

## 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 Jesus' 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.*

(Jennings, *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 Jesus Christ."*