January 28th Readings

JOB 34:1-36:33

2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-12

PSALM 44:1-8

PROVERBS 22:10-12

Leave behind the ones that are proud, arrogant, insulting and full of hate. I like to call them the "JOY THIEVES". They are the cause of so many problems in our lives. These people enjoy taking our joy and energy right out of us. They do not want to be taught or corrected. They are just too hard headed. So we must walk away. Once those people are removed from our lives, the petty bickering and hateful words will end. Thus, our joy returns.

Once the joy-stealing persons are removed from our lives, we will have the king (Christ) as our friend. God knows what is on our heart. Just remember that we will always have "mockers" or "JOY THIEVES" in our path. We must choose God and his word over those that cause strife. God will reward us.

God is all-seeing. He knows that there are people out there that are fools and speak against him. He will protect those that are wise in His word. He will take vengeance on those men that lie and spread false words and works. He loves those that speak His truths. He tells us that guarding our tongue will prevent problems.

January 29th Readings

JOB 37:1-39:30

2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-5:10

PSALM 44:9-26

PROVERBS 22:13

The lazy person is always looking for an excuse not to work. They have imagined threats that may never happen just to get out of what needs to be done. But the real threat of idleness is death because that is already next to you. Those of us that work for the Lord will have so much to share with the needy and an eternal life promised.

January 30th Readings

JOB 40:1-42:17

2 CORINTHIANS 5:11-21

PSALM 45:1-17

PROVERBS 22:14

Pleasures of the flesh pull you so far away from our Lord God. Satan turns our weaknesses into anything that looks nice. This nice look will make us want this pleasure even more. Satan tells us it is ours and we can have it. This is a cruel revolving door of sin and self loathing. Do not be tempted by what Satan places in front of you because this pit is so very deep; deeper than a water well. This well is not the living water and it takes God far away from you.

January 31st Readings

ECCLESIASTES 1:1-3:22

2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-13

PSALM 46:1-11

PROVERBS 22:15

Just like when my children misbehave and I have to spank or ground them, God must punish us. I discipline my children because I love them. Just as God loves us. He knows we all sin. And with our sins we all need painful correction. If we do not get this correction from him then we become that spoiled, selfish, rotten child no one wants to be around. Sin is that spoiled, rotten child and it harms everyone involved.

February 1st Readings

ECCLESIASTES 4:1-6:12

2 CORINTHIANS 6:14-7:7

PSALM 47:1-9

PROVERBS 22:16

God created both poor men and rich in his image. So it angers and shames God that rich men can be selfish and not help those poor men. This action will make God our enemy. He is our maker and will judge us harshly. No amount of wealth can change this. Taking care of those poor, sick, widowed and orphaned is like taking care of God himself, because they are created in His image.

<u>February 2nd Readings</u> ECCLESIASTES 7:1-9:18

2 CORINTHIANS 7:8-16

PSALM 48:1-14

PROVERBS 22:17-19

God gives us wise teachers that know His word. They learn God's word and only teach the truth. We must listen to them. Their words are sent from God to us from their heart to save our souls. As we learn and pull those truths into our heart, they will grow. Then when we are ready, we can use His word to teach others. Proverbs 23:15 says that a wise heart will make his father's heart glad and the father will rejoice in his mouth speaking the truth.

February 3rd Readings

ECCLESIASTES 10:1-12:14

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-15

PSALM 49:1-20

PROVERBS 22:20-21

King Solomon has given us 30 sayings to use and follow in Proverbs 22:22-24:22. Take some time to read over these verses. Such amazing and wise words are written here. They will help guide us and teach us. This knowledge of His word will help us teach others and answer questions others may ask.