

Friday, December 30: Read [Hebrews 10](#)

The law was a foreshadow of the real thing, Jesus himself. He sets aside the old system and establishes the new way. Note the number of times the phrase “once for all” appears both in chapter 9 and chapter 10. Now we can enter God’s presence with confidence, fully forgiven and holy unto God. We are instructed to stay close to God, to hold tight to our hope in him and to spur on others to do the same.

To deliberately ignore this salvation and continue in sin keeps us at odds with God. We are candidates for the final judgment of God’s enemies! The Author exhorts us to persevere in spite of adversity. God will reward faithfulness in the end!

Notes:

Pray for Our Missionaries

Juan & Adriana Palacios (Angola, Africa), **David & Miriam Trott** (Cochabamba, Bolivia), **Mario Bloise** (Argentina), **Dan & DeAnn Gerard** (San Antonio, TX), **Robert and Kailey Newkirk** (South Sudan), **Craig & Shelly Shafer** (Sentani, Indonesia), **Sue Saunders** (Bosnia), **Matt and Becky Kooi** (Tijuana), **Daniel Jezowski** (Wycliffe), **Andrew & Sara Williams** (Ethnos360), **Brad and Christa Babjack** (University of West Virginia), **Salomon and Megan Guzman** (Tijuana), **Alvaro and Rachel Garriga** (Central Asia), **William and Salma Garcia** (Tijuana)

Thru the New!

(Reading through the New Testament in 2018)

- *Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.*
- *Read the chapters and underline any meaningful verses and take note of specific advice or wisdom gleaned from your reading.*
- *Note any unclear passages or teaching and seek insight, answers or help.*
- *Think about what you’re reading. Ask:*
 - 1. How does this apply to me?*
 - 2. Are there any temptations to avoid, sins to confess, commands to obey or promises to claim?*
 - 3. What insight do I gain on God, myself, others, or life?*
- *Ask God to show you any specific action you need to take as you read.*

Monday, December 3 Read [Hebrews 6](#)

Chapter six calls the Hebrew Christians to press on to maturity, to leave elementary teaching for deeper truths, the first of which is that Jesus cannot be re-crucified. He died once for all. An “apparent Christian” who falls away is still lost if he never truly was saved to begin with. According to verses 8-9, we should see fruit of true repentance and things that accompany salvation. Still, it is our final hope in Christ, not our works, that serves as an anchor to our soul.

Notes:

Pray for: ---My relationship with God

---My life roles

---My personal needs/weak areas

---My goals and objectives.

Tuesday, December 4: Read [Hebrews 7](#)

The superiority of Christ is now further seen through his eternal/timeless nature. Melchizedek was not a descendant of Aaron from the line of Levi. He is seen as a model for Jesus' priesthood -- not based on lineage, but on God's oath and an "indestructible life" (verse 16). As such, he guarantees a "better" covenant than the old covenant. Jesus lives forever and ever intercedes for us before the Father.

Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday December 5: Read [Hebrews 8](#)

Again Christ is superior because his sanctuary is the authentic heavenly sanctuary and not a man made copy of it on earth. The old covenant was faulty because of sinful humanity. Jesus, the new high priest, is sinless, his promises are better than the old covenant promises. And now the law of God is internal, written with in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church

1. **Leadership**: Pray for God's grace and guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for Linda Penn in her work at BGCC. Pray for the church council and the various ministry team leaders.
2. **Worship**: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Pray for the development of a youth praise team.
3. **Fellowship**: Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers.
4. **Discipleship**: Ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries at BGCC. Pray for our small group ministry.
5. **Outreach**: Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ. Ask God to embolden our people to intentionally reach out to others.
6. **Future Faith Goals**: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Ask God to use our church anniversary as a testimony to Branch County. Pray for God's clear leading in our upcoming 2020 plan.

Thursday, December 6: Read [Hebrews 9](#)

Hebrews 9 contrasts the rituals of priestly duty in the Old Testament with their counterpart fulfilled in Jesus through his ministry of redemption as the ultimate high priest. Notable in this passage is the use of his own blood (life) to cleanse our sins rather than the blood (lives) of bulls and goats. Without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sins! Unlike the Old Testament priesthood, Jesus' once and for all sacrifice has done away with sins penalty. We are free from judgment, the way to God has been opened to us once for all.

Notes:

Thursday Pray for "My World"

(Write down names as God brings people to mind.)

- Neighbors • People who live around me.
- People at Work • Others God brings into my life. Take note of specific needs around you and ask God what he wants you to do to help. Who can you invite to church this Sunday?
- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County. Pray for the area churches and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation.
- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.