

# FAITH BIBLE READING

Sep 9-15, 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 9

### Read Isaiah 21-23

**TAI:** Chapters 21 and 22 give us some messages concerning Babylon and Jerusalem. In chapter 23, we move on the city of Tyre, and it is laid to waste in verse 1. Why does this happen and who purposed it? The answer comes in verse 9 where the Lord has caused this destruction to defile the pride of the "honored" of the earth. We see in other parts of Isaiah that God cares about His glory and will not share it with others. Remind yourself that God's glory, not your own, is what's best for you.

**PP:** Put Psalm 66:2 into practice – "sing the glory of His name, give to Him glorious praise!" Then, ask him to renew a humble spirit within you.

**Additional readings:** Luke 22:24-30; Hebrews 5; Proverbs 22:1-16

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

### Read Isaiah 24-26

**TAI:** Following all the chaos found in chapter 24, we see God's actions in chapter 25 and His redeemed people's response in chapter 26. Focus on verses 3 and 4 in chapter 26 – what is our solution today when we find ourselves surrounded by turmoil?

**PP:** Thank God for being an everlasting rock that we can trust in. Ask him for the grace to focus our minds on Him and His Word so that we can experience the peace He offers.

**Additional readings:** Luke 22:31-38; Hebrews 6:1-12; Proverbs 22:17-29

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

### Read Isaiah 27-28

**TAI:** Amid the evil and judgment we see in chapter 28 and prior chapters, there are several pictures of who God is and what he offers to His people. What is the Lord described as in verse 5 and verse 16? If He is a crown of glory for his people, do you treasure Him like that? If He is the precious cornerstone and sure foundation, do you put away anxiety and unnecessary haste and take advantage of the rest he offers?

**PP:** Praise the Lord for being a sure foundation for us to stand on and rest in. Confess the times when problems and inconveniences cause you to worry and rush. Ask for grace to rest on His foundation the next time the world throws those struggles at you again.

**Additional Readings:** Luke 22:39-46; Hebrews 6:13-20; Proverbs 23:1-18

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

### Read Isaiah 29-30

**TAI:** Isaiah 30:19-22 offers promises to cling to during our suffering. What do you see in those verses that offers hope? In the midst of our cries, God answers us and is present with us. He offers direction and can help us break away from worldly idols that fill our lives. This suffering isn't easy, and we don't always see these responses as the answers we wanted. But, we can be assured that God is working out what He knows is best for us.

**PP:** You probably have any number of situations where you're suffering or that you know of where others are suffering. Cry out to God for those situations! And, as you're waiting for the answer, ask Him to give you grace to understand that He's working for your good.

**Additional Readings:** Luke 22:47-53; Hebrews 7:1-10; Proverbs 23:19-35

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

### Read Isaiah 31-32

**TAI:** Can you associate with those in Isaiah 31:1 who do not turn to the Lord for help? They go to Egypt which represents military or economic strength in this case. They're trusting in the might of man more than God. Far too often, that's where we look too when faced with opposition or struggle. May we be reminded that our hope is in our Savior!

**PP:** Confess areas of your life where you're trusting in someone or something other than God. Ask him to renew your hope in Him!

**Additional Readings:** Luke 22:54-62; Hebrews 7:11-28; Proverbs 24:1-22

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

### Read Isaiah 33

**TAI:** Do you see how incredible the beginning of verse 33 is? “The Lord in majesty will be for us.” This sounds similar to the question Paul asks us to consider in Romans 8:31. Take some time to consider today what God being for us means. But, don’t stop there. As you think through what that means, how do you respond?

**PP:** Ask God to give you a new or renewed understanding of what it means that He is for you. Ask that this truth would fill you with boldness for the opportunities God will give you to make this truth known to others.

**Additional Readings:** None

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

### Read Genesis 2:4-24

**TAI & PP:** The second chapter of Genesis continues the creation story and gives some new perspective on the creation of man and woman. One point we can pull out of this chapter is that it’s not good for us to be alone. We’re made for relationships – for friendship and for community. Consider your relationships right now – with your family, with your spouse, with your friends, with your church body, or other relationships that come to mind. Some may bring a smile to your face and others may be a heartache where reconciliation is needed. Thank God that he’s given you these relationships as something good for you. Ask him to continue to grow, strengthen, or repair the relationships you have.