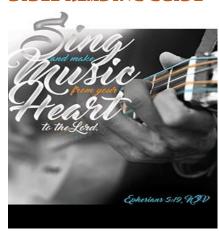
## **BIBLE READING GUIDE**



## **JANUARY 2023**

Sunday, January 1

Genesis 1. 2

Psalm 1

Matthew 1

"Prayer expresses our need and desire for God, a need that grows out of our godlessness and godforsakenness. Praise, on the other hand, grows out of the presence and self-giving of God, and therefore expresses our fullness and joy." (Theodore W. Jennings, Jr. Life as Worship, Grand Rapids: Zondervan 1982, 82, 83)

Monday, January 2

Genesis 3. 4

Psalm 2

Matthew 2:1-12

Tuesday, January 3

Genesis 5, 6

Psalm 3

Matthew 2:13-23

Wednesday, January 4

♣ Genesis 7, 8

Psalm 4

Matthew 3

Thursday, January 5

Genesis 9-11

Psalm 5

Matthew 4:1-11

Friday, January 6

Genesis 12, 13

Psalm 6

Matthew 4:12-25

Saturday, January 7

Genesis 14, 15

Psalm 7

Matthew 5:1-16

Sunday, January 8

Genesis 16, 17

Psalm 8

Matthew 5:17-30

The origin of praise, which is offered "for lesus' sake," is the leaping of God's Spirit within us. Just as prayer originates in the sighings and groanings of the Spirit, so praise is grounded in the "rush" of God's Spirit. Praise and thanksgiving is the way the Spirit's presence and power is articulated among us.

(lennings, Life as Worship, 85)

Monday, January 9

Genesis 18, 19

Psalm 9

Matthew 5:31-48

Tuesday, January 10

Genesis 20, 21

Psalm 10

Matthew 6:1-15

Wednesday, January 11

Genesis 22, 23

Psalm 11

Matthew 6:16-24

Thursday, January 12

Genesis 24

Psalm 12

Matthew 6:25-34

Friday, January 13

Genesis 25, 26

Psalm 13

Matthew 7:1-12

Saturday, January 14

Genesis 27, 28

Psalm 14

Matthew 7:13-20

Sunday, January 15

Genesis 29, 30

Psalm 15

Matthew 7:21-29

The Spirit is not "our spirit," it is not something intrinsic to our being—some special capacity or dimension of our being-but God's Spirit, which comes upon us from outside to make us alive and lively. The Spirit is God himself present in power to his creation. In the proper sense, then, we do not have "spirits"; God alone is Spirit.

(Jennings, Life as Worship, 86)

Monday, January 16

Genesis 31, 32

Psalm 16

Matthew 8:1-17

Tuesday, January 17

Genesis 33, 34

Psalm 17

Matthew 8:18-34

Wednesday, January 18

Genesis 35, 36

Psalm 18

Matthew 9:1-17

Thursday, January 19

Genesis 37, 38

Psalm 19

Matthew 9:18-38

Friday, January 20

Genesis 39, 40

Psalm 20

Matthew 10:1-23

Saturday, January 21

Genesis 41. 42

Psalm 21

Matthew 10:24-42

Sunday, January 22

Genesis 43, 44

Psalm 22

Matthew 11:1-19

Monday, January 23

Genesis 45, 46

Psalm 23

Matthew 11:20-30

Tuesday, January 24

Genesis 47, 48

Psalm 24

Matthew 12:1-21

Wednesday, January 25

Genesis 49, 50

Psalm 25

Matthew 12:22-50

Thursday, January 26

**Exodus 1, 2** 

Psalm 26

Matthew 13:1-23

Friday, January 27

Exodus 3, 4

Psalm 27

Matthew 13:24-43

Saturday, January 28

**Exodus** 5, 6

Psalm 28

Matthew 13:44-58

To speak of Spirit is to speak of the presence of the one who created heaven and earth for these creatures in such a way that he made them alive and therefore "spirited." It is in this "spirit" that we utter exclamations of praise and thanksgiving . . . in the enlivening, in us, of God's promised presence.

(Jennings, Life as Worship, 86–87)

Sunday, January 29

**♣** Exodus 7, 8

Psalm 29

Matthew 14:1-21

Monday, January 30

Exodus 9. 10

Psalm 30 Matthew 14:22-36

Tuesday, January 31

**Exodus 11, 12** 

Psalm 31

Matthew 15:1-20

## **VERSE OF THE MONTH**

**EPHESIANS 5:19-20** 

"Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord, <sup>20</sup>always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord lesus Christ."