

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of February 9, 2025

"Come Unto Me"

OFFER OF JESUS

Sunday Read Matthew 19:13-23

"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." When we read in John 3:16 that "God so loved the world," the apostle is speaking of the people in the world, and it appears that He has a special love for the children. That seems to be the case on this occasion in today's Bible reading, when people brought some little children to Him and the disciples tried to keep the children from bothering Him. Jesus rebuked the disciples and expressed the desire that the children come to Him. The truth is that all of us should come to Jesus with childlike faith, believing that He can do anything. That is what little children think of their parents, that they can do anything. Whereas that is wishful thinking when it comes to human parents, it is a fact when it comes to our triune God head. Nothing is too hard for God. Jesus gives all of us a great offer when He tells us to "come unto Him." The truth is that He actually came to earth to *"seek and to save that which is lost,"* according to what we read in Luke 19:10. Jesus wants all to come to Him to be their Savior and Lord of their lives. God empowers believers with the presence of the Holy Spirit!

ANXIETY

Monday..... Read Philippians 4:4-8 (NIV)

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." It is not uncommon for things to come into a person's life that causes fear and anxiety. Christians are not immune from that, but believers have recourse by virtue of having received Jesus personally as Savior, we are in the family of God as mentioned in John 1:12: *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."* That means God is our Heavenly Father! As a child of God, we have the Creator of the heavens and earth caring for us. Because of His love for us, we need not worry about anything! God has everything under control!

GOD'S INSTRUCTION

Tuesday Read Luke 2:8-11

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." When the sky lit up at the time of the birth of Jesus, God the Son, the shepherds in the field outside Bethlehem were stricken with fear. Realizing that God sent an angel to the shepherds, to rid them of their fear and assure them that things were alright. Not only did God free them from their fear, but He entrusted them to share the greatest news the world would ever have: a Savior was born. All humans would have a way to have God's forgiveness. His blood

would bring God’s pardon and provide eternal life for all who would become followers of Jesus.

GOD’S CARE

Wednesday..... Read I Peter 5:6-10

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." This is a truth that would be good for all of us to internalize: God cares! We can trust God to take care of all our needs if we are committed to doing things His way. Now people who ignore God and go their own way miss out on God’s great offer to meet all their needs, and that means physical, social, financial, emotional and most of all spiritual needs. We have this promise in Philippians 4:19: *"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."* What a promise!

GOD’S OMNIPOTENCE

ThursdayRead Jeremiah 32:25-27

"Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?" The answer is obvious: there is nothing too hard for God. God is All-Powerful! When you look at the mountains and the valleys, the sun, moon, and stars, be reminded that they are the work of God, our creator. Think of the human body with all of its parts! God made us. He gave us minds to generate thoughts, consider options, and make decisions. How amazing is that! He made all the animals, birds, and fish of the sea! All nature is the work of our omnipotent God!

INNER PEACE

Friday Read Galatians 5:22-25

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace." When a person makes the decision to receive Jesus as personal Savior, he or she is said to be born again in John 3. The first birth is that which gives us a physical body with all the capabilities to live our life on planet earth. Each of us, however, was born with a dead spirit because of the sin of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. That spirit is regenerated the moment we receive Jesus as personal Savior! Our bodies become the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit as we are told in I Corinthians 6:19: *"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"* He brings to us the fruits of the Spirit mentioned in today’s Bible reading.

EYES OF GOD

SaturdayRead Luke 12:5-7

"But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows." Nothing escapes the eyes of God. He

knows everything, even the number of hairs on our head! Consider the truth of Psalm 139:1: "*O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.*" That truth should have a deep impact on the choices we make, especially in our thinking and decision-making. God is watching all that is happening on His earth, and that includes the United States, and places like Gilbertsville. He knows everyone that is in attendance in our church and churches across the nation. He is glorified by worship that is consistent with Biblical teaching; and I think God is especially blessed as He sees people enjoying the times of fellowship after a worship service! Being conscious of the fact that God is watching should inspire us!