

Week 47, One Year Bible Challenge: "Serving the One True God"

Christ the Rock Community Church, Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

This week's reading November 18-24[1. If you are participating in the Saturday morning class, *"The One Year Bible Challenge,"* you should read the daily materials as set out in *"The One Year Bible."* The verses listed on this page will include a couple of extra days each week.]

Ezekiel 39:1 to Daniel 2:23

James 2:18 to 1 Peter 4:6

Psalms 118:1 to 119:80

Proverbs 28:2 to Proverbs 28:14



"Gate of Tyre," from *The Holy Land and the Bible* (1888)

Next Week's Reading November 25 to December 1

Daniel 2:24 to Daniel 11:1

1 Peter 4:7 to 1 John 3:6

Psalms 119:81 to 121:8

Proverbs 28:15- to 28:28

Discussion Questions:

Old Testament

- Psalm 118:8-9 says it is better to take refuge in the Lord than in men or princes. Most Christians would probably say they understand and agree with this verse. But why do our actions sometimes indicate otherwise—that is, we place our trust in other people before we bother consulting God?
- In Ezekiel 47:1-12 the prophet explains his vision of the stream flowing out from under the “Temple” (some translations say “house”). Does this vision sound familiar? What does it mean?[2. *Barnes Commentary suggests the river refers to the different states of the Christian Church; The Biblical Illustrator, edited by Joseph S. Exell talks about our walk as Christians being a process; Clarke’s Commentary says it may refer to our gradual discovery of God’s plan of salvation; and the Easy English Commentary says since every living thing needs water to live, perhaps this growing source of water is a sign of God’s kindness.*] Compare to Rev. 22.1 (River of Life); John 4:10 (living water).
- Why did the Babylonians give new names to Daniel and the other three sons of Judah? Daniel 1:7.

New Testament

- Is it possible to have faith in God, and not do any good works? James 2:14-26.
- Is it a better strategy to avoid the devil or to resist him? James 4:7. See also, Proverbs 4:14-15 and 1 Corinthians 10:14.
- Some say James 5:12 prohibits the practice of habitually swearing oaths in ordinary conversations. This view holds that an oath required to be taken in a court proceeding is not prohibited. Does this interpretation

seem reasonable to you?

FOOTNOTE:

Week 46, One Year Bible Challenge: “Dry Bones”

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This week’s reading November 12-18[1. If you are participating in the Saturday morning class, *“The One Year Bible Challenge,”* you should read the daily materials as set out in *“The One Year Bible.”* The verses listed on this page will include a couple of extra days each week.]

Ezekiel 24:1 to 38:23

Hebrews 11:1 to James 2:17

Psalms 110:1 to 117:2

Proverbs 27:14 to 28:1

Next Week’s Reading November 19-25

Ezekiel 24:1 to 38:23

Hebrews 11:1 to James 2:17

Psalms 110:1 to 117:2

Proverbs 27:14 to 28:1

Discussion Questions:



Ezekiel's Vision of the Valley of Dry Bones, from the Luther Bible

Old Testament

- God said he would destroy Egypt because it was proud and arrogant. Ezekiel 31:10-15. Is pride and arrogance really that bad in the modern world? Why or why not?
- In Ezekiel 33:20, God says, "I will judge every one of you after his ways." Is this standard different than what is expressed in Ephesians 2:8-9?
- God told Ezekiel the people would listen to his words with no intention of doing what he said. What was the motive of the people? Were they just wasting their time? Read Ezekiel 33:30-33

New Testament

- Is it possible to please God without having faith in him? Hebrews 11:6. Does this mean an unbeliever can never please God, even if the non-believer is otherwise a good person?
- Hebrews 12:6 says God loves those who he disciplines. Does this mean God disciplines every believer; or only those who deserve discipline?
- James 1:14 says, "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away and enticed by his own lust."1 Has it been your experience that your temptation come from your own

lust; or does temptation seem to just “come out of nowhere.”

FOOTNOTE:

Week 4, One Year Bible Challenge: “God can use EVEN YOU!”

Christ the Rock Community Church, Saturday Morning Men’s Group

- Men’s Bible Study meets every Saturday Morning at Christ the Rock Community Church
- 8am to 10am every Saturday morning
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The Storm on the Sea

of Galilee by
Rembrandt van Rijn,
1633

Next Week's Reading (January 15-21)

WEEK 4

Genesis 44:1-Exodus 7:25

Matthew 14:13-19:12

Psalms 18:37-23:6

Proverbs 4:11-5:23

Next Week's Reading (January 15-21)

WEEK 5

Exodus 8:1-21:21

Matthew 19:13-23:39

Psalms 24:1-28:9

Proverbs 6:1-7:5

Discussion Questions:

Old Testament

1. During the famine in Egypt, Joseph, on behalf of Pharaoh, obtained all of the people's money, livestock and land. Why didn't the people plan ahead and set aside grain for the famine, as Pharaoh did? Genesis 47:13-26.
2. In modern times, if a business raises prices dramatically during a time of crisis, it is called "price gouging," and is considered a crime? Was it wrong for Joseph and Pharaoh to take advantage of the Egyptians to get all of their money, cattle, and land? Genesis 47:13-26.
3. Why were Joseph's brothers afraid when their father died? Were their fears justified? Why did Joseph let his brother's off so lightly, after they'd sold him into slavery? Genesis 50:15-21.
4. Why did Pharaoh want to kill the Hebrews' baby boys, but not the baby girls? Exodus 1:13-22.

New Testament

1. Why did Herod think that Jesus was John the Baptist, risen from the dead? Matthew 14:1-12.
2. Matthew 14:23 contains one of several accounts of Jesus going to a place to pray alone. Should we consider this as an instruction to believers to pray in solitude? Matthew 14:16-23.
3. Why was Peter able to walk on water? Why did he start to sink? What does this tell you about your faith? Matthew 14:24-33.
4. What did Jesus Mean when he said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven"? Matthew 18:3

COMMENT: This Bible Study is open to all Christian men who want to read the whole Bible in one year. No registration, and no cost. Coffee and donuts.