

BIBLE READING GUIDE



JANUARY 2022

Saturday, January 1

- ✚ Genesis 1, 2
- ✚ Psalm 1
- ✚ Matthew 1

Sunday, January 2

- ✚ Genesis 3, 4
- ✚ Psalm 2
- ✚ Matthew 2:1-12

According to John's generalization, the true life that is the light of all humanity—will not be adequately received even by those most carefully prepared to do so (John 1:1-18). In Matthew's account, it is this light that we are to "let . . . shine before men." The real challenge of this statement, therefore, is whether our reflection of it will draw people's attention to its true source, or merely to ourselves as its purveyors.

Monday, January 3

- ✚ Genesis 5, 6
- ✚ Psalm 3
- ✚ Matthew 2:13-23

Tuesday, January 4

- ✚ Genesis 7, 8
- ✚ Psalm 4
- ✚ Matthew 3

Wednesday, January 5

- ✚ Genesis 9-11
- ✚ Psalm 5
- ✚ Matthew 4:1-11

Thursday, January 6

- ✚ Genesis 12, 13
- ✚ Psalm 6
- ✚ Matthew 4:12-25

Friday, January 7

- ✚ Genesis 14, 15
- ✚ Psalm 7
- ✚ Matthew 5:1-16

Saturday, January 8

- ✚ Genesis 16, 17
- ✚ Psalm 8
- ✚ Matthew 5:17-30

In the words of a prayer attributed to Aquinas, the problem that we encounter whenever we attempt to "let this light shine" before others is that we are all deeply productive of a "double darkness," which he describes as "an obscurity of sin and ignorance." Sin denies the true source of this light, while ignorance refuses to entertain its true meaning.

Sunday, January 9

- ✚ Genesis 18, 19
- ✚ Psalm 9
- ✚ Matthew 5:31-48

Monday, January 10

- ✚ Genesis 20, 21
- ✚ Psalm 10
- ✚ Matthew 6:1-15

Tuesday, January 11

- ✚ Genesis 22, 23
- ✚ Psalm 11
- ✚ Matthew 6:16-24

Wednesday, January 12

- ✚ Genesis 24
- ✚ Psalm 12
- ✚ Matthew 6:25-34

Thursday, January 13

- ✚ Genesis 25, 26
- ✚ Psalm 13
- ✚ Matthew 7:1-12

Friday, January 14

- ✚ Genesis 27, 28
- ✚ Psalm 14
- ✚ Matthew 7:13-20

Saturday, January 15

- ✚ Genesis 29, 30
- ✚ Psalm 15
- ✚ Matthew 7:21-29

Sunday, January 16

- ✚ Genesis 31, 32
- ✚ Psalm 16
- ✚ Matthew 8:1-17

Receptivity to the life-light of this gospel is contingent upon prior consent to the "unpalatable" truth that a fatal and irreversible malignancy thrives within one's religious and intellectual life. Jesus' use of parables provides for the necessity of this contingency.

Monday, January 17

- ✚ Genesis 33, 34
- ✚ Psalm 17
- ✚ Matthew 8:18-34

Tuesday, January 18

- ✚ Genesis 35, 36
- ✚ Psalm 18
- ✚ Matthew 9:1-17

Wednesday, January 19

- ✚ Genesis 37, 38
- ✚ Psalm 19
- ✚ Matthew 9:18-38

Thursday, January 20

- ✚ Genesis 39, 40
- ✚ Psalm 20
- ✚ Matthew 10:1-23

Friday, January 21

- ✚ Genesis 41, 42
- ✚ Psalm 21
- ✚ Matthew 10:24-42

Saturday, January 22

- ✚ Genesis 43, 44
- ✚ Psalm 22
- ✚ Matthew 11:1-19

Sunday, January 23

- ✚ Genesis 45, 46
- ✚ Psalm 23
- ✚ Matthew 11:20-30

Monday, January 24

- ✚ Genesis 47, 48
- ✚ Psalm 24
- ✚ Matthew 12:1-21

Tuesday, January 25

- ✚ Genesis 49, 50

✚ Psalm 25

✚ Matthew 12:22-50

Wednesday, January 26

- ✚ Exodus 1, 2
- ✚ Psalm 26

✚ Matthew 13:1-23

Thursday, January 27

- ✚ Exodus 3, 4
- ✚ Psalm 27
- ✚ Matthew 13:24-43

Friday, January 28

- ✚ Exodus 5, 6
- ✚ Psalm 28
- ✚ Matthew 13:44-58

Our outward witness to the inward light of Christ's life is obscured and covered over with ourselves unless we grow equally upward in reverent love and humble appreciation. We find—instead of self-determined actions—that the eternal perfection and holiness of the one who has become our life-source will "lead you where you do not want to go." In effect, he makes our lives to become parables; compelling us always to point beyond self-evident explanation of our actions.

Saturday, January 29

- ✚ Exodus 7, 8
- ✚ Psalm 29
- ✚ Matthew 14:1-21

Sunday, January 30

- ✚ Exodus 9, 10
- ✚ Psalm 30
- ✚ Matthew 14:22-36

Monday, January 31

- ✚ Exodus 11, 12
- ✚ Psalm 31
- ✚ Matthew 15:1-20

VERSE OF THE MONTH

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do."