

December 3rd Readings

[1 CHRONICLES 1:1-2:17](#)

[ACTS 23:11-35](#)

[PSALM 3:1-8](#)

[PROVERBS 18:14-15](#)

I Chronicles begins with the genealogies of man that show the generation to generation skeletal framework of the Old Testament. As we look at all the people named and the account of their faithfulness or lack of faithfulness to God, we are reminded that each life mentioned had a choice to follow God or not. This helps to remind us that fathers and mothers definitely have a big influence on their children.

We are reminded of this in Proverbs 3:1-4. “My son, do not forget my teachings, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.”

As parents, may we continue to teach our children to love and obey God by our examples. They will ultimately make their choice to follow God or not, but we have done our part to be the example God wants us to be.

December 4th Readings

[1 CHRONICLES 2:18-4:4](#)

[ACTS 24:1-27](#)

[PSALM 4:1-8](#)

[PROVERBS 18:16-18](#)

David tells us in Psalm 4:3-6 “Know that God has set apart the godly for Himself; the Lord will hear when I call to Him.” And he reminds us, “In your anger do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.” Satan knows how to use the action of others to stir up anger. As we dwell on the situation, we all use our minds to record that hurt and replay it over and over. Our anger can cause us to sin. Proverbs 18:19 tells us that “an offended brother is more unyielding than a fortified city, and disputes are like the barred gates of a

citadel.” Look at the world we live in today and see the effects of anger breeding in mankind. Anger robs us of the joy in life. Let go of anger and let God continue to rule our hearts.

December 5th Readings

[1 CHRONICLES 4:5-5:17](#)

[ACTS 25:1-27](#)

[PSALM 5:1-12](#)

[PROVERBS 18:19](#)

How do you start your day? Most of us have a routine that has evolved over time.

Psalms 5:3 says, “In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my request before you and wait in expectation.” How wonderful is it to start one's day with conversation with our Lord! We think we can't make it through the day unless we've had that cup of coffee, but do we realize that we can't make it through the day without our Lord? Verse 8 continues with “Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies – make straight your way before me.” God is our shield from the insanity of this world. What greater way to start our day than to talk to the creator of everything and feel His love and guidance.

December 6th Readings

[1 CHRONICLES 5:18-6:81](#)

[ACTS 26:1-32](#)

[PSALM 6:1-10](#)

[PROVERBS 18:20-21](#)

While Paul is in custody, the Lord stands by him and assures him that He will see him in Rome. So regardless of the opposition to him, he has the assurance that he will live to see Rome, for God has said it. Paul demonstrates boldness of his faith, but humility toward authority. Like Paul, the attacks of the world seem so pressing, but we know we will be with our Lord in eternity, because of the assurance we have from Him in His Word. While our

Christian faith is attacked daily by the world, we want to remain bold in the truth of God's Word, but humble. We know by Christ's example there are times to speak and times to remain silent. Our wisdom for knowing when to speak can only come from the Lord.

December 7th Readings

[1 CHRONICLES 7:1-8:40](#)

[ACTS 27:1-20](#)

[PSALM 7:1-17](#)

[PROVERBS 18:22](#)

Paul has appeared before Agrippa and could have been set free except for the fact he had appealed to Caesar. As his journey to Rome begins, the conditions of the ocean were affected by the time of the year. In like manner, we all have a destination of our choosing. The rough sea of life will affect our reaching our destination based on the one we choose to steer our course. Do we drift with the current, or are we guided by God? Paul had an angel appear to him and tell him not to be afraid. We have God's word to continually guide us through the storms of life. We don't have to be afraid when our course is following God.

December 8th Readings

[1 CHRONICLES 9:1-10:14](#)

[ACTS 27:21-44](#)

[PSALM 8:1-9](#)

[PROVERBS 18:23-24](#)

Paul and his companions on the ship to Rome had been in a hurricane for many days. They would be facing many difficulties and were trying to determine how they would survive the storm. Unlike the others on the ship, Paul never forgot that God was with him.

Many in our country recently have faced hurricanes with their lives at risk. Decisions were made to ride out the storm or evacuate. Their material things in life were looked at through

different glasses when life or death hung in the balance.

Knowing our destinations allows us to put things in the proper perspective. Like Paul, keep up your courage in the storm of life because our God has secured our destination. Stay faithful to the Lord and He will strengthen us to weather our storms.

December 9th Readings

[1 CHRONICLES 11:1-12:18](#)

[ACTS 28:1-31](#)

[PSALM 9:1-12](#)

[PROVERBS 19:1-3](#)

Psalm 9:9-10 tells us, “The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.”

Are we aware that God is with us whether our day is going well or with difficulties. God may be taking the trouble we are having and doing something important in our life, something quite different from what we expected. Paul didn't try to figure out what was happening through challenges he encountered on his way to Rome. He simply trusted God. We, too, need to trust God, and thank Him in advance for the good that can come out of trusting the One who is in control.