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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Praise the Lord! We are blessed to be able to study God's Word and learn His ways. The more we learn the more we can put into action in our lives. We need to do these things because it is right and because it will help us to represent Jesus well to others.

God bless you as you study God's Word this month.

Gladly in His Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Jason".

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Wednesday December 1

**Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 45-46
2 Peter 3**

Praise the Lord! Psalms 75 is a Psalm of Praise to God. Psalms 75:1 **“We give thanks to you, O God, we give thanks, for your Name is near; men tell of your wonderful deeds.”** I like the part that says His Name is near. Acts 4:12 **“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other Name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”** We can only be saved by calling on the Name of Jesus and thank God that His Name is always near.

2 Peter 3:3-4 **“First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.”** Jesus is coming again. That is clearly taught in the Word and yet some people won’t accept that and a few people even make fun of the whole subject. Peter wrote that this would happen and we can see it happening today but it doesn’t take away from the fact that Jesus is going to return! Don’t be distracted by the scoffers. Keep living for God and keep telling people how they can be ready for His return.

2 Peter 3:18 **“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever! Amen.”** If we keep growing in grace and the knowledge of Jesus we will be ready for His return.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that You have provided a Way for us to be saved and I am glad that I have called on the Name of Jesus! I am also thankful that You are going to return and I want to be ready when You do. I know that living for You each day is how I will always be ready. Help me to be a good witness to others so they can know You. Help me to grow in grace and knowledge. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Thursday December 2

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 47-48
1 John 1

Praise the Lord! Psalms 75:2 **You say, “I choose the appointed time; it is I who judge uprightly.”** Yesterday, we talked about the fact that Jesus is going to return and this verse points out that He is the One who is in control of when He comes back. We just need to know that He is coming and we need to live for Him so we will be ready. It is also good to be reminded that He is the One who judges uprightly.

1 John 1:3 **“We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.”** There is an interesting truth here that I want to make sure we don't miss. John proclaimed Jesus to them so they could have real fellowship. You see, real fellowship is only for Christians and it only happens when we have Jesus at the center of what we are doing. There isn't anything wrong with getting together and talking about other things but it isn't real fellowship until we talk about Jesus.

1 John 1:4 **“We write this to make our joy complete.”** John wrote this so we could have full and complete joy. Full and complete joy comes when we fellowship with other believers around Jesus and what He is doing. I know you have experienced this at times and I just wanted you to know what makes those times of real fellowship so special. Now we won't miss out on the full and complete joy that God has for us.

Prayer: Lord, I am so glad that You are the One who is in control of things like when You are coming back. I know that You are always right and I choose to trust You in all things. I also thank You for showing me how to have real fellowship. Help me to put this into practice and help me to have the full and complete joy that You have for me. I love You so much and I am glad I have given my life to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Friday December 3

Scripture Reading: Daniel 1-2
1 John 2

Praise the Lord! Psalms 75:3 **“When the earth and all its people quake, it is I who hold its pillars firm. Selah”** This is God speaking and He is declaring that He is the One who holds all things together. Colossians 1:16-17 **“For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”** Jesus created all things and He is the One Who holds them all together. I guess we don’t have to worry about things falling apart since Jesus is the One holding them together.

1 John 2:6 **“Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.”** Does this seem to be a standard that we probably can’t attain? Well, I have news for you. It is impossible unless Jesus helps us. When we let Him rule and reign in our lives then He can live His life out through us and we will be more and more like Him.

1 John 2:26-27 **“I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit--just as it has taught you, remain in him.”** This goes along with verse 6. We need to remain in Him and He will remain in us. Then He can teach us anything we need to know about living like He wants us to live! Thank God for His work in our lives.

Prayer: Lord, I know that You created all things and that You hold all things together. Help me to remember these wonderful truths when I start to worry about something instead of trusting You. I also want to live like You want so I will represent You well to others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Saturday December 4

**Scripture Reading: Daniel 3-4
1 John 3**

Praise the Lord! Listen to what God says to the wicked in Psalms 75:4, **“To the arrogant I say, ‘Boast no more,’ and to the wicked, ‘Do not lift up your horns.’”** Look at 1 Corinthians 1:31 **Therefore, as it is written: “Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.”** If we do any boasting it should be in the Lord and His goodness. Thank God for the good things He has done in our lives. If He were not in our lives there would be nothing good in us. So, boast in the Lord!

1 John 3:1 **“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”** God loves us! Isn't that profound? This verse actually says that He lavishes His love on us! Take a little time and meditate on that and it will be good for you.

1 John 3:24 **“Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.”** Thank God that we can live in Him and have Him live in us. Now we know how to do those things. We can have those things happen as we obey His commands. We are blessed to be able to study God's Word and every time He shows us something we have an opportunity to obey what He says. Don't ever look at things like this as a burden. It is a blessing to know His ways.

Prayer: Lord, I am so happy about everything You are doing in my life. I only have You to boast about. I also thank You for Your love and I know that it is Your love that motivates You to teach me Your ways. Help me to really learn all that You are teaching me and help me to be quick to obey You all the time. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Sunday December 5

**Scripture Reading: Daniel 5-6
1 John 4**

Praise the Lord! Psalms 75:5 **“Do not lift your horns against heaven; do not speak with outstretched neck.”** This is God speaking to people who were rejecting Him and His Lordship. Have you ever thought about God speaking to people who were rejecting Him? Well, He loves everyone and He wants everyone to come to know Him. So, He even speaks to unsaved people. Thank God that He spoke to us before we were saved. After all, that is how we got to the place where we gave Him our lives.

1 John 4:4 **“You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.”** Praise the Lord! We have the Greater One living in us. When we asked Jesus into our lives He came in and we are blessed. This verse is talking about the evil that is in the world and John was quick to remind us that we have the Greater One in us. Again I say, Praise the Lord!

1 John 4:19-21 **“We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, “I love God,” yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.”** Praise the Lord for His love! He loved us first and now we love Him and we need to love each other. If we don't love each other it shows that we aren't letting Jesus rule and reign in our lives. Look at the last part of this verse again, **Whoever loves God must also love his brother.**

Prayer: Lord, I am glad that You are speaking to everyone and I am so glad that I listened and responded to You. Thank You for reminding me that I am safe because I have Jesus in my life. Help me to remember this when I start to fear. I also ask You to help me to love You more and help me to love my brothers and sisters like I should. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Monday December 6

Scripture Reading: Daniel 7-8
1 John 5

Praise the Lord! God is in control of all things. Look at Psalms 75:6 **“No-one from the east or the west or from the desert can exalt a man.”** The more we believe this the more confidence we will have in life. We cant trust God with all things and that includes the fact that He is the only One who can lift us up and exalt us. We might want Him to promote us sooner but He is always right and it is always wise to submit to Him and His timing.

1 John 5:1 **“Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well.”** When we love God we need to love His children too. I know some people aren’t as lovable as God is but we still need to love them. It is kind of a package deal.

The next verse is 1 John 5:2 **“This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.”** We can know that we love people when we love God and live like He wants. You see, He wants us to love His children so obeying Him means we will love His children. Let me get right to it here. No one is perfect and yet God loves us and He is working on us to make us better. So, we should keep our trust and faith in God as He works on us AND we should believe for the same things to happen in other people.

Prayer: Lord, I am glad that I have given my life to You and I trust You for every detail in my life. When You think I am ready to be promoted I trust You to lift me up. In the meantime I am going to be faithful and live like You want me to live. I also ask You to help me to love others and help me to be more patient with them. I am so thankful that You are patient with me. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Tuesday December 7

Scripture Reading: Daniel 9-10
2 John

Praise the Lord! Psalms 75:7 **“But it is God who judges: He brings one down, he exalts another.”** I can’t tell you how wonderful this truth is. We can trust God! I know this takes faith but we are called to live by faith and what a wonderful opportunity this gives us. Trust God and know that He is the only One who is qualified to be judge of who gets lifted up and who gets put down.

2 John 1:4 **“It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded us.”** I hope you have this joy in your life. If your natural children are walking in the truth it brings great joy but this verse can be applied beyond that. We can have children in the Lord. By that I mean, people who we are influencing for good. Believe me, either of these children will bring you joy when they are growing and doing well.

2 John 1:12 **“I have much to write to you, but I do not want to use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to visit you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete.”** When you have people you care about you always want to be with them but sometimes you can’t. John was in a situation like that and so he wrote to them. We have more ways to stay in contact. We can write, email, call, txt or even use Facebook but the point is this: Stay in contact with those you care about. They need the contact and you need it too.

Prayer: Lord, I love You and I trust You. I want that to be a real commitment and not just words. I trust You to take care of my today and my tomorrow. Please help me to influence people for good. I want to have spiritual children that I am helping to grow in Your ways. I also ask You to guide me as I stay in contact with people I care about. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



Wednesday December 8

Scripture Reading: Daniel 11-12
3 John

Praise the Lord! Psalms 75:8 says, **“In the hand of the LORD is a cup full of foaming wine mixed with spices; he pours it out, and all the wicked of the earth drink it down to its very dregs.”** Do you know what the dregs are? They are the part of a drink that sinks down to the bottom and they are terrible to drink. We are not called to drink the dregs! Praise the Lord. He wants to bless us and give us life and life in abundance. That is not the dregs.

3 John 1:2 **“Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.”** What would you wish for your friends? This is what John wished and it is sure good. If we were in health and everything went well for us it would surely be good. Don't you agree? Well, this happens as our souls get along well. Our souls are our mind, will and emotions. Renewing your mind to the Word is how you let God help you in all those areas and now we know it all leads to many other good things that we need.

3 John 1:4 **“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.”** If John's friends were renewing their minds to the Word they would have health and everything they would be doing well in every area of life. Can you see why this would bring John joy? We should have joy when others are blessed!

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful for the life and life in abundance You have provided for me. Help me to renew my mind to Your Word more. I want to be blessed so I can be a blessing to others. I also want to share these wonderful things with them so they can be blessed too. Teach me how to be blessed and how to share with others in a way that they are drawn to You and Your goodness. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



Thursday December 9

Scripture Reading: Hosea 1-4
Jude

Praise the Lord! Psalms 75:9 **“As for me, I will declare this for ever; I will sing praise to the God of Jacob.”** I like how this verse starts off: **“As for me”**. He had evidently come to the place where he realized that he couldn’t change anyone else. He could only change himself and he was choosing to make a good change here. He was going to praise God! I hope you have made this same choice and I hope you praise the Lord all the time!

Jude 1:1 **“Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James, To those who have been called, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ:”** This verse tells us who Jude wrote to. He wrote to those who are called, loved and kept by God. In other words he wrote this to you. You are called, loved and kept by God! Take some time today and meditate on that and let God minister to you.

Jude 1:20-21 **“But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.”** Jude tells us to keep ourselves in the love of God but first he tells us how to build ourselves up. You see, building yourself up is part of the process that keeps us in the love of God. So, pray in the Holy Spirit often and do it a lot. It is good for you on so many levels.

Prayer: Lord, I want to declare that I am going to take care of me. I am going to consistently praise You more. I am also going to build myself up in my faith as I pray in the Holy Spirit. Thank You for calling me, loving me and keeping me. I don’t know what I would do without You and I love it when You speak to me from the Word. Help me to be a doer of Your Word and not a hearer only. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Friday December 10

**Scripture Reading: Hosea 5-8
Revelation 1**

Praise the Lord! Look at the last verse of Psalms 75, **“I will cut off the horns of all the wicked, but the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.”** God is in control. He is the One who cuts off the wicked and He is the One who lifts the righteous up. I am so glad that we are righteous. 2 Corinthians 5:21 **“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”**

Revelation 1:1 **“The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John.”** The first five words of the book of Revelation say, **The revelation of Jesus Christ.** Don't ever forget that this book is to reveal Jesus to us.

Revelation 1:3 says, **“Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.”** God promises to bless us as we read this book. This ties in with what I started with today. As we receive a greater revelation of Jesus we will be blessed! Look at what Paul prayed for in Ephesians 1:17 **“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.”** They were saved and yet Paul prayed for them to have more revelation so they could know Jesus better. You see, anytime you get to know Jesus better you are blessed!

Prayer: Lord, I thank You for making me righteous and I ask You to strengthen me so I can live like a righteous person should. I also ask You to reveal Jesus to me as I go through Revelation. I know that knowing You more is so important and I know that it is one of the greatest blessings I will ever have. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Saturday December 11

**Scripture Reading: Hosea 9-11
Revelation 2**

Praise the Lord! Psalms 76:1 **“For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A psalm of Asaph. A song. In Judah God is known; his name is great in Israel.”** I don’t always give you the introduction to each of the Psalms but it is important to know that the Psalms were used as songs to praise God. In this Psalm, the fact that the Lord is known is stated. Thank God that He has chosen to reveal Himself to us. His Name is great but we wouldn’t know that if He hadn’t revealed Himself to us.

In Revelation 2 & 3, Jesus addresses His Churches. In each case He said some good things and He addressed some problems. I guess we could come to the conclusion that no Church is all good or all bad. He also made a promise to them all that they would be blessed if they would do the things He had spoken to them.

Here is an example of what I just said, Revelation 2:7 **“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.”** We need to hear what God says to us and we need to pay attention. In this case, Jesus promised them that they would gain the right to eat from the tree of life. Mankind lost access to the tree of life because of sin and Jesus can give it back to us. Everything that was lost in the garden can be reclaimed in Jesus. Thank God that we are living for Him. He is giving us more and more revelation through the Word.

Prayer: Lord, I love You and I am so glad that I have given my life to You. I know it was the best decision I have ever made and I know that I am going to spend all eternity with You. I also want to live for You now and I thank You for speaking to me from the Word. Please bless my Church and help us to have all Your blessings. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Sunday December 12

**Scripture Reading: Hosea 12-14
Revelation 3**

Praise the Lord! Psalms 76:2-3 **“His tent is in Salem, his dwelling-place in Zion. There he broke the flashing arrows, the shields and the swords, the weapons of war. Selah”** The word Selah was placed in the Psalms to indicate that those worshipping should stop and think about what they were saying and doing. It is good for us to pause from time to time and think about God even when we are praising.

Let's look at some more of what Jesus had to say to His Churches in Revelation 3. Remember you will be blessed as you see Jesus more clearly in all these things. Revelation 3:20 **“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.”** This verse is often used to help people get saved and that is a wonderful use of it but Jesus was not speaking to unsaved people here. He was speaking to His Church. Did you know that Jesus is still speaking to you after you gave your life to Him? We need to keep our lives open to Him!

The next verse says, **“To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.”** When we keep our lives open to Him, He will come into our lives and teach us how to be overcomers!

Prayer: Lord, I love it when You speak to me and I don't ever want to be so busy that I don't take time to stop and really think about what You are saying. I don't want to miss out on anything You have for me. I also thank You for speaking to me and my Church and I want us all to stay open to what You are saying. Thank You that You knocked on my life when I gave my life to You and thank for continuing to speak to me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Monday December 13

**Scripture Reading: Joel
Revelation 4**

Praise the Lord! Psalms 76:4 **“You are resplendent with light, more majestic than mountains rich with game.”** Another version says that God is glorious with light. 1 John 1:5 says, **“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.”** God is light and there is no darkness in Him. As we live for Him there will be less and less darkness in us as well.

Revelation 4:1 **“After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.””** John was getting a glimpse into heaven.

Revelation 4:9-11 **“Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.””** God always deserves praise and worship and that is what He is going to get for all eternity. We might as well get into the flow of praising and worshipping Him now.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful for the good work You are doing in my life. I want Your light to shine in my life and eradicate any darkness in me. If there are any things I am doing to let the darkness in please show me so I can stop. I also want to praise and worship You more consistently. I know that I am going to spend all of eternity with You and I am never going to quit glorifying You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



Tuesday December 14

Scripture Reading: Amos 1-3
Revelation 5

Praise the Lord! Psalms 76:5-6 **“Valiant men lie plundered, they sleep their last sleep; not one of the warriors can lift his hands. At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, both horse and chariot lie still.”** People sometimes think they are so powerful but one word from God shows who is really powerful. Look at what happened when some soldiers tried to arrest Jesus. John 18:6 **“When Jesus said, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground.”** One word from Jesus and they found out who was really powerful and it wasn't them.

Revelation 5:1-5 **“Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?” But no-one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no-one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.”**” That is a longer section of verses than I usually write out here but I have a point to make from all this.

Jesus is always the answer to whatever need we have! John 14:6 **“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.”** No matter what your need is, Jesus is the answer!

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that You are the One who is all-powerful and in control of all things. I am also thankful that I know You are the One who is the answer to all of my needs. I know that giving my life to You was right. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Wednesday December 15

**Scripture Reading: Amos 4-6
Revelation 6**

Praise the Lord! Psalms 76:7 **“You alone are to be feared. Who can stand before you when you are angry?”** God is so wonderful and He is so powerful. No one can stand before Him. As a matter of fact, there is a day coming when every knee will bow and acknowledge that Jesus is Lord! Some people will be forced to bow but they will bow. We are blessed because we are willingly bowing our knees to Him now.

Revelation 6:1 **“I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, “Come!”** When we started the book of Revelation I told you that it was the Revelation of Jesus. Here we see that it is Jesus who in carrying out all that we are reading about. This book is not the revelation of the devil. It is the revelation of Jesus. The more you remember that the more you will find the blessing that God has for you.

Revelation 6:15-17 **“Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”** God and God alone is in control of all this. Thank God we have already given our lives to Jesus. He wins in the end and we win too because we are on His side.

Prayer: Lord, I willingly bow my knees to You. I want You to rule and reign in every area of my life and I am never going to quit on this commitment. I also thank You that I am seeing how powerful You are in the book of Revelation. Knowing that You are that powerful helps me to trust You with what I am facing in my life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Thursday December 16

**Scripture Reading: Amos 7-9
Revelation 7**

Praise the Lord! Psalms 76:8 **“From heaven you pronounced judgment, and the land feared and was quiet.”** This verse could have been spoken in the book of Revelation. You see, God’s control is a consistent revelation. It was true in the Old Testament, it is true today and it will be true when everything is wrapped up. Hebrews 13:8 **“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.”** Thank God that He never changes and thank God for all the stability that brings to our lives. We really are blessed!

The book of Revelation is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. My personal commentary on this book is: Jesus Wins! I know that is kind of short and many people want a longer commentary so here is my expanded commentary of the book of Revelation: Jesus wins and we win too because we are on His side! Keeping that in mind will really help you as you study this important book.

Revelation 7:3-4 **“Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.” Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.”** There has been a lot written and speculated about the mark that the devil puts on people in this book but God is much greater than the devil. In fact, the devil only copied what God had already done. So, remember we are learning about Jesus and not the devil.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that You never change. I thank You that I have learned about You in the Gospels and in the book of Revelation. Help me to know that You are all-powerful right now and that You will look out for me. I really am receiving a blessing as we go through this book to see Jesus and His power. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Friday December 17

**Scripture Reading: Obadiah
Revelation 8**

Praise the Lord! Psalms 76:9 **“When you, O God, rose up to judge, to save all the afflicted of the land. Selah”** God is always looking out for the afflicted who turn to Him for help. Psalms 103:6 says, **“The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.”** In Psalms 103, David was listing many of the benefits we have because we know God. God works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. Again that was true back then and it is still true today.

Revelation 8:1 **“When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.”** Now let me remind you of some things. Who is in charge of opening the seals? Jesus! So, who is in charge of things like silence in Heaven? Jesus! Who is in charge of everything? Jesus! Since we know He is in charge of big things like this it should be easy for us to let Him be in charge of our lives too.

Revelation 8:13 **“As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in mid-air call out in a loud voice: “Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!”** God is in control! The inhabitants of the earth are not. Now, don't forget that God is taking care of His own through all this. God is so wonderful and powerful. He can judge the wicked and protect His own at the same time. Think about when God poured out the plagues on the nation of Egypt. He judged them and protected His own people at the same time. He did it back then and He is able to take care of us today.

Prayer: Lord, I thank You for always looking out for the oppressed. I know that You always take care of me and that gives me so much confidence. I know You have always taken care of me and I have confidence for the future because You never change. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Saturday December 18

**Scripture Reading: Jonah
Revelation 9**

Praise the Lord! Psalms 76:10 **“Surely your wrath against men brings you praise, and the survivors of your wrath are restrained.”** How can His wrath bring Him praise? Well, when God does judge the wicked those who are righteous will rejoice because He is always right. Now, I also want to say that we should not be wanting Him to hurry. He is patient because He wants everyone to be saved. Thank God that He didn't pour out His judgement right before we gave our lives to Him. So, keep living for God and trust Him to do His work in His time.

One of the ways to divide people up in the book Revelation is to look at who they worship. Some worship God and others worship the devil. Believe me, we want to be in the group that worship God. Revelation 9:20 **“The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshipping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood--idols that cannot see or hear or walk.”** Did you see the issue of worship in this verse?

The next verse says, **“Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.”** Because they were worshipping the devil they didn't repent and turn to God. We need to worship God and then we will repent when we need to. I don't want you to miss this point. When we worship God it opens up all kinds of good things and when people don't worship Him they end up worshipping the devil.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that You are always able to take care of me. I choose to trust You! I also thank You helping me to know how important it is to make You the focus of my worship. I want to be transformed by being in Your presence and I know that all the changes that come to my life are for my own good. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Sunday December 19

**Scripture Reading: Micah 1-3
Revelation 10**

Praise the Lord! Psalms 76:11 **“Make vows to the LORD your God and fulfill them; let all the neighboring lands bring gifts to the One to be feared.”** When we make promises, commitments or vows to the Lord we need to make sure and fulfill them. You see, it is always right to do what you promise to do. Matthew 5:37 **“Simply let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes’, and your ‘No’, ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.”** Say what you mean and mean what you say. That is how we should live all the time and especially when we are talking to God.

Revelation 10:5-6 **“Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, “There will be no more delay!”** I know we sometimes get frustrated when God seems to be moving slow but there is a day coming when it will be declared that there will be no more delay. God is in control of the timing.

Revelation 10:9-10 **“So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, “Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour, but in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.” I took the little scroll from the angel’s hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour.”** This might seem like a strange comment from this but someone needs this today! Do what God tells you to do!

Prayer: Lord, I want to be a person of my word. Help me to know if I am not doing this and help me to change. I also thank You that I can trust You in all things. I know that obeying You is how I should live and I want to be quicker in my obedience. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Monday December 20

**Scripture Reading: Micah 4-5
Revelation 11**

Praise the Lord! The last verse of Psalms 76 says, **“He breaks the spirit of rulers; he is feared by the kings of the earth.”** God is the One who puts some into power and removes others. I know that believing this takes faith but we are called to live by faith. 2 Corinthians 5:7 **“We live by faith, not by sight.”**

We are all called to be witnesses for the Lord! Acts 1:8 **“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”** As I said we are all called to be witnesses but the ones talked about in Revelation 10 will be special.

The devil is going to oppose them (just like he opposes us) and the devil is going to kill them but God was still in control. You see, God was not done with them so they were raised from the dead so they could fulfill what God wanted them to do. Revelation 11:11, 12 **“But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.”** God was in control and His will was going to be accomplished. Wouldn't you think everyone would turn to God and get saved after this? Well, they didn't because they were worshipping the devil and he had them totally deceived. Thank God we worship Him and we are not deceived. We know the truth and the truth sets us free.

Prayer: Lord, I know that You want me to live by faith and not by sight. I submit to Your will for my life. Help me to take the things I am seeing from the book of Revelation and transfer them into more trust and confidence in You and Your ways. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Tuesday December 21

**Scripture Reading: Micah 6-7
Revelation 12**

Praise the Lord! In Psalms 77 we are going to read about a person who put his trust in God and kept it there. We can sure learn from this. Psalms 77:1 **“I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me.”** Who do you cry out to when you are in trouble? I know this is a very simplistic question and we all know the answer. We should cry out to God but who do you really cry out to? It is ok to share needs with people but cry out to God because He is the One who can really help you.

The battle between God and the devil rages on. God’s people are on His side and the devil’s people are on his side. Remember that we know who wins! Revelation 12:10-11 **“Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.”** God’s Kingdom is coming. They overcame the devil by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony and we can overcome him the same way.

Revelation 12:12 **“Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.”** There is always rejoicing in heaven. People on the earth might be facing problems but everything is ok in heaven.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that You always hear me when I cry out to You. Help me to be quicker to do what I should do when I need Your help. I also thank You for showing me how to overcome the devil. Help me to put it into practice. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Wednesday December 22

**Scripture Reading: Nahum
Revelation 13**

Praise the Lord! Psalms 77:2 **“When I was in distress, I sought the Lord; at night I stretched out untiring hands and my soul refused to be comforted.”** Now, I am sure he was comforted when God finally helped him but he wasn’t going to settle for anything less than God’s help. This is important because way too many people settle for less than God’s best. We should go for all that He has for us. Psalms 103:2 says, **“Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not ALL his benefits.”** Go for ALL that He has provided for you.

I have told you before that worship is a key thing in the book of Revelation. You see, everyone can be divided into two groups based on who they worship. Look at Revelation 13:8 **“All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast--all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.”** Do you see the two groups here? One group worships the beast and the other group has their names written in the Lamb’s book of life. Because we have given our lives to God and we worship Him we don’t have anything to worry about.

Matthew 4:8-10 **“Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”** Worship the Lord and serve only Him!

Prayer: Lord, I thank You for all the benefits I have and I ask You to teach me more about them. I am also dedicated to worshipping You and You alone. Help me to represent You well so others can come to know You and Your love. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Thursday December 23

**Scripture Reading: Habakkuk
Revelation 14**

Praise the Lord! Psalms 77:3 **“I remembered you, O God, and I groaned; I mused, and my spirit grew faint. Selah”** Don’t ever forget God! This guy said that he remembered God when he was groaning and when his spirit grew faint. If you ever feel like that **REMEMBER GOD!** He is the One who can and will help you and it is up to you to remember that.

Did you notice that I didn’t give the devil any coverage here for marking his people with his mark yesterday? You might get the idea that I am deciding to lift up Jesus rather than the devil. If you came to that conclusion you would be right. Revelation 14:1 **“Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads.”** God’s mark is much better and more important than the devil’s mark.

Revelation 14:12 **“This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God’s commandments and remain faithful to Jesus.”** We need faith and patience. Hebrews 6:12 **“We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.”** I know we all want to inherit everything God has for us and so it is important to know how to get those things. We need to have faith and patience.

Prayer: Lord, I want to always remember You. I know that You are always with me and I know that remembering that that will give me confidence. I also know that I am safe because I have given my life to You and You will always take care of me. Help me to to have faith and patience. Please bless all my brothers and sisters who are doing these devotions. Help us all to keep gaining more revelation of Jesus. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Friday December 24

**Scripture Reading: Zephaniah
Revelation 15**

Praise the Lord! Psalms 77:4 **“You kept my eyes from closing; I was too troubled to speak.”** Have you ever felt like this? You couldn’t go to sleep and you were too troubled to speak. Well, if that ever happens again turn to God for help. The Word teaches us to draw near to God and He will draw near to you. When we are down and feeling all alone is one of the times when we really need to do that.

Revelation 15:1 **“I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues--last, because with them God’s wrath is completed.”** When some people read the book of Revelation they only focus on the things that are written about the devil. That is a mistake. Others read the book and end up getting fearful. If we are believers in Jesus that is a mistake too. We need to read it and see how mighty and powerful Jesus is. We need to know that He is King of kings and Lord of lords. We are going to be all right because we have given our lives to Him.

Look at the next verse in Revelation 15, **“And I saw what looked like a sea of glass mixed with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and over the number of his name. They held harps given them by God”** You see, God’s people are victorious over the devil because Jesus has defeated him. We will end up with Jesus for all of eternity and we will be praising Him like He has always deserved to be praised.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that I can always draw near to You and know that You will draw near to me. Help me to remember this when I need it the most. I thank You for reassuring me of these things from Your Word. I also thank You for defeating the devil and I now have victory over him as well because of what You have done. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Saturday December 25

**Scripture Reading: Haggai
Revelation 16**

Praise the Lord! Psalms 77:5 **“I thought about the former days, the years of long ago;”** This man was getting pretty close to being depressed but now he is on the right track. Now he is reminding himself of times when God had helped him in the past. Many times in the Old Testament God would have His people build some memorial of when He had helped them. We need to remember when God has helped us in the past. We should do this all the time and especially when we are feeling down or defeated. Remind yourself of other times when God has helped you and it will give you confidence that He will help you again.

Revelation 16:4-5 **“The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say: “You are just in these judgments, you who are and who were, the Holy One, because you have so judged.”** God is always just. When He does judge those who have rejected Him He will be totally just. You see, God has provided a way for them to be saved and if they had accepted Jesus into their lives they would not have faced this judgement.

Revelation 16:21 **“From the sky huge hailstones of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.”** These people were so far from God that they would not even repent when they were seeing the very judgement of God. They just cursed God more.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful for all that You have done in my life. Help me to remember all that You have done for me when I am facing a new challenge. I also thank You for providing Jesus as the Way of salvation. Thank You for bringing me to the place where I accepted You into my life and thank You for bearing all my judgement. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Sunday December 26

**Scripture Reading: Zechariah 1-3
Revelation 17**

Praise the Lord! If you have been doing your Scripture Readings every day you are almost to the end of the whole Bible this year. In a few days you can start again and read it all in 2011. Psalms 77:6 **“I remembered my songs in the night. My heart mused and my spirit enquired:”** In yesterday’s verse this guy was remembering the times when God had helped in the past and now he is remembering the songs that he used to sing. I am sure these were songs of praise to God for helping him. Remember the times God has helped you and remember how it made you sing praise to Him. Go ahead and sing those songs in faith because God is going to help you again.

Revelation 17:8 **“The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and will come up out of the Abyss and go to his destruction. The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because he once was, now is not, and yet will come.”** These people who were not saved were astonished when they saw what the devil was doing. We are born-again and we have our names written in the book of life so we shouldn’t ever be impressed with anything the devil does. We serve the Greater One who is Jesus!

Revelation 17:17 **“For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to give the beast their power to rule, until God’s words are fulfilled.”** God was in control.

Prayer: Lord, as I remember all that You have done for me in the past I am going to go ahead and sing just like I did when You helped me back then. I also want to ask You to bless my Church and every other Church that preaches the Word today. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Monday December 27

**Scripture Reading: Zechariah 4-6
Revelation 18**

Praise the Lord! Psalms 77:7 **“Will the Lord reject for ever? Will he never show his favor again?”** If you have ever felt like this I have some great news for you. Because Jesus died on the cross for your sins and you have accepted Him into your life He will never reject you. You also always have His favor because you are now adopted into His family!

Revelation 18:1 **“After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor.”** This was just an angel and he had all this authority and splendor. Jesus has much more authority and splendor than any angel. When we started the book of Revelation I told you that I was going to lift up Jesus and I am sure you can see that I am doing what I said I was going to do.

Revelation 18:4-6 **“Then I heard another voice from heaven say: “Come out of her, my people, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues; for her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes. Give back to her as she has given; pay her back double for what she has done. Mix her a double portion from her own cup.”** As God’s people we are called out of the world. Now we can’t leave the world right now but we can keep it from influencing us. Did you also see the law of sowing and reaping in this verse? The people who didn’t know God had sown bad things and they are reaping bad things. Make sure you are sowing good things.

Prayer: Lord, I love You and I am thankful that I am Yours. Help me to sow good things and to remember that the law of sowing reaping always works. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



Tuesday December 28

**Scripture Reading: Zechariah 7-9
Revelation 19**

Praise the Lord! The writer of Psalms 77 is going through a hard thing and he is doubting some important things but he is going to make it because he never quits speaking to God and seeking Him. Psalms 77:8 **“Has his unfailing love vanished for ever? Has his promise failed for all time?”** I thought this was an interesting question. Has God’s unfailing love vanished? If it is unfailing then it will never vanish! When you are in the middle of a hard time don’t forget what you know is true!

Revelation 19:1 **“After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,”** Does it sound like God is in control? Does it sound like Jesus is winning?

Revelation 19:11 **“I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war.”** This is certainly Jesus. Revelation 19:16 **“On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”** He is King of kings and Lord of lords! Now, remember what Hebrews 13:8 says, **“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.”** That means He has always been King of kings and Lord of lords. He is King of kings and Lord of lords right now and He is the One we have given our lives to. He has won over the devil in the past, He will win over the devil in the future AND He wins over the devil today! Praise the Lord.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful for Your unfailing love. Help me to remember the part about it being unfailing. I also thank You that You never change. Your love will never change. Your power will never change. Thank You for giving me more revelation about You as we go through the book of Revelation. I really am being blessed. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Wednesday December 29

**Scripture Reading: Zechariah 10-12
Revelation 20**

Praise the Lord! Psalms 77:9 **“Has God forgotten to be merciful? Has he in anger withheld his compassion?” Selah**” We know that God never changes. So, He is always merciful and He never withholds His mercy and compassion from us. Think about the first question here: Has God forgotten to be merciful? There is only one thing that God forgets. He willfully forgets our sins when we let Jesus forgive us.

Revelation 20:11-12 say, **Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.** I have told you many times that Jesus wins and we win too because we are on His side. Here we see everything being sorted out. God judges those who should be judged and we are safe because we have given our lives to Jesus.

Revelation 20:14-15 say, **Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.** How do we get our names written in the book of Life? By giving our lives to Jesus. He paid the price for our sins and now we are safe in Him and we will be safe for all eternity!

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that You have forgotten my sins and now You will never forget me. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins and thank You for writing my name in the book of life. I want to live like I should. I want to represent You well all the time so others can learn about Your goodness through me. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Thursday December 30

**Scripture Reading: Zechariah 13-14
Revelation 21**

Praise the Lord! Psalms 77:10 says, **Then I thought, "To this I will appeal: the years of the right hand of the Most High."** He is now getting his thinking right and everything else will follow. Our thinking is vitally important. Look at Philippians 4:8-9, **Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.** When we think right it will help us to live right.

Revelation 21:5 says, **He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."** When mankind fell in the garden of Eden they ruined everything. Not only did sin come into their lives but the perfect creation of God was all messed up. In Revelation 21, we see that God is going to make everything new again. All that was lost in the garden because of sin will be restored in Jesus because of His righteousness.

The next verse says, **He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.** In the garden of Eden they had everything they needed and it will be like that for us when everything is restored.

Prayer: Lord, I know that my thinking is important and I am thankful that You have reminded me of the things I should be filling my mind with. Help me to put all this into practice in my life. I am also thankful that I have given my life to You. I want all the life and life in abundance that You have for me now and for all eternity. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Friday December 31

**Scripture Reading: Malachi
Revelation 22**

Praise the Lord! Congratulations on studying God's Word every day this year. Tomorrow we get to start a new journey through the Word and I am praying that God will continue to bless you. Psalms 77:11 says, **Then I thought, "To this I will appeal: the years of the right hand of the Most High."** Remember the wonderful things God has done in your life and know that He has even more for you in the future. Thank God for all that He has done for us in 2010 and believe for even more in 2011.

I told you that God was going to restore all that was lost in the garden of Eden. Look at Revelation 22:1-2, **Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.** There is the tree of life being restored. When Adam and Eve fell in the garden they were kicked out so they wouldn't eat the tree of life and live forever in their sins. We will eat of the of life and live forever in the righteousness of Jesus.

The next two verses say, **No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.** The curse will be done away with and we will be with Jesus forever. That is what heaven is all about. Being with Jesus forever.

Prayer: Lord, I love You and I am so thankful for all that You have done in my life in 2010. I am trusting You for even more in 2011. Help me to know that all Your goodness that I have experienced is just a foretaste of what I will have for all eternity with You. So, I commit my today and all of my future to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.