

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of November 17, 2024

THEME: "Lazarus"

GOD'S OMNIPOTENCE

SundayRead Jeremiah 32:17-19

" Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee." By studying the life of Lazarus, we are reminded of God's omnipotence. Our God is the God of creation. The prophet reminds us that there is nothing too hard for God. Everyday when we look at our surroundings, we see the evidence of God's power in the beauty of nature. When we see other people as God's creation, it will cause us to pursue positive relationships. And the power of God should make us people of faith, because He can do anything. This makes prayer so important, to call upon our omnipotent God to intervene in our affairs!

FAMILY

Monday Read Genesis 1:27-28

"And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." The family is where life begins. It is the way God has chosen for every life to begin. And the foundation and guiding principle for the home is love. The home and family is the primary target of the devil. The goal of the devil is to create issues between a husband and wife. When disagreements occur, and they will, it is important that spouses come to common ground and pursue it together. By each making a commitment to God, that peace of God will bring them to victorious conclusions. The devil loses when the family is determined to honor God!

SUPPORT

TuesdayRead Exodus 7:1-2

"Thou shalt speak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land." The sisters of Lazarus were his greatest supporters! They were women of faith and prayed fervently for Lazarus when he became sick. When he died, they did not become bitter with God, but continued to pray believing God could revive him from the dead! God did just that. That family support reminds us of the family of Moses back in the Old Testament when two brothers joined together to do marvelous works of God in obtaining freedom for the Israelites. As the basic social unit for

all people, brothers and sisters should be there for each other to help through those difficult times. Giving support to others may well be life's greatest blessing!

FATALITY

WednesdayRead Hebrews 9:25-28

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." All people are warned that death is imminent, on the day appointed for that departure from earth. Physical death occurs when the soul leaves the body. Upon physical death the soul (the real person) goes to its eternal destination: heaven or hell. Those who have received the Lord Jesus as personal Savior go to heaven, others, who have never received Jesus go to hell. The decision to receive Jesus is to be saved from the penalty of sin, an eternity in hell! It is vital to prepare for life after death by receiving Jesus as Savior.

DESTINATIONS

Thursday Read Luke 16:20-26

"And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried. And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torment, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus by his side." The teaching of Jesus in the gospel of Luke details the deaths of two men: one a follower of Jesus; the other a non-follower. The rich man, while in the torment of hell, calls out to be delivered; but is too late. The penalty of sin is eternal death as mentioned in Romans 6:23: *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* The only way not to experience that is to receive the gift of eternal life by faith in Christ. Receiving Christ occurs when an individual prays and asks Jesus to come into their heart. That decision is detailed in Revelation 3:20: *"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."* Asking Jesus in assures one of a home in heaven.

FUTURE JUDGMENTS

Friday Read II Corinthians 5:8-10

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." This passage details the judgment that all born-again Christians face: the Judgment Seat of Christ. It is a judgment for rewards, not for punishment. While living on earth, believers have the opportunity to do things of eternal value, such as true worship and witnessing for Jesus by planting and watering seeds of Scripture into the hearts and minds of others. Investing time with Christ in personal devotions has eternal values.

THE MILLENNIAL REIGN

Saturday.....Read Revelation 20:4-6

"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." The Lord Jesus will occupy the throne of David in Jerusalem as prophesied throughout Scripture. He will come to do that after winning the Battle of Armageddon to free the nation of Israel from her enemies. Believers, who had gone to heaven seven years previously in the Rapture of the Church will return to be present for the thousand year reign of Jesus.