December 10th Readings

1 CHRONICLES 12:19-14:17

ROMANS 1:1-17

PSALM 9:13-20

PROVERBS 19:4-5

The passages talk about not being afraid of our faith and that God is always with us. Live by faith and do what God tells us and he punishes the people who do not listen and accept/follow His word on judgement day. Romans 1:16-17 says "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed – a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith.""

<u>December 11th Readings</u>

1 CHRONICLES 15:1-16:36

ROMANS 1:18-32

PSALM 10:1-15

PROVERBS 19:6-7

Romans 1:21-32 Paul clearly portrays the inevitable downward spiral into sin. First, people reject God; next they make up their own ideas of what a god should be and do; then they fall into sin – sexual sin, greed, hatred, envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice, gossip. Finally, they grow to hate God and encourage others to do so. God does not cause this steady progression towards evil. Rather when people reject him, he allows them to live as they choose. God gives them over or permits them to experience the natural consequences of their sin. Once caught in the downward spiral, no one can pull himself or herself out. Sinners must trust Christ alone to put them on the path of escape.

December 12th Readings

1 CHRONICLES 16:37-18:17

ROMANS 2:1-24

PSALM 10:16-18

PROVERBS 19:8-9

God's righteous judgment – Romans 2:1 says: "You therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgement on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgement do the same things." God gives us time to repent and turn away from our sin, therefore we shouldn't judge.

<u>December 13th Readings</u>

1 CHRONICLES 19:1-21:30

ROMANS 2:25-3:8

PSALM 11:1-7

PROVERBS 19:10-12

God's Faithfulness – Psalm 11 is talking about taking refuge in the Lord and that he will guide us though the storm. Just like David when he was forced to flee from Saul. He knew God was in control. David wisely avoided trouble; he did not fearfully run away from his troubles. We should have faith in God like God has faith in us.

December 14th Readings

1 CHRONICLES 22:1-23:32

ROMANS 3:9-31

PSALM 12:1-8

PROVERBS 19:13-14

1 Chronicles 22:11 says "Now, my son, the LORD be with you, and may you have success and build the house of the LORD your God, as he said you would." Then Romans 3:23 says

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Everyone sins and no one is righteous. But, with God we have righteousness through faith.

December 15th Readings

1 CHRONICLES 24:1-26:11

ROMANS 4:1-12

PSALM 13:1-6

PROVERBS 19:15-16

The theme of this Psalm is Praying for relief from despair. We must continue to trust God even when he doesn't answer us immediately. Romans 4 talks about Abraham being justified by faith. Then Proverbs 19:15-16 says "Laziness brings on deep sleep, and the shiftless go hungry. Whoever keeps commandments keep their life, but whoever shows contempt for their ways will die." The verses are trying to say that we should obey the instructions we are told in God's word and trust God.

December 16th Readings

1 CHRONICLES 26:12-27:34

ROMANS 4:13-5:5

PSALM 14:1-7

PROVERBS 19:17

Proverbs 19:17 talks about, As our Creator, God values all of us, whether we are poor or rich. When we help the poor, we honor both the creator and his creation. God accepts our help as if we had offered it directly to him.