

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of February 2, 2025
"The Will of Jesus"

EXAMPLE OF JESUS

Sunday Read Luke 22:32-42

"Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." When it came down to it and the time to be crucified approached, Jesus showed His humanity. He got alone to spend time with His Father in heaven. He was wondering if there were some other way to pardon people from the penalty of sin, which is 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."* Immediately after Jesus posed that possibility, He expressed His willingness to be the Lamb of God to satisfy God's law stated in Leviticus 17:11: *"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."*

MAN'S WAYS

Monday Read Proverbs 14:8-12

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Humans want to do the right thing; they want to live proper lives. Nations have established schools to give their children and young people an education. They try to establish curriculum that will make good citizens and not have young people grow up in ignorance. Millions of dollars are spent to train our youth in what seems right to man. But if training is inconsistent with God's truth, it is propagating falsehood. President Washington had it right when he said: "It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible."

MANMADE RELIGION

Tuesday Read James 1:26-27

"If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." Because man was made a triune being in the image of God, he has a body, soul, and spirit. The spirit enables him to long for a relationship with God. When Adam and Eve, the first humans, sinned, their spirits died causing all humanity to be born with a dead spirit. The only way to have that spirit regenerated is with a new birth. Jesus made that clear in John 3:3: *"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."* Instead of doing it God's way, man came up with a variety of false religions with manmade doctrines. Sadly, more people have become followers of these manmade religions than adhering to God's way. There is only one way to go to God's heaven. Jesus explained that in I John 1:9: *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from*

all unrighteousness." Without confessing Christ as Savior, a person is headed to an eternity in hell.

MAN'S REASONING

Wednesday **Read Proverbs 3:5-6**

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." The Christian life is a life of faith; faith in God and in His Word. God's thoughts are recorded in the Bible. There are many books that have been written by man on all kinds of topics. They are good books providing enjoyable reading. They are, however, limited to human reasoning. Only God can speak with authority on eternal matters. Praise God He has recorded in the Holy Scriptures spiritual truths. This gives readers insight into the origin of things and the future of things.

ROAD MAP

Thursday **Read 119:130-133**

"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." The psalmist emphasizes that the Bible gives us an understanding of life as God plans. People have questions and are looking for answers. Our answers to those questions determine our lives. Where should I live? Where should I work? Where should I go to church? God has the answers, and we benefit greatly if we look to Him to chart the course for our lives. There is no better life than to live as God had planned!

GOD'S ORDERS

Friday **Read Psalm 37:23-25**

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: And he delighteth in his way." God is very interested in each of us. We know that He is watching from II Chronicles 16:9: *"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars."* Those who respond to His love are the ones considered "good." God will give specific orders to those who seek His will. He does that by the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we seek the truth in the Bible. Our guarantee that He will instruct us personally is in II Timothy 3:16: *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."*

HOLY SPIRIT'S LEADING

Saturday **Read Romans 8:10-14**

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God ." We become a child of God by responding to the truth of 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 decision is a birth of the Spirit and instantly the Holy Spirit indwells the believer's body, the truth of 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?"* The Holy Spirit then provides the power to have the light of God to see God's leading in our decision-making. God has a plan for His earth, and for those who make the decision to become His children. He is a loving Heavenly Father!