

# FAITH BIBLE READING

Sep 2-8, 2019

At Faith Baptist Fellowship, we *Love God's Word and Prayer* (Ephesians 6:17-18)! Take the 'sword of the Spirit' (God's Word) and persevere in prayer! In this year, ask God each day to speak directly to you from the Scripture portions you read. Select a quiet place and consistent time to read and pray.

Our plan for 2019 will be similar to previous years. Monday-Saturday we will focus on one main devotional passage; the additional readings will keep you on track to finish the entire Bible in one year. On Sunday, we will have a passage from the upcoming Sunday sermon along with questions for Faith Group discussion.

*We suggest having a notebook and pen for answering questions and recording your thoughts/insights. Bring this notebook with you to Faith Group for discussions and prayer times.*

Abbreviations: **TAI** – Think About It | **PP** – Prayer Points

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

### Read Isaiah 6-8

**TAI:** The Old Testament, or New Testament, never state in triple unison that God is love, love, love, or grace, grace, grace, or wrath, wrath, wrath. Rather Scripture records that He is holy, holy, holy. God is infinite in all attributes, but Isaiah 6 emphasizes His holiness in a way that no other attribute in Scripture is emphasized. Why? What is God's holiness? How does it relate to God's glory? How do these two things relate to the passages concerning God's wrath and justice? What is Isaiah's response to "Whom shall I send?" Chapter 7:14 reveals a prophecy spoken of the coming of Immanuel, a glimpse of hope in the midst of prophesied invasion. In chapter 8, whom does Isaiah cling to as a sanctuary and a rock?

**PP:** Pray a prayer of praise to God as the holy, holy, holy one. (Perhaps your prayer could reflect the words of the great hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy.") Praise him also as our sanctuary and rock in the midst of life's storms. Tell the Lord, "Here am I; send me."

**Additional readings:** Luke 21:1-19; Hebrews 2:1-9; Proverbs 19:15-29

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

### Read Isaiah 9-10

**TAI:** Chapter 9 verses 6 and 7 is one of the greatest passages of hope in all of Scripture. Jot down here your thoughts on why it is filled with so much hope.

What truths stand out to you from chapters 9 and 10? How do these truths shape your view of God? Respond here:

**PP:** There are two paradoxical themes working together in chapters 9 and 10. The themes are true hope for the righteous and destruction for the wicked. Do you see parallels with our own day? What gives us hope in a truly troubled world? Pray a prayer of hope and express to God your total reliance upon him.

**Additional readings:** Luke 21:20-28; Hebrews 2:10-18; Proverbs 20:1-15

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

### Read Isaiah 11-13

**TAI:** Who is the shoot from the stump of Jesse? List what you learn about him from chapter 11 here:

Memorize 12:2. It will come in handy many times in your life! This chapter would be glorious lyrics for great music, would it not? (We'll come back to it in a moment.) Reflect soberly on the pronouncement of judgment against Babylon in chapter 13. It is foolishness to think that anyone can defy God and disobey his commands and be free.

**PP:** Pray through Isaiah 12. Pray with emotion appropriate to the words! In fact, you may want to make up your own melody and sing the chapter. Rejoice that through Jesus Christ and his death on the cross, the Father's anger is turned away from all who believe.

**Additional Readings:** Luke 21:29-38; Hebrews 3; Proverbs 20:16-30

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

### Read Isaiah 14-16

**TAI:** Isaiah 14:12-14 refer to someone specific. Who is it? (If you have a study bible, you will probably find the notes to be helpful.) As you read the three chapters today, make a list of things that stand out as evil, wicked and unrighteous.

Ponder them and think about what Scripture teaches us about these things. After you have given time to think of these things, re-read 16:1-5. Who's throne is described in v. 5?

**PP:** Pray a prayer of rejoicing and thankfulness that God is on his throne and that a Davidic king (Jesus!) will reign forever in the kingdom of God. Do you have a place in that kingdom by faith in Christ? Rejoice over that too!

Pray for our two campuses as the fall season gets into full swing, with two services for the Westies and Faith U/S.S. classes at South beginning this Sunday.

**Additional Readings:** Luke 22:1-13; Hebrews 4:1-11; Proverbs 21:1-16

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

### Read Isaiah 17-18

**TAI:** What does it mean to forget the God of our Salvation (17:10)? Are there times that we forget? Do we always remember the Rock of our refuge? Or do we tend to forget this too? What is the consequence for this forgetfulness? What motivates you to look to your Maker? And what causes your eyes to look upon the Holy One and to hear him (18:3)?

**PP:** So that you do not forget the God of your Salvation, jot down a few reasons why you want to “never forget” what he has done for you, then pray through them.

Thank him for his patience with us!

**Additional Readings:** Luke 22:14-23; Hebrews 4:12-16; Prov 21:17-31

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

### Read Isaiah 19-20

**TAI:** What are some things that the Lord *causes* in these Scriptures? Is it just that He does these things, or are humans involved also? How do we reconcile God's sovereign work here with human responsibility as well? Chapter 19 ends with several nations worshipping God together after all that God has done. (Now read Revelation 7:9-17!) Does this offer any wisdom to us for how we should worship? What strange thing does God tell Isaiah to do in chapter 20? Why?

**PP:** Pray for a grand work of grace in which all the peoples of the earth will be reached with the gospel, with a worshipping, witnessing church in each. Pray for our friend S. who left on overseas assignment with week. Pray for a great Launch Sunday tomorrow at our two campuses.

**Additional Readings:** None

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

### Read Genesis 1:1-2:3

**TAI & PP:** What an extraordinary Creator we have! In the beginning **GOD!** A day is determined by one rotation of the earth, a year is determined by one revolution of the earth in orbit. The week is determined by God's creation of the universe and a day of rest. If you can, memorize what God did on each day. Pray for our new sermon series in Genesis and pray for Dana and Jayson as they lead us through these tremendous opening chapters of the Bible. Thank God for giving you the precious gift of life and breath and every good thing. Hallelujah!