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BREAD OF LIFE

John 6:35

2015

**The Year
of MERCY**

**Devotional Bible
Reading Guide**

DEDICATION

This booklet is dedicated to God Almighty,
to all members of *UPCM Shalom Chapel worldwide*,
to all members of *Divine Pentecostal Church of God*
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to all believers, friends, partners of the Gospel,
for their aim for the Evangelism.

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INTRODUCTION

Our aims of publishing this booklet are

- to encourage our readers with the word of God
- to help those who have difficulties reading the Bible to have passion to read it daily in the easiest way and to go deeper into God's knowledge.

Hosea 4: 6 AKJV says “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge”. Paul said to Timothy, “Till I come, devote yourself to reading...” (1 Timothy 4:13 AMP)

So don't perish for lack of knowledge! We are recommending this booklet to everybody, all Christians, laborers in the vineyard of the Lord, Bible students, pastors etc. and all churches, irrespective of title, years in faith or theological background.

Moreover your spiritual growth depends on what you digest, and real spiritual food brings soul prosperity (3 John 2)

This book will surely change your life: let your faith grow by reading, studying and hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17) - and you will discover God's secrets!

Notice:

Blessed is he that readeth,
and they that hear the words of this prophesy,
and keep those things which are written therein.
(Revelation 1:3 AKJV)

HELPFUL STEPS HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

1. Find a good time for your Bible reading
2. Pray before reading your Bible that God shall give you quick understanding
3. Never rush reading your Bible like a newspaper or novel. N.B. Read it attentively.
4. Mark the verses and take notes as you are reading your Bible, underline the quotations which sound special and important to you, continue the passage and read it all.
5. Follow the word you read: During the reading of the verses, God may touch your heart concerning your past or your present life to be corrected. Don't hesitate to repent and change.
6. Share what you read with others, e.g. friends, relatives, wife, husband, co-workers, children. What you gain from the reading share in public for the sake of the Gospel. (2 Timothy 4: 1-5)
7. Meditate and live in the word of God. Many believers read the Bible and forget the instructions. Remember the word of God: "Study this book of the law continually, meditate on it day and night so you may be sure to obey all that is written in it. Only then you will succeed." (Joshua 1:8 NLT) Therefore meditate and remember throughout the day the word that the Lord has spoken to you and apply it to your daily life conduct.
8. Read daily in the morning and in the evening.
9. Each week has a memory verse, try to memorize the quotation
10. Every month has a key note as the main topic for the monthly meditation.

Happy reading & Enjoy your study! May God bless you!

What is *THE BIBLE* ?

** The sacred writings which are able to give you wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus
(2 Timothy 3:15)*

**All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work
(2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

** The sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ (1Timothy 6:3)*

** The prophetic word... a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts
(2 Peter 1:19)*

** Is not a matter of one's own interpretation (2 Peter 1:20)*

** Was never made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God
(2 Peter 1:21)*

** Then the Lord said to Moses, „Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel...and he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.(Exodus 34:27-28)*

**„Take a scroll and write on it all the words which I have spoken to you concerning...all the nations, from the day I first spoke to you... even to this day.“
(Jeremiah 36:2)*

** Jesus said: It is written! (Matthew 4: 4,7,10)*

2015

THE YEAR OF MERCY

What means „Mercy“?



The Judgment of Solomon 1 Kings 3: 16-28

The Hebrew words *racham*, *chesed* and *chanan* and the Greek *splagchna*, *oiktirmos*, *eleos* are rendered „mercy“ in the English version of the Bible.

Racham means „pity“, „mercy“, „empathy“, and „compassion“ and derives from a word that describes the womb of a woman. A mother has strong feelings for her child, when and because she remembers the pregnancy and the birthpains, as Isaiah 49:15a says: „Can a woman forget her nursing child and have no compassion on the son of her womb?“ In 1 Kings 3:26 we read about the heartrending cry of the prostitute who would rather give her child away than to have it killed. Therefore God's mercy is a very deep emotion that is another facet of His great love, as Mother Theresa said: „True love hurts“.

The mercy of God made Him to give up Jesus His Son so that we can be saved from our sins. He still has mercy on us in all our circumstances. He knows the depths of our hearts.

Chesed means „mercy“ or „kindness“, also rendered in the English translation as „steadfast love“, „lovingkindness“, „loyalty“, „love“, „faithfulness“. It describes the responsibility in human relationships. One who experiences the *chesed* of another is to reciprocate when the opportunity presents itself: Rahab was delivered because she helped the spies, David kept his covenant with Jonathan when he showed mercy to Mephi-Boschet. This covenantal aspect of mercy was expressed in God's requirement to show mercy to others. This was often coupled with a command for justice (Micah

6:8 ; compare Hosea 12:6 ; Zechariah 7:9).¹

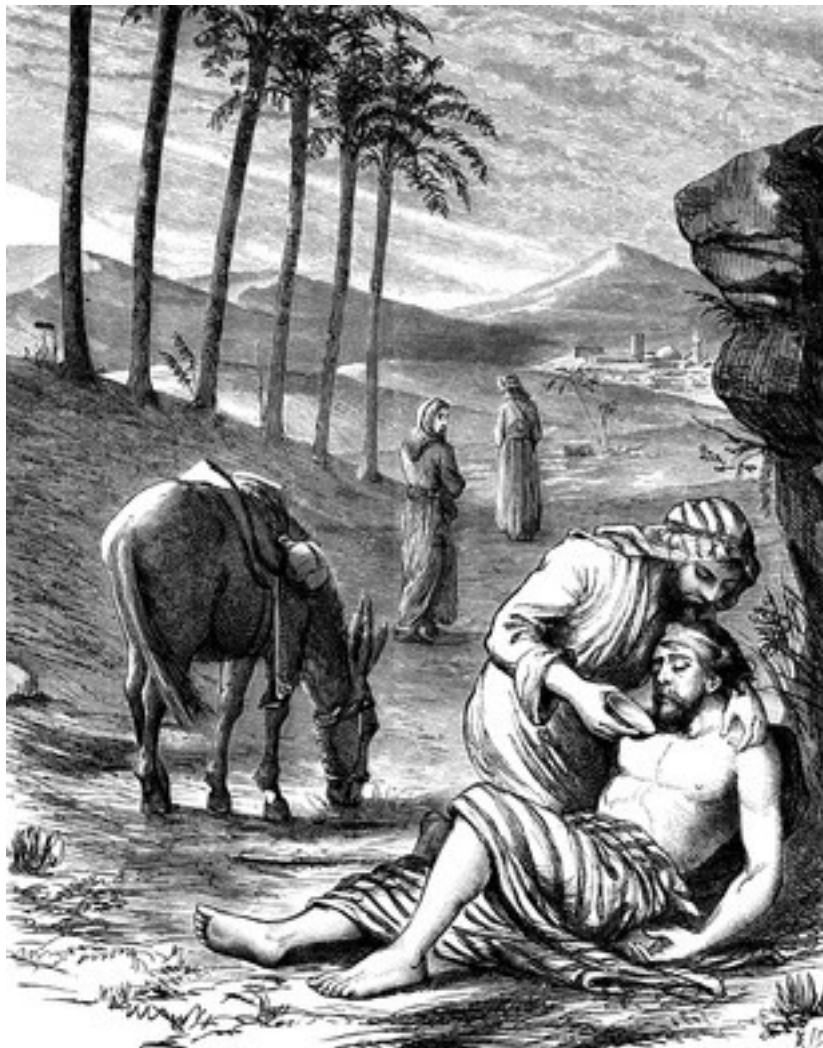
Chanan means „pity“ shown to a poor person (Psalms 37:21). It means also „gracious“ as God is gracious and generous when we are in need and we have no opportunity to give back or return the favour.

Splagchna like *racham* refers to inner organs: heart, lungs, liver, and expresses like *racham* strong emotional feelings, particularly compassion and affection. It is used to illustrate Jesus' compassion on the multitudes (Matthew 9:36), the Good Samaritan's motivation, the merciful king who forgives his indebted servant (Matthew 18:27, 33), the love of the father of the prodigal son etc.

Oiktirmos is used together with *splagchna* in Col. 3:12 and others. It means „bowels in which compassion resides, a heart of compassion, manifestations of pity , longing.“²

Paul uses it to call God the „Father of mercies“ (2 Corinthians 1:3), it can also be used negatively in order to say „merciless“ like in Hebrew 10:28.

Eleos and its related words is the most common basic word for „mercy“, „merciful“ etc. in the New Testament. It has a strong emotional and even sentimental touch. It can be compared to the Hebrew *chesed* – mercy as an expression of covenant duties. God is merciful and faithful to His promises. Those who experience God's mercy are themselves to be merciful.



The parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

Statement of Faith 2015: *God, have mercy on me!* *God, have mercy on...*

¹Butler, Trent C. Editor. Entry for 'Mercy, Merciful'. Holman Bible Dictionary. <http://www.studydrive.org/dictionaries/hbd/view.cgi?n=4234>. 1991.

² <http://www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/greek/nas/oiktirmos.html>

A Revelation about Mercy:

Some years ago I had a dream. I saw myself walking along the street with the congregation. We were singing: „Hosannah, Hosannah, Hosannah in the Highest, Lord we lift up your name with a heart full of praise, be exalted o Lord my God, Hosannah in the Highest.“ Suddenly somebody pulled me aside into a door by the way, and closed the door behind me. I found myself in another place: wide and open in pastel colours, glorious and bright. The most beautiful thing was the deep peace that issued from that place. It was heaven. I realised, the Lord Jesus was standing by my side. After some moments of being overwhelmed with that peace, I asked Him,

„Lord, if You can create something like this, then why is our world like that? (that is: peaceless, dark, full of terrible things)

He answered me:

„It is because I want to see whether a brother will have mercy on his brother“.

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Dear Brethren, don't judge another person. Don't accuse by saying, „It is your own fault!“ Don't also blame the government, the society, the world, or even God for anything- Just be merciful. Do your own part. Somebody is in need and God is testing you whether you will show mercy as He is merciful to you anytime you call Him.

May the merciful Lord be gracious to you.

Pastor Juliane Bekou

January 2015 Topic: The Mercy of God

Key Note: Then he passed in front of Moses and called out, "I am the LORD God. I am merciful and very patient with my people. I show great love, and I can be trusted. (Exodus 34:6, CEV)

Morning					Evening				
1.	PSALMS	25	: 1	- 22	MATTHEW	3	: 1	- 17	
2.	PSALMS	37	: 1	- 24	LUKE	10	: 38	- 42	
3.	PSALMS	37	: 25	- 40	EPHESIANS	1	: 1	- 14	
4.	EXODUS	34	: 1	- 17	EPHESIANS	1	: 15	- 23	
5.	EXODUS	34	: 18	- 35	EPHESIANS	2	: 1	- 10	
6.	PSALMS	35	: 1	- 28	EPHESIANS	2	: 11	- 22	
7.	PSALMS	130	: 1	- 8	LUKE	7	: 18	- 35	

Memory Verse: for you once were not a people, but now you are a people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (1.Peter 2:10)

8.	EXODUS	18	: 1	- 27	LUKE	7	: 36	- 50
9.	NUMBERS	13	: 1	- 20	1 PETER	2	: 1	- 10
10.	NUMBERS	13	: 21	- 33	1 PETER	2	: 11	- 25
11.	NUMBERS	14	: 1	- 25	LUKE	2	: 22	- 40
12.	NUMBERS	14	: 26	- 45	LUKE	2	: 41	- 52
13.	EXODUS	19	: 1	- 25	MATTHEW	5	: 1	- 16
14.	EXODUS	20	: 1	- 26	MATTHEW	5	: 17	- 32

Memory Verse: In all their affliction He was afflicted, And the angel of His presence saved them; In His love and in His mercy he redeemed them, And He lifted them and carried them all the days of old. (Isaiah 63:9)

15.	PSALMS	38	: 1	- 22	MATTHEW	5	: 33	- 48
16.	PSALMS	39	: 1	- 13	MATTHEW	6	: 1	- 15
17.	PSALMS	40	: 1	- 17	MATTHEW	6	: 16	- 34
18.	ISAIAH	63	: 1	- 19	COLOSSIANS	1	: 1	- 14
19.	ISAIAH	64	: 1	- 12	COLOSSIANS	1	: 15	- 29
20.	ISAIAH	65	: 1	- 25	MATTHEW	7	: 1	- 11
21.	EXODUS	3	: 1	- 22	MATTHEW	7	: 12	- 29

Memory Verse: Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him. (Matthew 20:34)

22.	PSALMS	78	: 1	- 16	EPHESIANS	5	: 1	- 20
23.	PSALMS	78	: 17	- 39	EPHESIANS	5	: 21	- 33
24.	PSALMS	78	: 40	- 55	MATTHEW	20	: 1	- 19
25.	PROVERBS	28	: 1	- 13	MATTHEW	20	: 20	- 34
26.	PROVERBS	28	: 14	- 28	JOHN	10	: 1	- 30
27.	EXODUS	4	: 1	- 17	JOHN	10	: 31	- 42
28.	EXODUS	4	: 18	- 31	JOHN	11	: 1	- 16
29.	HOSEA	1	: 1	- 9	JOHN	11	: 17	- 31
30.	HOSEA	2	: 1	- 23	JOHN	11	: 32	- 45
31.	HOSEA	3	: 1	- 5	JOHN	11	: 46	- 57

Memory Verse: He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes (them) will find compassion. (Proverbs 28:13)

February 2015 Topic: Acceptable sacrifices to God

Key Note: For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings. (Hosea 6:6 NIV)

Morning

Evening

1.	PROVERBS	21	:	1	-	12	LUKE	7	:	1	-	17
2.	HOSEA	4	:	1	-	19	LUKE	7	:	18	-	35
3.	HOSEA	5	:	1	-	15	MARK	12	:	28	-	44
4.	HOSEA	6	:	1	-	11	LUKE	7	:	36	-	50
5.	PROVERBS	21	:	13	-	31	LUKE	8	:	48	-	56
6.	PROVERBS	22	:	1	-	16	JAMES	1	:	1	-	18
7.	PROVERBS	22	:	17	-	29	MARK	15	:	1	-	20

Memory Verse: Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. (James 1:27)

8.	HOSEA	7	:	1	-	16	JAMES	1	:	19	-	27
9.	PSALMS	78	:	56	-	72	JOHN	12	:	1	-	11
10.	2 SAMUEL	10	:	1	-	19	JOHN	12	:	12	-	36
11.	PSALMS	49	:	1	-	20	JOHN	12	:	37	-	50
12.	PSALMS	50	:	1	-	23	LUKE	10	:	25	-	37
13.	2 SAMUEL	11	:	1	-	27	MARK	15	:	21	-	41
14.	2 SAMUEL	12	:	1	-	25	MARK	15	:	42	-	47

Memory Verse: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God; you will not despise. (Psalms 51:17)

15.	PSALMS	51	:	1	-	19	JOHN	3	:	1	-	21
16.	HOSEA	8	:	1	-	14	JOHN	3	:	22	-	36
17.	PSALMS	32	:	1	-	11	LUKE	12	:	1	-	12
18.	EXODUS	12	:	1	-	20	LUKE	12	:	13	-	34
19.	HOSEA	9	:	1	-	17	LUKE	13	:	1	-	9
20.	EXODUS	12	:	21	-	51	LUKE	13	:	10	-	21
21.	ISAIAH	1	:	1	-	20	LUKE	13	:	22	-	35

Memory Verse: Save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh. (Jude 23)

22.	ISAIAH	57	:	1	-	21	JUDE		:	1	-	16
23.	ISAIAH	58	:	1	-	14	JUDE		:	17	-	25
24.	ISAIAH	59	:	1	-	21	LUKE	14	:	1	-	14
25.	ISAIAH	60	:	1	-	22	LUKE	14	:	15	-	35
26.	ISAIAH	61	:	1	-	11	LUKE	15	:	1	-	10
27.	PSALMS	33	:	1	-	22	LUKE	15	:	11	-	32
28.	PSALMS	34	:	1	-	22	ROMANS	12	:	1	-	21

Memory Verse: You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1.Peter 2:5)

March 2015 Topic: Salvation

Key Note: *But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, „God, have mercy on me, a sinner!“ (Luke 18:13, NIV)*

Morning

Evening

1.	ISAIAH	6	:	1	-	13		ROMANS	13	:	1	-	14
2.	ISAIAH	42	:	1	-	25		ROMANS	14	:	1	-	23
3.	PSALMS	124	:	1	-	8		LUKE	18	:	1	-	17
4.	ISAIAH	43	:	1	-	28		LUKE	18	:	18	-	43
5.	ISAIAH	44	:	1	-	28		LUKE	19	:	1	-	10
6.	ISAIAH	45	:	1	-	25		LUKE	5	:	17	-	39
7.	PSALMS	82	:	1	-	8		LUKE	6	:	1	-	11

Memory Verse: *And all flesh will know that I, the Lord, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Israel. (Isaiah 49: 26 b)*

8.	ISAIAH	49	:	1	-	26		JOHN	13	:	1	-	20
9.	ISAIAH	50	:	1	-	11		JOHN	14	:	1	-	14
10.	1 CHRONICLES	16	:	1	-	23		JOHN	14	:	15	-	31
11.	1 CHRONICLES	16	:	24	-	43		MATTHEW	17	:	1	-	13
12.	PSALMS	28	:	1	-	9		MATTHEW	17	:	14	-	27
13.	PSALMS	53	:	1	-	6		JOHN	15	:	1	-	17
14.	PSALMS	95	:	1	-	11		JOHN	15	:	18	-	27

Memory Verse: *And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)*

15.	JOEL	2	:	1	-	27		ACTS	4	:	1	-	22
16.	PSALMS	62	:	1	-	12		ACTS	4	:	23	-	37
17.	PSALMS	69	:	1	-	36		1 THESSALONIANS	1	:	1	-	10
18.	PSALMS	74	:	1	-	23		1 THESSALONIANS	2	:	1	-	20
19.	PSALMS	85	:	1	-	13		1 THESSALONIANS	3	:	1	-	13
20.	PSALMS	91	:	1	-	16		JOHN	1	:	29	-	34
21.	PSALMS	98	:	1	-	9		JOHN	1	:	35	-	51

Memory Verse: *Zion will be redeemed with justice And her penitent ones with righteousness. (Isaiah 1:27)*

22.		ISAIAH	1	:	21	-	31	MARK	1	:	1	-	20
23.		ISAIAH	2	:	1	-	22	MARK	1	:	21	-	45
24.		ISAIAH	3	:	1	-	26	MARK	2	:	1	-	17
25.		ISAIAH	4	:	1	-	6	MARK	2	:	18	-	28
26.		ISAIAH	5	:	1	-	30	ROMANS	6	:	1	-	11
27.		ZECHARIAH	7	:	1	-	14	ROMANS	6	:	12	-	23
28.		ZECHARIAH	8	:	1	-	23	MATTHEW	1	:	1	-	25
29.	Palm Sunday	ZECHARIAH	9	:	1	-	17	MARK	11	:	1	-	11
30.		ISAIAH	51	:	1	-	23	MARK	11	:	12	-	33
31.		ISAIAH	52	:	1	-	15	MARK	12	:	1	-	27

PASSION WEEK

DEATH & RESURRECTION



OF CHRIST

No one loves you more than Jesus

April 2015 Topic: Call upon the name of the Lord

Key Note: When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, „Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.“(Mark 10:47)

Morning

Evening

1.		GENESIS	22	:	1	-	24	MARK	14	:	1	-	25
2.		PSALMS	22	:	1	-	32	MARK	14	:	26	-	52
3.	Good Friday	ISAIAH	53	:	1	-	12	JOHN	19	:	1	-	37
4.		ZECHARIAH	12	:	1	-	14	MATTHEW	27	:	57	-	66
5.	Easter Sunday	PSALMS	23	:	1	-	6	MATTHEW	28	:	1	-	20
6.	Easter Monday	PSALMS	16	:	1	-	11	JOHN	21	:	1	-	14
7.		PSALMS	47	:	1	-	10	JOHN	21	:	15	-	25

Memory Verse: A son was also born to Seth, and he named him Enosh. At that time people began to worship Yahweh. (Genesis 4:26, NoG)

8.	GENESIS	4	:	1	-	26	HEBREWS	11	:	1	-	6
9.	JOB	9	:	1	-	35	MATTHEW	14	:	22	-	36
10.	JOB	16	:	1	-	22	ACTS	7	:	54	-	60
11.	JOB	19	:	1	-	29	EPHESIANS	4	:	1	-	16
12.	PSALMS	17	:	1	-	15	EPHESIANS	4	:	17	-	32
13.	PSALMS	18	:	1	-	24	ROMANS	9	:	1	-	18
14.	PSALMS	18	:	25	-	50	ROMANS	9	:	19	-	33

Memory Verse: For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same (Lord) is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him. (Romans 10:12)

15.	PSALMS	55	:	1	-	23	ROMANS	10	:	1	-	21
16.	PSALMS	56	:	1	-	13	ROMANS	11	:	1	-	16
17.	PSALMS	57	:	1	-	11	ROMANS	11	:	17	-	36
18.	1 SAMUEL	22	:	1	-	23	MARK	3	:	1	-	21
19.	1 SAMUEL	23	:	1	-	28	MARK	3	:	22	-	35
20.	1.SAMUEL	24	:	1	-	23	MARK	10	:	32	-	45
21.	PSALMS	86	:	1	-	17	MARK	10	:	46	-	52

Memory Verse: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in You my soul takes refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed. (Psalms 57:1, NIV)

22.	JUDGES	1	:	1	-	36	ROMANS	1	:	1	-	18
23.	JUDGES	2	:	1	-	23	ROMANS	1	:	19	-	32
24.	JUDGES	3	:	1	-	31	ROMANS	2	:	1	-	16
25.	JOSHUA	4	:	1	-	24	ROMANS	2	:	17	-	29
26.	JOSHUA	5	:	1	-	15	ACTS	9	:	1	-	19
27.	JOSHUA	6	:	1	-	27	ACTS	9	:	20	-	43
28.	JOSHUA	10	:	1	-	15	ACTS	16	:	23	-	40
29.	PSALMS	3	:	1	-	8	ACTS	22	:	1	-	21
30.	PSALMS	4	:	1	-	8	ACTS	22	:	22	-	30

Memory Verse: And now, what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptised and wash your sins away, calling on His name.(Acts 22:16, NIV)

May 2015 Topic: The house of God

Key Note: *But I, by Your great mercy, will come into Your house; in reverence I will bow down towards Your holy temple. (Psalms 5:7, NIV)*

Morning

Evening

1.	PSALMS	5	:	1	-	12		ROMANS	3	:	1	-	20
2.	PSALMS	24	:	1	-	10		ROMANS	3	:	21	-	31
3.	PSALMS	26	:	1	-	12		ACTS	16	:	1	-	22
4.	PSALMS	27	:	1	-	14		ACTS	17	:	1	-	15
5.	PSALMS	63	:	1	-	11		ACTS	17	:	16	-	34
6.	PSALMS	84	:	1	-	12		ACTS	18	:	1	-	17
7.	PSALMS	42	:	1	-	11		ACTS	18	:	18	-	28

Memory Verse: *We have heard Him say, "I will destroy this temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands." (Mark 14:58)*

8.		1 SAMUEL	1	:	1	-	28	MARK	14	:	53	-	72
9.		1 SAMUEL	2	:	1	-	11	JOHN	20	:	1	-	18
10.		PSALMS	122	:	1	-	9	JOHN	20	:	19	-	31
11.		ZECHARIAH	1	:	1	-	17	LUKE	24	:	1	-	12
12.		ZECHARIAH	2	:	1	-	17	LUKE	24	:	13	-	35
13.		ZECHARIAH	3	:	1	-	10	LUKE	24	:	36	-	53
14.	Ascension	2 KINGS	2	:	1	-	18	GALATIANS	1	:	1	-	24

Memory Verse: *Thus says the Lord, "Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Where is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest? (Isaiah 66:1)*

15.	ISAIAH	56	:	1	-	12		MATTHEW	21	:	1	-	22
16.	JEREMIAH	7	:	1	-	15		MATTHEW	21	:	23	-	32
17.	ISAIAH	62	:	1	-	12		MATTHEW	21	:	33	-	46
18.	MICAH	2	:	1	-	13		JOHN	16	:	1	-	15
19.	MICAH	3	:	1	-	12		JOHN	16	:	16	-	33
20.	MICAH	4	:	1	-	13		ACTS	1	:	1	-	14
21.	ISAIAH	66	:	1	-	24		ACTS	1	:	15	-	26

Memory Verse: *Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Corinthians 3:16)*

22.		2 SAMUEL	6	:	1	-	23	1 CORINTHIANS	3	:	1	-	23
23.		2 SAMUEL	7	:	1	-	29	1 CORINTHIANS	6	:	1	-	20
24.	Pentecost	JEREMIAH	31	:	31	-	40	ACTS	2	:	1	-	13
25.		JOEL	2	:	18	-	32	ACTS	2	:	14	-	36
26.		NUMBERS	9	:	1	-	23	ACTS	2	:	37	-	47
27.		NUMBERS	10	:	1	-	36	1 CORINTHIANS	12	:	1	-	11
28.		NUMBERS	11	:	1	-	35	1 CORINTHIANS	12	:	12	-	31
29.		NUMBERS	12	:	1	-	16	1 CORINTHIANS	13	:	1	-	13
30.		1 KINGS	3	:	1	-	28	1 CORINTHIANS	14	:	1	-	25
31.		EZEKIEL	47	:	1	-	12	1 CORINTHIANS	14	:	26	-	40

Memory Verse: *He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name. (Revelation 3:12)*

June 2015 Topic: Faithfulness

Key Note: Turn to me and have mercy on me, as you always do to those who love Your name. (Psalms 119:132, NIV)

Morning					Evening				
1.	PSALMS	97	: 1	- 12	LUKE	16	: 1	- 18	
2.	PSALMS	119	: 129	- 144	LUKE	16	: 19	- 31	
3.	PROVERBS	2	: 1	- 22	LUKE	17	: 1	- 19	
4.	PROVERBS	20	: 1	- 30	LUKE	17	: 20	- 37	
5.	PROVERBS	31	: 1	- 31	ACTS	19	: 1	- 12	
6.	JEREMIAH	1	: 1	- 19	ACTS	19	: 13	- 22	
7.	DEUTERONOMY	32	: 1	- 18	ACTS	19	: 23	- 40	

Memory Verse: The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; a God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He. (Deuteronomy 32:4)

8.	DEUTERONOMY	32	: 19	- 39	1 PETER	3	: 1	- 22
9.	DEUTERONOMY	32	: 40	- 52	1 PETER	4	: 1	- 19
10.	1 SAMUEL	20	: 1	- 24	ACTS	20	: 1	- 16
11.	1 SAMUEL	20	: 25	- 42	ACTS	20	: 17	- 38
12.	PSALMS	119	: 145	- 160	1 PETER	5	: 1	- 14
13.	1 KINGS	3	: 1	- 28	2 TIMOTHY	3	: 1	- 17
14.	PSALMS	111	: 1	- 10	2 TIMOTHY	4	: 1	- 22

Memory Verse: His master said to him: Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things, enter into the joy of your master. (Matthew 25:21)

15.	PSALMS	30	: 1	- 12	MATTHEW	25	: 1	- 13
16.	PSALMS	101	: 1	- 8	MATTHEW	25	: 14	- 30
17.	HOSEA	10	: 1	- 15	MATTHEW	25	: 31	- 46
18.	PSALMS	119	: 161	- 176	1 CORINTHIANS	1	: 1	- 17
19.	PROVERBS	27	: 1	- 27	1 CORINTHIANS	1	: 18	- 31
20.	PSALMS	108	: 1	- 14	ACTS	21	: 1	- 17
21.	HOSEA	11	: 1	- 11	ACTS	21	: 18	- 40

Memory Verse: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning, great is Your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22-23)

22.	LAMENTATIONS	3	: 1	- 24	2 JOHN		: 1	- 13
23.	PSALMS	89	: 1	- 4	1 TIMOTHY	1	: 1	- 20
24.	PSALMS	89	: 5	- 37	2 THESSALONIANS	3	: 1	- 18
25.	PSALMS	89	: 38	- 52	ACTS	6	: 1	- 15
26.	HESEKIEL	43	: 1	- 17	ACTS	7	: 1	- 29
27.	JEREMIAH	42	: 1	- 22	ACTS	7	: 30	- 53
28.	JEREMIAH	51	: 1	- 19	REVELATION	17	: 1	- 18
29.	PSALMS	12	: 1	- 8	3 JOHN		: 1	- 15
30.	2 SAMUEL	9	: 1	- 13	REVELATION	18	: 1	- 24

Memory Verse: The Lamb ...He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful. (Revelation 17:14)

July 2015 Topic: The merciful High Priest

Key Note: *As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till He shows us His mercy. (Psalms 123:2, NIV)*

Morning

Evening

1.	NUMBERS	6	:	1	-	21	LUKE	19	:	1	-	10
2.	NUMBERS	6	:	22	-	27	LUKE	19	:	11	-	28
3.	PSALMS	120	:	1	-	7	LUKE	19	:	29	-	48
4.	PSALMS	121	:	1	-	8	ROMANS	15	:	1	-	13
5.	PSALMS	123	:	1	-	4	ROMANS	15	:	14	-	33
6.	PSALMS	1	:	1	-	6	ACTS	3	:	1	-	11
7.	PSALMS	79	:	1	-	13	ACTS	3	:	12	-	26

Memory Verse: *Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. (Hebrews 2:17)*

8.	PSALMS	80	:	1	-	20	LUKE	20	:	1	-	19
9.	PSALMS	81	:	1	-	17	LUKE	20	:	20	-	26
10.	LEVITICUS	9	:	1	-	24	LUKE	20	:	27	-	47
11.	LEVITICUS	10	:	1	-	20	HEBREWS	1	:	1	-	14
12.	NUMBERS	17	:	1	-	28	HEBREWS	2	:	1	-	18
13.	1 CHRONICLES	13	:	1	-	14	LUKE	21	:	1	-	19
14.	1 CHRONICLES	14	:	1	-	17	LUKE	21	:	20	-	38

Memory Verse: *Seek the Lord and His strength, Seek His face continually. (Psalms 105:4)*

15.	1 CHRONICLES	15	:	1	-	29	JOHN	17	:	1	-	19
16.	2 CHRONICLES	26	:	1	-	23	JOHN	17	:	20	-	26
17.	2 CHRONICLES	29	:	1	-	19	1 JOHN	1	:	1	-	10
18.	2 CHRONICLES	29	:	20	-	36	1 JOHN	2	:	1	-	11
19.	PSALMS	105	:	1	-	23	HEBREWS	3	:	1	-	19
20.	PSALMS	105	:	24	-	45	1 JOHN	2	:	12	-	29
21.	PSALMS	106	:	1	-	23	1 THESSALONIANS	4	:	1	-	18

Memory Verse: *Therefore, let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)*

22.	PSALMS	106	:	24	-	48	TITUS	1	:	1	-	16
23.	EXODUS	25	:	1	-	22	TITUS	2	:	1	-	15
24.	1 SAMUEL	3	:	1	-	21	TITUS	3	:	1	-	15
25.	SAMUEL	4	:	1	-	22	HEBREWS	4	:	1	-	16
26.	GENESIS	14	:	1	-	24	ROMANS	4	:	1	-	25
27.	GENESIS	15	:	1	-	21	ROMANS	5	:	1	-	21
28.	PSALMS	110	:	1	-	7	1 JOHN	3	:	1	-	24
29.	GENESIS	16	:	1	-	16	HEBREWS	12	:	1	-	17
30.	PSALMS	2	:	1	-	12	HEBREWS	12	:	18	-	29
31.	1 SAMUEL	5	:	1	-	12	1 THESSALONIANS	5	:	1	-	28

Memory Verse: *The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind, „You are Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek“. (Psalms 110:4)*

August 2015 Topic: Judgment

Key Note: *Judgement without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment! (James 2:13, NIV)*

Morning					Evening				
1.	GENESIS	6	: 1	- 22	PHILIPPIANS	1	: 1	- 11	
2.	GENESIS	7	: 1	- 24	PHILIPPIANS	1	: 12	- 30	
3.	GENESIS	8	: 1	- 22	JAMES	2	: 1	- 13	
4.	GENESIS	9	: 1	- 29	JAMES	2	: 14	- 26	
5.	PROVERBS	12	: 1	- 28	JAMES	3	: 1	- 18	
6.	PSALMS	75	: 1	- 11	JAMES	4	: 1	- 17	
7.	PSALMS	90	: 1	- 17	JAMES	5	: 1	- 20	

Memory Verse: *A righteous man has regard for the life of his animal, But the compassion of the wicked is cruel. (Proverbs 12:10)*

8.	ISAIAH	32	: 1	- 20	REVELATION	8	: 1	- 13
9.	ISAIAH	33	: 1	- 24	JOHN	5	: 1	- 18
10.	PSALMS	76	: 1	- 13	JOHN	5	: 19	- 47
11.	ECCLESIASTES	12	: 1	- 14	REVELATION	9	: 1	- 21
12.	GENESIS	18	: 16	- 33	REVELATION	10	: 1	- 11
13.	GENESIS	19	: 1	- 29	REVELATION	11	: 1	- 19
14.	PSALMS	93	: 1	- 5	REVELATION	12	: 1	- 17(18)

Memory Verse: *For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son. (John 5:22)*

15.	PSALMS	94	: 1	- 23	MATTHEW	22	: 1	- 22
16.	EXODUS	7	: 1	- 25	MATTHEW	22	: 23	- 46
17.	ZECHARIAH	4	: 1	- 14	MATTHEW	23	: 1	- 22
18.	ZECHARIAH	5	: 1	- 11	MATTHEW	23	: 23	- 39
19.	ZECHARIAH	6	: 1	- 15	REVELATION	13	: 1	- 18
20.	PSALMS	96	: 1	- 13	REVELATION	14	: 1	- 20
21.	DANIEL	1	: 1	- 21	REVELATION	15	: 1	- 8

Memory Verse: *Against You, You only, I have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified when You speak and blameless when You judge. (Psalms 51:4 (6))*

22.	PSALMS	102	: 1	- 29	ACTS	15	: 1	- 21
23.	DANIEL	3	: 1	- 30	ACTS	15	: 22	- 34
24.	PSALMS	58	: 1	- 12	REVELATION	16	: 1	- 21
25.	DANIEL	5	: 1	- 29	HEBREWS	6	: 1	- 29
26.	PSALMS	115	: 1	- 18	HEBREWS	10	: 1	- 18
27.	DANIEL	6	: 1	- 29	HEBREWS	10	: 19	- 39
28.	PSALMS	14	: 1	- 7	REVELATION	19	: 1	- 21
29.	DANIEL	7	: 1	- 28	REVELATION	20	: 1	- 15
30.	PSALMS	15	: 1	- 5	1 JOHN	4	: 1	- 21
31.	DANIEL	8	: 1	- 27	1 JOHN	5	: 1	- 21

Memory Verse: *By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgement, because as He is, so also are we in this world. (1.John 4:17)*

September 2015 Topic: Distress

Key Note: David said to Gad, "I am in deep distress. Let me fall into the hands of the Lord, for His mercy is very great; but do not let me fall into the hands of man. (1.Chronicles 21:13, NIV)

Morning					Evening				
1.	1 CHRONICLES	17	: 1	- 27	LUKE	22	: 39	- 53	
2.	1 CHRONICLES	21	: 1	- 14	LUKE	22	: 54	- 71	
3.	1 CHRONICLES	21	: 15	- 30	2 PETER	1	: 1	- 21	
4.	1 CHRONICLES	22	: 1	- 19	2 PETER	2	: 1	- 22	
5.	PSALMS	31	: 1	- 24	2 PETER	3	: 1	- 18	
6.	PSALMS	10	: 1	- 18	LUKE	23	: 1	- 32	
7.	PSALMS	11	: 1	- 7	LUKE	23	: 33	- 56	

Memory Verse: Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord and He will have mercy on him. (Isaiah 55:7)

8.	2 CHRONICLES	15	: 1	- 19	MATTHEW	27	: 1	- 26
9.	NEHEMIAH	8	: 1	- 12	MATTHEW	27	: 27	- 56
10.	NEHEMIAH	8	: 13	- 18	2 TIMOTHY	1	: 1	- 18
11.	ISAIAH	55	: 1	- 13	2 TIMOTHY	2	: 1	- 13
12.	DANIEL	9	: 1	- 27	2 TIMOTHY	2	: 14	- 26
13.	DANIEL	10	: 1	- 21	REVELATION	1	: 1	- 20
14.	DANIEL	11	: 1	- 19	REVELATION	2	: 1	- 11

Memory Verse: Because of Your great compassion You did not abandon them in the desert. (Nehemiah 9:19)

15.	DANIEL	11	: 20	- 45	ROMANS	6	: 1	- 23
16.	DANIEL	12	: 1	- 13	ROMANS	7	: 1	- 25
17.	NEHEMIAH	9	: 1	- 20	ROMANS	8	: 1	- 17
18.	NEHEMIAH	9	: 21	- 37	ROMANS	8	: 18	- 39
19.	PSALMS	41	: 1	- 13	REVELATION	2	: 12	- 29
20.	GENESIS	41	: 1	- 36	REVELATION	3	: 1	- 13
21.	GENESIS	41	: 37	- 57	REVELATION	3	: 14	- 22

Memory Verse: Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. (Philippians 2:27)

22.	PSALMS	46	: 1	- 11	PHILIPPIANS	2	: 1	- 18
23.	ISAIAH	33	: 1	- 24	PHILIPPIANS	2	: 19	- 30
24.	ISAIAH	37	: 1	- 20	MATTHEW	24	: 1	- 14
25.	ISAIAH	37	: 21	- 38	MATTHEW	24	: 15	- 31
26.	ISAIAH	38	: 1	- 22	MATTHEW	24	: 32	- 51
27.	JUDGES	10	: 1	- 18	REVELATION	4	: 1	- 11
28.	2 KINGS	4	: 1	- 17	REVELATION	5	: 1	- 14
29.	2 KINGS	4	: 18	- 44	REVELATION	6	: 1	- 17
30.	GENESIS	35	: 1	- 15	MATTHEW	28	: 1	- 20

Memory Verse: For then there will be a great tribulation such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. (Matthew 24:21)

October 2015 Topic: Be merciful

Key Note: *Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (Luke 6:36, NIV)*

Morning					Evening				
1.	PROVERBS	24	:	1 - 16	LUKE	6	:	1 - 19	
2.	PROVERBS	24	:	17 - 34	LUKE	6	:	20 - 35	
3.	PROVERBS	25	:	1 - 16	LUKE	6	:	36 - 46	
4.	PROVERBS	25	:	17 - 28	1 CORINTHIANS	4	:	1 - 21	
5.	PSALMS	65	:	1 - 13	1 CORINTHIANS	5	:	1 - 13	
6.	PSALMS	66	:	1 - 20	MARK	6	:	30 - 56	
7.	PSALMS	67	:	1 - 7	HEBREWS	13	:	1 - 25	

Memory Verse: *The Lord is good to all, and his mercies are over all his works. (Psalms 145:9)*

8.	MALACHI	1	:	1 - 14	MARK	7	:	1 - 23
9.	MALACHI	2	:	1 - 17	MARK	7	:	24 - 37
10.	MALACHI	3	:	1 - 24	MATTHEW	11	:	1 - 19
11.	PSALMS	145	:	1 - 21	MATTHEW	11	:	20 - 30
12.	PROVERBS	15	:	1 - 17	MATTHEW	12	:	1 - 21
13.	PROVERBS	15	:	18 - 33	MATTHEW	12	:	22 - 42
14.	PSALMS	77	:	1 - 20	MATTHEW	12	:	43 - 50

Memory Verse: *The merciful man does himself good, But the cruel man does himself harm. (Proverbs 11:17)*

15.	PROVERBS	11	:	1 - 31	PHILEMON		:	1 - 25
16.	PROVERBS	16	:	1 - 33	MARK	8	:	1 - 21
17.	PROVERBS	17	:	1 - 28	MARK	8	:	22 - 38
18.	DEUTERONOMY	4	:	1 - 24	2 CORINTHIANS	8	:	1 - 24
19.	DEUTERONOMY	4	:	25 - 49	2 CORINTHIANS	9	:	1 - 15
20.	PROVERBS	18	:	1 - 24	MATTHEW	15	:	1 - 20
21.	PROVERBS	19	:	1 - 29	MATTHEW	15	:	21 - 28

Memory Verse: *Shouldn't you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way I had mercy on you?(Matthew 18:33)*

22.	MICAH	6	:	1 - 16	MATTHEW	15	:	29 - 39
23.	MICAH	7	:	1 - 20	MATTHEW	18	:	1 - 14
24.	JUDGES	11	:	1 - 27	MATTHEW	18	:	15 - 35
25.	JUDGES	11	:	28 - 40	COLOSSIANS	2	:	1 - 15
26.	JUDGES	12	:	1 - 15	COLOSSIANS	2	:	16 - 25
27.	AMOS	5	:	1 - 27	COLOSSIANS	3	:	1 - 17
28.	HABAKKUK	1	:	1 - 17	COLOSSIANS	3	:	18 - 25
29.	HABAKKUK	2	:	1 - 20	COLOSSIANS	4	:	1 - 18
30.	HABAKKUK	3	:	1 - 9	MATTHEW	19	:	1 - 15
31.	2 CHRONICLES	30	:	1 - 27	MATTHEW	19	:	16 - 30

Memory Verse: *So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. (Colossians 3:12)*

November 2015 *Topic: Strength*

Key Note: *The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him. (Nahum 1:7, NIV)*

Morning					Evening				
1.	JUDGES	13	: 1	- 25	LUKE	20	: 27	- 47	
2.	JUDGES	14	: 1	- 20	MARK	4	: 1	- 20	
3.	JUDGES	15	: 1	- 20	MARK	4	: 21	- 41	
4.	JUDGES	16	: 1	- 22	2 THESSALONIANS	1	: 1	- 12	
5.	JUDGES	16	: 23	- 31	MARK	5	: 1	- 20	
6.	NAHUM	1	: 1	- 14	MARK	5	: 21	- 43	
7.	EXODUS	14	: 1	- 14	2 TIMOTHY	1	: 1	- 18	

Memory Verse: *The Lord is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; This is my God, and I will praise Him, My father's God, and I will extol Him. (Exodus 15:2)*

8.	EXODUS	14	: 15	- 31	EPHESIANS	6	: 1	- 24
9.	EXODUS	15	: 1	- 21	ACTS	14	: 1	- 28
10.	EXODUS	15	: 22	- 27	HEBREWS	5	: 1	- 14
11.	PROVERBS	6	: 1	- 35	MARK	9	: 1	- 29
12.	JOSHUA	1	: 1	- 18	MARK	9	: 30	- 50
13.	JOSHUA	2	: 1	- 24	2 THESSALONIANS	2	: 1	- 17
14.	JOSHUA	3	: 1	- 17	JOHN	7	: 1	- 30

Memory Verse: *O Lord, see how my enemies persecute me! Have mercy on me and lift me up from the gates of death. (Psalms 9:13)*

15.	PSALMS	9	: 1	- 20	JOHN	7	: 31	- 53
16.	PSALMS	29	: 1	- 11	JOHN	8	: 1	- 20
17.	PSALMS	59	: 1	- 17	REVELATION	7	: 1	- 17
18.	NUMBERS	23	: 1	- 30	LUKE	22	: 1	- 23
19.	NUMBERS	24	: 1	- 25	LUKE	22	: 24	- 38
20.	PROVERBS	4	: 1	- 27	PHILIPPIANS	3	: 1	- 21
21.	PROVERBS	5	: 1	- 23	PHILIPPIANS	4	: 1	- 23

Memory Verse: *But I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers. (Luke 22:32)*

22.	DEUTERONOMY	6	: 1	- 25	JOHN	8	: 21	- 59
23.	DEUTERONOMY	8	: 1	- 20	JOHN	9	: 1	- 17
24.	1 CHRONICLES	29	: 10	- 30	JOHN	9	: 18	- 41
25.	PSALMS	83	: 1	- 18	1 CORINTHIANS	2	: 1	- 16
26.	PROVERBS	14	: 1	- 35	1 CORINTHIANS	15	: 1	- 19
27.	PROVERBS	30	: 1	- 33	1 CORINTHIANS	15	: 20	- 34
28.	PROVERBS	31	: 1	- 31	1 CORINTHIANS	15	: 35	- 58
29.	PSALMS	1	: 1	- 6	EPHESIANS	3	: 1	- 21
30.	PSALMS	6	: 1	- 10	MARK	16	: 1	- 20

Memory Verse: *He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man. (Ephesians 3:16)*

December 2015 Topic: Glory

Key Note: Then Moses said, „I pray You, show me Your glory!“ (Exodus 33:18)

Morning

Evening

1.	PSALMS	19	:	1	-	14	2 CORINTHIANS	1	:	1	-	11
2.	PSALMS	20	:	1	-	9	2 CORINTHIANS	1	:	12	-	24
3.	PSALMS	21	:	1	-	13	2 CORINTHIANS	2	:	1	-	17
4.	ZECHARIAH	1	:	1	-	21	JOHN	6	:	1	-	15
5.	ZECHARIAH	2	:	1	-	13	JOHN	6	:	16	-	40
6.	EXODUS	33	:	1	-	11	JOHN	6	:	41	-	59
7.	EXODUS	33	:	12	-	23	JOHN	6	:	60	-	71

Memory Verse: And the word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

8.	PSALMS	71	:	1	-	24	2 CORINTHIANS	3	:	1	-	18
9.	EZEKIEL	1	:	1	-	28	2 CORINTHIANS	4	:	1	-	18
10.	EZEKIEL	2	:	1	-	10	2 CORINTHIANS	5	:	1	-	21
11.	EZEKIEL	3	:	1	-	27	1 CORINTHIANS	10	:	1	-	33
12.	PSALMS	72	:	1	-	20	1 CORINTHIANS	11	:	1	-	16
13.	PSALMS	73	:	1	-	28	JOHN	1	:	1	-	28
14.	PSALMS	113	:	1	-	9	JOHN	2	:	1	-	25

Memory Verse: You guide me with Your counsel, and afterwards You will take me into glory. (Psalms 73:24)

15.	EXODUS	40	:	1	-	38	1 CORINTHIANS	11	:	17	-	34
16.	EZEKIEL	8	:	1	-	18	LUKE	1	:	1	-	25
17.	PSALMS	104	:	1	-	35	LUKE	1	:	26	-	38
18.	EZEKIEL	9	:	1	-	11	LUKE	1	:	39	-	56
19.	PSALMS	138	:	1	-	8	LUKE	1	:	57	-	80
20.	EZEKIEL	10	:	1	-	22	MATTHEW	16	:	1	-	28
21.	ZECHARIAH	3	:	1	-	10	HEBREWS	7	:	1	-	28

Memory Verse: For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every man according to his deeds. (Matthew 16:27)

22.		HOSEA	12	:	1	-	14	HEBREWS	8	:	1	-	13
23.		HOSEA	13	:	1	-	16	HEBREWS	9	:	1	-	28
24.	Holy Eve	MICAH	5	:	1	-	14	LUKE	2	:	1	-	21
25.	Christmas	ISAIAH	54	:	1	-	17	LUKE	3	:	21	-	38
26.	Christmas	PSALMS	146	:	1	-	10	MATTHEW	2	:	1	-	12
27.		PSALMS	147	:	1	-	20	MATTHEW	2	:	13	-	23
28.		PSALMS	148	:	1	-	14	HEBREWS	11	:	7	-	19
29.		PSALMS	149	:	1	-	9	HEBREWS	11	:	20	-	40
30.		PSALMS	103	:	1	-	22	1 PETER	1	:	1	-	12
31.		HOSEA	14	:	1	-	9	1 PETER	1	:	13	-	25

Memory Verse: All people are like grass, and all their beauty is like a flower of the field. The grass dries up and the flower drops off, but the word of the Lord lasts forever. (1Peter 1:24-25, NoG)

A Poem by Edward Taylor (1642-1729)³

Edward Taylor was a frontier parson in colonial America of the 17th century. His double poem reports an intimate conversation between him and the Lord Jesus Christ in a time of temptation and spiritual challenge. The poem describes the battle situation of a true child of God and the mercy and kindness of our Lord who knows all that concerns His children, and Who gives appropriate answer and comfort. The poem is shortened.

The Souls Groan to Christ for Succour

Good Lord, behold this Dreadfull Enemy
Who makes me tremble with his fierce assaults,
I dare not trust, yet feare to give the ly,
For in my soul, my soul finds many faults.
And though I justify myselfe to's face:
I do Condemn myselfe before thy Grace.

He strives to mount my sins, and them advance
above thy Merits, Pardons, or Good Will
Thy Grace to lessen, and thy Wrath t'inhance
As if thou couldst not pay the sinners bill.
He Chiefly injures thy rich Grace, I finde
Though I confess my heart to sin inclin'de.

Those Graces which thy Grace enwrought in mee,
He makes as nothing but a pack of Sins.
He maketh Grace no grace, but Crueltie,
Is Graces Honey Comb, A Comb of Stings?
This makes me ready leave thy Grace and run.
Which if I do, I finde I am undone.

I know he is thy Cur, ⁴ therefore I bee
Perplexed lest I from thy Pasture stray.
He bayghs, and barks so veh'mently at mee.
Come rate⁵ this Cur, Lord, breake his teeth I pray.
Remember me I humbly pray thee first.
Then halter up this Cur that is so Curst.

c. 1680

Christ's Reply

Peace, Peace, my Hony, do not Cry,
My Little Darling, wipe thine eye,
Oh Cheer, Cheer up, come see.

3 from *The Heath Anthology of American Literature*, Vol. 1 pp. 375-379

4 A worthless, low-bred, or snappish dog

5 To scold or rebuke angrily or violently

Is anything too deare, my Dove,
Is anything too good, my Love
to get or give for thee?
If in the severall⁶ thou art
This Yelper fierce will at thee bark:
That thou art mine this shows.
As Spot barks back the sheep again
Before they to the Pound are ta'ne,
So he and hence 'way goes.

But yet this Cur that bayghs so sore
Ois broken tootht, and muzzled sure.
Fear not, my Pritty Heart.
His barking is to make thee Cling
Close underneath thy Saviours Wing.
Why did my sweeten start?

And if he run and inch too far,
I'le Check his Chain, and rate the Cur.
My Chick, keep clost to mee.
The Poles shall sooner kiss, and greet
And Paralells shall sooner meet
Than thou shalt harmed bee.

He seeks to aggrivate thy sin
And screw them to the highest pin,
to make thy faith to quaile.
Yet mountain Sins like mites should show
And then these mites for naught should goe
Could he but once prevaile.

I smote thy sins upon thy Head.
They Dead'ned are, though not quite dead;
And shall not rise again.
I'l put away the Guilt thereof,
and purge its Filthiness cleare off:
My blood doth out the stain.

[...]

Although thy sins increase their race,
and though when thou hast sought for Grace,
Thou fallst more than before
If thou by true Repentance Rise,
And Faith makes me thy Sacrifice,
I'l pardon all, though more.

Though Satan strive to block thy way

6 Privately owned land, especially enclosed pastures not held in common; divided, existing apart, hence the soul is torn between Christ and the devil

By all his Stratagems he may:
Come, come though through the fire.
For Hell that Gulph of fire for sins,
is not so hot as t'burn thy Shins.
Then Credit nor the Lyar.

Those Cursed Vermin Sins that Crawl
All ore thy Soul, both Greate, and small
Are onely Satans own:
Which he in his Malignity
Unto thy Souls true Sanctity
In at the doors hath thrown.

And though they be Rebellion high,
Ath'ism or Apostacy:
Though blasphemy it bee:
Unto what Quality, or Sise
Excepting one, so e're it rise.
Repent, I'le pardon thee.

Although thy Soule was once a Stall
Rich hung with Satans nicknacks all;
If thou Repent thy Sin,
A Tabernacle in't I'le place
Fild with Gods Spirit, and his Grace.
Oh Comfortable thing!

I dare the World therefore to show
A God like me, to anger slow:
Whose wrath is full of Grace.
Doth hate all Sins both Greate, and small:
Yet when Repented, pardons all.
Frowns with a Smiling Face.

[...]

If in the fire where Gold is tride
Thy Soule is put, and purifide
Wilt thou lament thy loss?
If silver-like this fire refine
Thy soul and make it brighter shine:
Wilt thou bewaile the Dross?

Oh! fight my Field: no Colours fear:
I'le be thy Front, I'le be thy reare.
Fail not: my Battells fight.
Defy the Tempter, and his mock.
Anchor thy heart on mee thy Rock.
I do in thee Delight.

c. 1680

In this year of Mercy- Call upon the name of Lord and be saved!

But he was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:5 NIV

Of JESUS all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins. Acts 10:43

If you are not yet saved then pray to the Lord to become God's child and Christ's property. Salvation means that you are no longer condemned. Your sins separate you from God. When you die, you will be judged. You will receive that which your deeds deserve. If you are unbelieving and neglect God's good commandments, you will be condemned to be forever in hell. But if you trust in Jesus' sacrificial death for you, you are doing the will of God, because He wants you to believe in His only and beloved Son. If you follow the Lord Jesus throughout the time of your life, He will prepare a place in heaven for you. When you die, you will be forever in God's marvellous presence, together with Jesus, the angels and the other saints. Jesus loves you so much that he carried all your sins to the cross of Calvary, so that you can be forgiven. He took all your punishment, He was abandoned so that you can return to the heavenly Father. He does not want you to perish. Accept Him today as your personal Lord and Saviour and live in faith in the Son of God. He will go with you every day, He will heal you and make all things new. Give Him your sins, your anxiety, your disease, your doubts and He will give you His love, His holiness, His healing, His inheritance as the Son of God!

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, I come to You today as a sinner. You said, you would receive anyone who comes to you. I thank you for your sacrifice on the Cross for me. You were punished for my sins. Thank you for your love. Please forgive me all my sins and wash me in your precious blood. I receive you today as my personal Lord and Saviour. Please send the Holy Spirit to me to lead me. You died also for all my diseases. I pray, Lord, heal me and renew my life. Turn all my darkness into light, all my fear into confidence, all my doubts into faith, all my bitterness into love. Have mercy on me. Thank you, Lord. In Jesus' wonderful name. Amen

*Jesus says: The one who comes to Me,
I will certainly not cast out. (John 6: 37b)*

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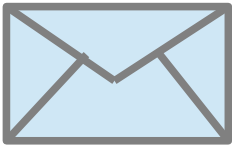
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CHRIST IS THE SAME

(Hebrews 13:8)

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AMP- Amplified Bible

CEV- Contemporary English Version

NASB- New American Standard Bible

NIV- New International Version

NLT- New Living Translation

NoG- Names of God Bible

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