Friday, April 26: Read Psalms 99-100

Psalm 99 reminds us that God reigns over the nations. All people should approach him with trembling and awe. He is a just and mighty King. He is holy but he is also forgiving.

Psalm 100 is one of the better known praise Psalms. What would it take for you to commit it to memory? With only five verses, the simple flow of ideas tell us to worship, to know and to reflect. Consider writing this Psalm down and beginning the process of regularly reading and reviewing it. I'll bet within a week you could recite it from memory. Then use the Psalm as a simple guide for personal times of worship.

Notes:

Pray for Our Missionaries

Juan & Adriana Palacios (Angola, Africa), David & Miriam Trott (Cochabamba, Bolivia), Mario Bloise (Argentina), Dan & DeAnn Gerard (San Antonio, TX), , 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 church plant)



Spiritual Disciplines Guide:

- Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.
- Read the chapters and underline any meaningful verses and take note of specific advise 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, April 22 Read <u>Psalms 91-92</u>

In Psalm 91, the Psalmist declares that there is security and safety in "the Shadow of the Almighty". He appeals to God's loving nature as his solurce of comfort and assurance.

Psalm 92 affirms the rationality of praising the Lord. It makes sense to acknowledge God's lordship over all and to give him his due honor, glory and praise. According to this psalm, those who do will be fruitful and flourish.

Notes:

Pray for: —My relationship with God

- —My life roles
- -My personal needs/weak areas
- -My goals and objectives.

Tuesday, April 23: Read <u>Psalms 93-94</u>

In case there's any doubt, Psalm 93 reminds us that God is majestic: He rules the earth with strength and power Give him his due recognition and praise.

Psalm 94 reassures us that God will judge the wicked. The schemes of evil men are ultimately futile. Destruction awaits all who reject God's right ways. For that reason, we also can turn to God as our fortress and refuge.

Tuesday: Pray for Family and Friends by Name.

Wednesday April 24: Read Psalms 95-96

In this invitation to worship (Psalm 95) are included a number of ways that we can extol God's goodness. Included are singing, shouting, thanking, making music, bowing and kneeling. Verses 3-5 and 7 remind us why God deserves our praises. To reject him is to forfeit our hope and rest (verse 11).

Psalm 96 calls us to sing "new songs" to the Lord. We are to ascribe to him the glory (recognition) due his name. Nature is busy rejoicing in its creator and so should we be as well.

Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church

- 1. <u>Leadership</u>: 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. Ask the Lord of the harvest to raise up more workers for the harvest (*Matthew 9:38*)
- 2. <u>Worship</u>: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Pray for more musicians to help lead the church in worship. Pray for the development of a youth praise team.
- 3. <u>Fellowship</u>: Pray that God would deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers. Pray that we incorporate newcomers into our church fellowship.
- 4. <u>Discipleship</u>: Ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries at BGCC. Ask God to bless our small group ministry, to raise up new groups, new teachers and more leaders.
- 5. <u>Outreach</u>: 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, especially through the Kingdom Initiative.
- 6. <u>Future Faith Goals</u>: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Pray for God's clear leading in our 2020 plan as we call our members to a greater love and commitment to the Lord and his service. Ask God to bless our finances so that we can better accomplish his purposes for our congregation.

Thursday, April 25: Read <u>Psalms 97-98</u>

Psalm 97 is chock full of figurative language describing God's majesty in "earthly" terms and metaphors. The call to humanity, and to "the gods", is to worship him alone. He guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the wicked. He sheds light and joy upon their lives!

Psalm 98 invites us to shout for joy to the Lord, to praise him with music and jubilant song. We may need to practice our jubilance in order to do justice to the admonition of the Psalmist. God deserves our best and biggest applause.

<u>Notes:</u>

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.