. That is why Jesus said, no one is good but God only. Jesus is not saying He Himself is not good or is not God. He is not saying He is just a man. He was only correcting the man's thinking.

When Jesus told the man that no one is good, that directly implies that the man was wrong to think that he himself could *do* things to please God. That is impossible! Yes, the commandments must be obeyed, but no one is able to, nor desires to, according to God's standard. The man thought he was obeying, but he was very much mistaken. *The abounding goodness of God is seen when He willingly planned and provided another to accomplish righteousness perfectly.* That person is Jesus Christ. Jesus' Words, deeds, thoughts, affections, etc., were perfectly in line with God's standard. Christ's accomplishment was/is applied to the accounts of all His people. Your proper response is to live obediently to God's commands, motivated by love and gratitude, not by merit.



Challenge: *If you want eternal life, you must believe that you can do nothing to gain it, that Jesus is God, and that He earned salvation for you. You must then live gratefully before Him.*



Prayer: **Merciful Father, thank You for Your very good gift to me of Christ's righteousness being put to my account. Strengthen me to live a grateful life in return. In Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen.**

Sunday, 23rd November 2025. All things work together for good.

Text: Romans 8:26-28

This chapter of Romans brings an end to the previous chapters explaining justification: when a sinner, *someone who is unrighteous, has the righteousness of Christ applied to his account*, and is then declared righteous by God and accepted by Him. In the section that includes today's reading there is a special focus on God the Holy Spirit. He longs for the day of full redemption of His people, and He intercedes for us, because of our limitations. Because of that divine intercession, all believers can know with certainty the confidence Paul expresses in *verse 28*, that *all things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose* – no exceptions!

This verse is not a sweet but meaningless platitude that might be written on a greeting card. Because we say it and hear it frequently, the power of that promise might lose some strength. It is true, and it is a great source of assurance and comfort. No matter what happens in life, even the gravest difficulties or worst tragedies, we can know with confidence and with certainty that the challenge will result in good and is for our well-being. We know that, because the outcome is due

to the intercession and work of the Holy Spirit. *Even in a world that looks chaotic, the goodness of God abounds*, and so should our love and gratitude be to Him.



Challenge: *All things are according to God's eternal sovereign plan for His glory and your good. Therefore, be patient and honour God by not complaining.*



Prayer: Amazing God, You who can and does work all things for Your glory and my good, please forgive me, because I complain too much. Increase my understanding of what Apostle Paul has taught, for the honour of Christ. Amen.

Monday, 24th November 2025. Conformed to the image of Christ.

Text: Romans 8:28-30

Jesus Christ is our Mediator, and He intercedes for His people, and so does the Holy Spirit. And because the Son and Spirit are divine persons and know the will of the Father perfectly, their prayers will be perfect. The word which begins *verse 29*; “For”, could be read as “Because.” *Verses 29-30 answer the statement of verse 28, “all things work together for good ...”* How do we know that? Because of *verses 29-30*; because God “foreknew” us, meaning He knew us intimately and completely before He created us according to His plan. God then “predestined” us, meaning He pre-determined everything about us before He created us. *Believers are predestined to be conformed to the image of Christ. This does not mean in appearance or divinity, but morally and spiritually.*

At some point in our lives God “called” us. It is not a general call as from a person on the street preaching to the people walking by. God’s call is effective. When He grabs someone and converts him, as with Saul (*Act.9*) or Lazarus (*Jhn.11:43*), it is effective. God predestined us for it, and He does it. We are then “justified”. God declares us as righteous in His sight. This He can do, because He has applied Christ’s righteousness to our accounts. The final link in securing our salvation is when God glorifies us. As a result of our union with Christ (*Rom.6:5*), we are already in glory (*Eph.2:6*). This “Golden Chain” displays the abounding goodness of God.



Challenge: *Your salvation is not God's after-thought. It was/is very intentional, determined from all eternity. Delight in His eternal and effective plan!*



Prayer: Gracious Heavenly Father, thank You for including me in Your marvelous work of salvation. Give me increasing grace to honour You. In Christ, I pray. Amen.

Tuesday, 25th November 2025. Nothing can separate us from God.**Text: Romans 8:38-39**

In a chapter that is full of encouraging doctrine, the ending is even more wonderful. Paul teaches in *Romans* that we all are sinners, and there is nothing a person can do to make himself acceptable to God. Salvation is *only* by God's grace, meaning His *unobligated* work. Because God is the One who saves through Jesus Christ alone (*His life, death, and resurrection for His people*), and because He is all powerful, and because He cannot change (*Mal.3:6*), believers can be confident that they *cannot* be lost!

Apostle Paul gives a list of things we might think have power to remove us from God, but the reality is that *nothing* can separate us from God's love. Paul emphasizes it by writing that nothing in *all creation* can remove us from God's grip. How can a creation remove you from the Creator? It cannot. It is impossible for believers to lose salvation. But you could ask, can I take myself out of God's hand? The answer is, no. God is the One who saves. He does not change His mind. So, if you think you are doing something for salvation, then you will fear. *But Jesus did it all, and you have done nothing.* Focus on Him then you will have abounding peace and assurance.



Challenge: Consider that *nothing in all creation can take you away from God's love.* "All creation" means everything except for God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are safe!



Prayer: Loving Father, I want peace of mind; so, focus my thoughts on what Jesus alone has accomplished for me, on the Cross, and Your unchanging love. Amen.

Wednesday, 26th November 2025. The fruit of the Spirit.**Text: Galatians 5:22-23**

The Christians in Galatia have turned away from Paul's Gospel of salvation. False Christian teachers persuaded them to believe they must receive circumcision and observe other ceremonial laws God gave through Moses. In our passage for today, Paul instructs them to walk in love towards one another and stay away from sensual living. Their lives must be ordered according to the Holy Spirit's influence. *The Spirit-filled life is like the fruit of a good tree.* These nine attitudes and behaviours, though not an exhaustive list, display the presence of the Holy Spirit in a person's life.

The nine items are not in order of importance, but the first one, Love, surely must. Jesus taught that love is the greatest command: Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love others (*Mat.22:37,39; [Deut.6:5; Lev.19:18]*). All God's

commands are based on, and are manifestations of, love. Paul is saying the same thing. The other parts of the “fruit” also flow from love. This is not a small matter, especially when considering that God Himself is love (*1 Jhn.4:8,16*). Jesus’ life and death for His people are the greatest display of love. As followers of Jesus, our lives must be marked by Christ-like love, and everything we do must flow from love. Love is an abounding magnificence doctrine and work.



Challenge: *The fruit of the Spirit is one fruit, not nine separate fruits. Do you see these and other things (like humility, generosity, etc.) developing in you and lived out through you?*



Prayer: Loving Father of grace, I am well aware that I cannot love as I should. Please give me grace to love You and others, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Thursday, 27th November 2025. Walk as children of light. Text: Ephesians 5:8-11

The first three chapters of this epistle (*letter*) are heavy on doctrine. Paul informs us about the greatness of the triune God, that we are sinners who are dead towards God because of sin, but by His grace in Christ we are even now seated with Christ in the heavenly places. *In Christ, believers have the fullness of God dwelling within.* The apostle goes on to talk about the unity we have in Christ and with one another. As we read and considered yesterday, Paul repeats here that we who belong to Jesus Christ must walk (*live*) in love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us.

Chapter 5 is very practical. Our passage today emphasizes that we are no longer to live as we once did, in spiritual darkness, when we were without God. *God is light, and we must walk as children of God, children of light* (v.8). Light reveals things, and living in the light means to display things that are good, right, and true (v.9). The “good” means maintaining God’s moral law, the 10 commandments. The “right” is to be right with God, justified and accepted by Him because of Christ. The “true” is whatever is authentic and genuine, especially as it acknowledges God, is of God, and comes from God according to His Word.



Challenge: *Abounding goodness, righteousness, and truth is found only in and from God. Stay close to God’s word. Are you walking in the light of God’s Word?*



Prayer: O God of all that is good, right, and true, I pray that You keep me close by giving me an increasing desire to know Your Word. In Christ’s name, I pray. Amen.

Friday, 28th November 2025. Christ's humility and condescension.**Text: Philippians 2:3-8**

Perhaps the Philippian believers were having a problem with selfishness and pride, because Apostle Paul writes very intentionally that they should be self-less and humble. In our passage today, Paul writes about how Jesus Christ, who is eternal God the Son, humbled Himself and became man, yet without sin. He submitted to His Heavenly Father, obeyed the Law perfectly, and died by the tortures of the cross in order to pay the sin penalty for His people. This is an example to the disciples of Christ. If the Master humbled Himself, we should do likewise.

We are all naturally prideful, and we think too highly of ourselves. That is why we get angry when someone does something wrong to us or even offends us in a small way. If we had a low opinion of ourselves, we would see mistreatment as something we deserved. I am not suggesting that we should let people treat us or others unjustly. However, Paul teaches that *we should consider others as better than ourselves* (v.3). Jesus said of Himself that He came to serve, and He told His disciples that greatness is in serving one another (*Mat.20:25-28*). Believers are called to serve. We are the servants of Christ and of His people.



Challenge: *We are not to serve so that we will be great. That's just a different kind of pride. We serve because we are called to do it, even as our Lord Christ served.*



Prayer: **Father in Heaven, pride is large in my heart. Please give me the grace to humble myself, to consider others as better than I am, and to be eager to serve, as Jesus did. Amen.**

Saturday, 29th November 2025. Every good gift is from above.**Text: James 1:12-18**

Today's passage is about temptation and the cause of it. *Verse 12* mentions trials, which is temptation to disobey God, and test here implies there is a purpose for the temptation. Indeed, when we stand against temptation, we are strengthened in our faith and in our discipleship to Christ. But we must never think that God is the one tempting us. Temptation is the effort to get someone to sin. Therefore, causing temptation is a sin. But God cannot sin, and He does not want others to sin. So, He does not, and cannot, tempt someone to sin (v.13). In Jesus' sample prayer, He teaches us to say, "*Lead us not into temptation*" (*Mat.6:13*). God may use temptation to test and strengthen His people.

Sometimes those temptations and test end with believers sinning. That happens because we already have within our hearts desires that are sinful, and the temptation awakens the wrongful desire to the extent that we might fulfill the desire and

commit sin. James repeats that temptation to sin is not from God, but he says it in a different way; he says God gives good gifts; all good and perfect gifts are from God! Therefore, *He does not tempt to sin*. And God does not change like shadows. And even in leading us to the place of temptation and sin, it is for our good, whether we sin and see our need of grace, or we resist and give thanks to God for His grace.



Challenge: *Even in temptation and trials of many kinds, look for the abounding goodness of God. It is there, and it is for your good.*



Prayer: Father of Heavenly Lights, I want to honour You when temptation to sin comes. Please give me grace to stand strong. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sunday, 30th November 2025. Be holy for I am holy. Text: 1 Peter 1:13-19

Apostle Peter's letter is referred to as a general epistle, because it is not written to a specific person or church but to many different churches (v.1). Peter has a lot of theology packed into the *twelve verses* prior to our passage for today. Regarding salvation, he tells us about the work of God the Father, the Spirit, and the Son (v.2). He tells us also about how God gave us new birth, a secure eternal inheritance, a precious faith, a love for Him, etc. Because of all these blessings, we are called to prepare our minds for action (v.13). Particularly, *we are not to live life the way we did before we trusted Christ*. That was a life of ignorance about God and the way He wants His people to live.

Peter quotes God's command to Israel, "*You shall be holy, for I am holy.*" By God's grace, the Father determined in eternity to unite His chosen people (*including us*) to Christ Jesus the Son and to indwell us by the Holy Spirit. Thus, because God is holy, we who are joined to Him are holy. Therefore, we must live holy lives (v.15). This is especially important when we consider how we came to have salvation. It is by God's grace, yes. Yet Peter *emphasizes that we were purchased, not with gold or silver, but with the blood of Christ* (v.19). In other words, it is by the death of Christ on our behalf. The abounding love of God for His people is more than amazing.



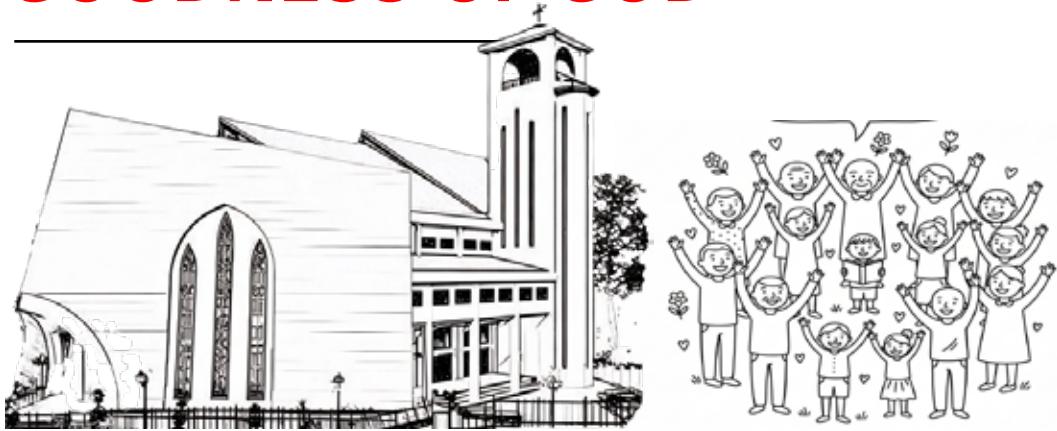
Challenge: *A holy life means a life removed from service to the world and to self. It is a life set apart for God.*



Prayer: Holy God, Father of Mercy, thank You for receiving me and making me holy. I pray that You strengthen me to live a holy and grateful life before You. For Your goodness' sake, in Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

THE MONTH OF **DECEMBER 2025**

CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD



When we celebrate the goodness of God, we are, in essence, affirming that God is inherently good, loving and kind, emphasizing that all things that God does are for the benefit of all the created (Deut.16:15). We thank God for His blessings, recognizing His love, mercy, provision, faithfulness as we respond with worship, gratitude and joyful expressions (Phil. 4:4; Eph. 5:19-20).

Celebrating the goodness of God is a central theme throughout the Bible; depicting the Joy, gratitude and reverence that all believers express in response to His benevolent nature and acts (Ps.100).

Monday, 1st December 2025. The Lord will restore you. Text: Joel 2:18-27

The Lord promises to restore His people after a period of suffering (v.25). The locusts symbolize various forms of hardship, loss and devastation that can impact people's lives. The Lord does not only promise to restore the land, but also *to make up for the years of loss*. This should cause us to celebrate. We must repent, because God's blessings are promised to only those who truly consistently follow Him (v.26). The children of God will never again experience the kind of disaster after the final judgment (*Rev.21*). Receive Jesus Christ, for in Him there is abundant life (*Jhn 10:10*).



Meditate on verse 26. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Our loving Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank You for the promise that Your children shall never be put to shame again. Amen.

Tuesday, 2nd December 2025. God promises to renew your strength.**Text: Isaiah 40:25-31**

We must celebrate the goodness of God because He promises us that He will renew our strength (vv. 29-31). God's power and strength cannot diminish. He never gets tired nor does He get too busy to listen and help. You may be struggling or are weak, trust God and His provision through His Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. As we come close to the end of the year, *let us celebrate God's strength through this year*. When we fell, He lifted us up, and protected our testimonies.



Meditate on verses 29-31. How are you going to respond to them?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray for continual faithfulness so that You may renew my strength always. Amen.

Wednesday, 3rd December 2025. In Christ you are guiltless.**Text: 1 Corinthians 1:4-9**

You should celebrate the goodness of the Lord because there is no condemnation for you who is in Jesus Christ (vv.8-9). Let us celebrate because God is faithful and He has called us into a relationship with Jesus Christ. He is by nature consistent and reliable; He does not change.



Meditate on verses 8-9. How are you going to respond to them?



Prayer: Our loving Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank You for being faithful all the time. Amen.

Thursday, 4th December 2025. Let all creation celebrate God.**Text: Psalm 96:1-13**

Let all creation be filled with joy and praise as they celebrate God, especially in anticipation of His righteous reign in His Kingdom coming soon (vv.11-12). The “Heavens,” is the celestial realm associated with the dwelling place of God and angels, while the “earth” is the physical world where we live. *All will be filled with joy as they participate in the celebration.* Receive and believe in Jesus Christ and you shall be effective in rejoicing and celebrating what God is doing in your life.



Meditate on verses 11-12. How are you going to respond to them?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, let everything You have created celebrate Your goodness. Amen.

Friday, 5th December 2025. Acknowledge your dependence on God.**Text: Nehemiah 12:27-43**

There was a great celebration in Jerusalem when the construction of the city wall was finished (v.43). Wives and children joined in celebrating this accomplishment.

In this great celebration and thanksgiving, people were acknowledging their dependence on God and His provision. As we end the year, let us celebrate and thank God for this far He has brought us and show our dependence on Him. *Without Him, we cannot do anything* (Jhn. 15:5)



Meditate on verse 43. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Our loving Father, the Lord of heaven and earth, thank You for this far You have brought us this year. In the name of Jesus Christ, I have prayed. Amen.

Saturday, 6th December 2025. Trust the Lord. Habakkuk 3:17-19

In the midst of suffering, Habakkuk has learned to trust God (vv.17-19). He chose to rejoice and celebrate in the Lord because *His trust in God was not dependent on circumstances.* As we end the year, make a conscious decision to celebrate and be joyous in the Lord, even when faced with hardship. Do not rely on your surroundings or circumstances, but rather, dictate on your response; rejoice in the born Jesus Christ (Jhn 16:33).



Meditate on verses 17-18. How are you going to apply them to your life?



Prayer: Almighty Father, the Lord of heaven and earth, in the name of Jesus Christ, I choose to rejoice in You alone. Amen.

Sunday, 7th December 2025. Focus on internal Spiritual realities. Text: Romans 14:13-23

As a child of God, celebrate, focusing on internal spiritual realities, righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, not on external practices of food and drinks (v.17). In this season, let your celebration be based on your right standing with God (righteousness) through faith in Jesus Christ. *Let your joy come from the Holy Spirit who dwells in you*, not on circumstances. You receive the Holy Spirit only when you receive and believe in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord.



Meditate on verse 17. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Our loving Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, give me the joy of Your presence with me. Amen.

Monday, 8th December 2025. You have favour with God. Text: Luke 2: 8-14

Celebrate because of Jesus Christ who was born to bring reconciliation between God and humanity (v.14). Because the Saviour was born, the glory of God is reflected in the heavens and peace is offered on earth to His own. Therefore, *celebrate, if indeed, you are reconciled with God through faith in Jesus Christ.*



Meditate on verse 14. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Our Father in heaven, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank You for reconciling me with God. Amen.

Tuesday, 9th December 2025. Celebrate because of the deeds of God.

Text: Isaiah 12:1-6

Let us celebrate for all that the Lord has done, and proclaim them to the whole world (v.5). Let the whole world celebrate, declare and recognize the greatness of God. You began the year, not knowing if you would reach this far! Therefore, celebrate Him alone because He has saved and delivered you. At some point you were fearful, and at times distressed, but now celebrate with joy and praise God because of what He has done for you through this year.



Meditate on verse 5. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank You for the glorious things you have done for us. Amen.

Wednesday, 10th December 2025. Celebrate God for His presence day and night. Text: Psalm 92:1-11

Let us thank God for *His steadfast love and faithfulness from the beginning to the end of the day* (v.2). When giving thanks and celebrating God becomes an integral part of your life, your attitude towards life changes. You become more humble, gracious, positive and loving. All these happen when Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is your Saviour and Lord. In Jesus Christ alone, we see the faithfulness of God.



Meditate on verses 1-2. How are you going to apply them to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank You for Your faithfulness day and night. Amen.

Thursday, 11th December 2025. Celebrate God because of His protection and provision. Text: Psalm 28:1-9

King David was filled with joy and praise for the protection and provision accorded to him by God (v.7). Let us celebrate God because He is the source of physical and spiritual strength. *He protects us from harm.* Throughout this year and years before, He has protected, strengthened and provided for you! Therefore, have faith and trust in God. Let your heart greatly rejoice. Celebrate God because He has, by His grace, given you salvation in Jesus Christ. He has protected your testimony this far.



Meditate on verse 7. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Almighty Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank You for being my strength and shield. I thank You for the joy of salvation. Amen.

Friday, 12th December 2025. Rejoice always. Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

As a child of God, rejoice and celebrate always (v.16). *Joy is a basic mark of a child of God*, and the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22). As a believer, maintain the Spirit of Joy and celebration regardless of circumstances you are in. This does not mean that you pretend that everything is well, rather, enhance an attitude of joy that emerges out of trust and faith in God. While happiness can be tied to external circumstances, joy is a deeper and more enduring state of being happy even when circumstances are challenging.



Meditate on verse 16. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, give us the ability to rejoice always. Amen.

Saturday, 13th December 2025. Let the whole earth celebrate.**Text: Psalm 98:1-9**

Let all the people wherever they live celebrate God (vv.4-6). You are called to a vibrant and exuberant worship of God as you break forth in song shouting for joy. *Everyone on earth is called to offer praise and adoration to God.* This is in anticipation of when all creation will participate in joyful worship in future in the new earth. There will be a spontaneous and overflowing expression of joy and praise to God.



Meditate on verses 4-6. How are you going to apply them to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, let the whole earth shout for joy, praising Your Name. Amen

Sunday, 14th December 2025. The Lord delivered you from fear.**Text: Psalm 34:1-10**

You should celebrate and thank God for His faithfulness in delivering you from fear through this year (v.4). When you are active and intentional in seeking God, you will find Him. Consider the fears you had, at the beginning of the year, and how the Lord has responded to your prayers. Therefore, rejoice and celebrate. If Jesus Christ is not yet your Saviour, receive Him and your celebration in this season will be meaningful. Let us celebrate because God is willing to intervene in the lives of those who seek Him in times of fear and uncertainty.



Meditate on verse 4. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank You for answering my prayers throughout this year. Amen.

Monday, 15th December 2025. Perfect gifts come from God.**Text: James 1:1-18**

You should celebrate God because *all perfect gifts originate from Him, the source of all that are inherently good and unchanging* (v.17). These gifts are both: material and spiritual; salvation, wisdom and love. Let us celebrate God because in Him there is no variation and His gifts are trustworthy. Consider the gifts of salvation through Jesus Christ. The gift of life, many people have died but God has given you life, therefore celebrate as you thank Him.



Meditate on verse 17. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank You for the perfect gifts You have given me, all my life and this year in particular. Amen.

Tuesday, 16th December 2025. Celebrate God as your Creator and King.**Text: Psalm 149:1-9**

As a child of God, celebrate Him as your Creator and King (v.2). When you recognize the sovereignty of God and His mercy you heartily celebrate who God is. As one formed and redeemed by God, you should celebrate and delight in the Lord for your identity. You should celebrate your relationship with God through the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. It is a miracle that you are a child of God through Jesus Christ, His Son and our Saviour.



Meditate on verse 4. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, may I find gladness in You, my Maker, and enable me rejoice in You. Amen.

Wednesday, 17th December 2025. Let your celebration transcend your social status. Text: 2 Samuel 6:12-14

Your worship of the Lord should be joyful and whole hearted, expressing praises to the Lord (v.14). King David, in a great display of joy and reverence, dances for God as Israel takes back the possession of the Ark of the Covenant. This signified the presence of the Lord was being brought into Jerusalem. You should *celebrate because Jesus Christ, your Saviour and Lord, is with you always!* (Mat. 28:20).



Meditate on verse 14. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Almighty Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank You for Your presence with me all the time. Amen.

Thursday, 18th December 2025. God turns circumstances. Text: Psalm 30:1-12

Celebrate because God has turned several of your sorrows to joy (v.11). It has not simply been changing circumstances, but God alone has intervened and brought about healing, restoration and joy. Considering what you have gone through since this year begun, you need to celebrate and thank God who has turned your sorrows into dancing. Choose to trust the Lord in the name of Jesus Christ for He is able to turn tables around, therefore dance and celebrate in appreciation.



Meditate on verse 11. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Our loving Father, the Lord of heaven and earth, I thank You for the joy You have given me in spite of challenges. Amen.

Friday, 19th December 2025. Celebrate because of the miracles God has done for you. Text: Exodus 15:1-21

After the Israelites had crossed the Red Sea, Miriam led the women in a joyful celebration (v.20). If you ponder over what God has done for you since this year begun, then you should be compelled to dance and celebrate the wonders of the Lord. *Look at provisions, healing, protection, preserving your testimony.* All should celebrate the goodness of the Lord.



Meditate on verse 20. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help me dance to Your faithfulness. Amen.

Saturday, 20th December 2025. Celebrate because of what the Lord has restored. Text: Nehemiah 12:27-30

There was a joyous celebration in appreciation of the faithfulness of God in restoring the city of Jerusalem (v.27). This was after the walls of Jerusalem had been rebuilt and now exiles could return. The event was not solemn or somber but a joyful occasion. Therefore, *celebrate and thank God for many areas of your life He has restored, including forgiving all your sins (Col.2:13).* He has forgiven you in Jesus Christ, and you are now called a child of God (Jhn 1:12).



Meditate on verse 27. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help me appreciate all You have restored for me. Amen.

Sunday, 21st December 2025. God is the source of all good things.

Text: 1 Chronicles 16:1-34

We need to celebrate and show gratitude to God for His everlasting mercy (v.34). God is inherently good and righteous. Therefore, the source of all that is good. *God's steadfast love is the source of comfort and hope.* Our hope in Christ's salvation gives us comfort and hope. You receive Christ by faith through prayer. You can receive Him right now (2 Cor. 6:2).



Meditate on verse 34. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank You for your faithful love that endures forever. Amen.

Monday, 22nd December 2025. God is doing a new thing. Text: Isaiah 43:16-24

The original exodus was the precursor to how God would deliver His children from distress. The Jewish people are encouraged not to live in the past but to be forward looking as God would bring them from Babylon (v.19) through another “*exodus*”. “*New things*” include the renewal of the covenant, restoration of the land, the Messianic Kingdom, inclusion of the gentiles and the new heaven and earth. *This is a message of hope*, encouraging every child of God to trust in the power of God to bring about the renewal of life; to get provisions and guidance even in impossible situations.



Meditate on verse 19. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray that You make a way for me through varying situations as You bless the work of my hands. Amen

Tuesday, 23rd December 2025. God has absolute control over all life.**Text: Job 12:1-10**

Let us celebrate because He alone has the absolute control over all life; animals and human beings (v.10). *Celebrate God because of the gift of life*. We entirely depend on God’s sustaining power. When you consider how many people have died since January this year, you should thank God that you are alive. You will clearly sense this when you are in Christ, when the Holy Spirit leads you to see the mighty works of God in your life. Receive and believe in Jesus Christ today, if you have not yet!



Meditate on verse 10. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank You for the gift of life you have given to me. Amen.

Wednesday, 24th December 2025. God revealed Himself.**Text: Romans 1:18-23**

Let us celebrate and thank God for revealing Himself to us (v.20). Otherwise, we would never have known Him. God has revealed Himself generally through nature’s beauty, design, complexity and usefulness. You can understand the existence of God and His attributes by observing the natural world around us.

God has also revealed Himself specially through the Bible and the coming of Jesus Christ. Therefore, let us celebrate and be filled with joy because by His own mercy, *He chose to reveal Himself to sinful man*. You only celebrate effectively

over this revelation when you are in Jesus Christ. You receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord by faith through prayer.



Meditate on verse 20. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank You for revealing yourself to mankind. Amen



Thursday, 25th December 2025. You are heirs of God's promises.

Text: Galatians 3:15-29

Let us celebrate because Jesus Christ was born to reconcile us to God, and through Him we are considered Abraham's seed and heirs to God's promises (v.29). If you put your faith in Jesus Christ, you become part of God's chosen lineage, and you get the spiritual blessings promised to Abraham. *Celebrate because your salvation and inheritance come through faith in Jesus Christ the one whose birth we are celebrating today.*



Meditate on verse 29. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, we thank You for the eternal inheritance through Jesus Christ, whose birth we are celebrating today. Amen.

Friday, 26th December 2025. Subdue and dominate over all creation.

Text: Genesis 1:28-31.

Celebrate God because of His goodness. He delegated some of His powers to human beings to control and make the earth beneficial to themselves. We are supposed to invest wisely in these resources through scientific and technological development. It does not mean that you exploit the earth and its creatures to satisfy your greed, as we see today. For human beings to have "dominion over the creation" expresses the natural mandate (v.26) of bearing the image of God. However, fallen man

distorts this activity into self-deification and abuse of creation.

While natural *man can rule* the animals (v.28) and plants (v.29), *he cannot rule the heavenly powers, particularly Satan* (*Chapter 3, Eph. 6:10-12*). These can only be ruled by Jesus Christ and those that are united with Him (3:15; *Mat. 4:1-11*). Receive Jesus Christ today, if you have not yet.



Meditate on verse 28. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help me use the resources You have given me wisely. Amen.

Saturday, 27th December 2025. The transformative power of God.

Text: *Isaiah 41:11-20*

You should celebrate God because He provides, brings life and beauty to you (v.9). God is able to transform desolate and barren places or situations, showing His power and faithfulness. Cedar, acacia, myrtle and oil tree (Olive) are not just random trees: *Cedar* is often associated with strength and durability. *Acacia tree* is able to grow in harsh conditions; *myrtle* has fragrant leaves and flowers and *oil tree* is valued for its fruit and oil, showing sustenance and provision. Let us celebrate because God is promising life, beauty and provision. *In Christ alone we have the abundant life* (*Jhn 10:10*).



Meditate on verse 19. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank You for the promise to make me fruitful in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sunday, 28th December 2025. Approach God with gratitude and praise.

Text: *Psalm 95:1-5*

Let us celebrate God through music and song (v.2). We should celebrate God, acknowledging greatness and faithfulness. In our worship, let us approach God with joy and gratitude, knowing what He has done for us; giving us *the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ*, our Saviour and Lord. You should celebrate your answered prayers and all things He has done for you! Can you count them since this year began? Do you remember during Covid-19, how oxygen was so expensive? You should celebrate God for at least the oxygen you freely breathe every day. You will effectively recognize God's mercy for you only when you are in Jesus Christ.



Meditate on verse 2. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, teach me how to be grateful to You at all times. Amen.

Monday, 29th December 2025. Approach God with thanksgiving and joyful praise. Text: Psalm 95:1-11

As children of God, we are urged to approach God with thanksgiving and joyful praise (v.2). Let us be grateful to God in form of song for what He has done for us since the beginning of the year! While one can praise God silently, one can also enthusiastically praise and worship our great God. That *enthusiasm emanates from the Holy Spirit that gives you energy*, and the reason for worshiping the Lord. You receive the Holy Spirit at the point you receive Christ and you accept to be under His Lordship.



Meditate on verse 2. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Almighty Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help me to make a joyful noise to You with songs of praise. Amen.

Tuesday, 30th December 2025. God created everything through Jesus Christ. Text: John 1:1-5

We must celebrate the goodness of God because He created everything from nothing through His Son, Jesus Christ (v.3). *We exist because God created us*. The gifts we have are from God, and without God we are nothing. Let us celebrate and give thanks to God for He created us from nothing, and without Him, we are nothing. We can only be with Him when we receive and believe Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord.



Meditate on verse 3. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Almighty Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank You for creating everything from nothing by Your powerful Word, all for Your glory. Amen.



Wednesday, 31st December 2025. God is pleased with how He made you. Text: Genesis 1:26-31

The process of reproduction and the balance of nature are part of God's excellence in creating everything seen and unseen (v.31). As part of God's creation, God is pleased with how He made you. *You are valuable before Him*. Therefore, celebrate as you give Him all the glory through His Son, Jesus Christ. At times you may feel worthless because of circumstances surrounding you; however, remember God created you excellently in His image for a good reason. And you discover this good reason only when you are in Jesus Christ, His Son, and our Saviour. Let us celebrate God who created the universe flawless in beauty, in purpose, in function and in all potential.

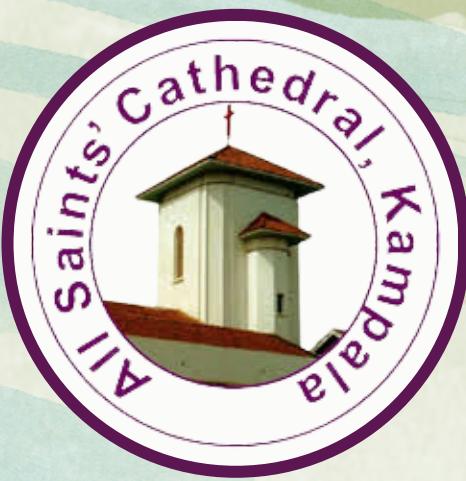


Meditate on verse 31. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank You for creating the universe per excellence. I beseechingly pray that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, Your Name is glorified by all creation, in this forthcoming Year 2026, all to Your glory. Amen.





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