

May 27th Readings

[ZECHARIAH 10:1-11:17](#)

[REVELATION 18:1-24](#)

[PSALM 146:1-10](#)

[PROVERBS 30:33](#)

PSALM 146:1-10 - In this passage the psalmist sounds a joyous refrain found throughout the book of songs: “*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live...*” (verses 1-2). Here God’s man reminds us that there is a relationship between faith and true happiness! While one may find some pleasure in satisfying the desires of the flesh, real joy comes through fellowship with God. The Philippians were urged by the Spirit to “*rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.....do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus*” (Philippians 4:4-7). How can such wonderful assurance be given? Because the believer places all his burdens and cares upon his Savior, who promised, “*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest*” (Matthew 11:28).

May 28th Readings

[ZECHARIAH 12:1-13:9](#)

[REVELATION 19:1-21](#)

[PSALM 147:1-20](#)

[PROVERBS 31:1-7](#)

PROVERBS 31:1-7 - The Wise Man sounds a warning to kings and reminds us all that “*strong drink*” is no friend of man—any man! While many associate alcohol with good times and good friends, even providing a key to success, Solomon declares that it is actually a pathway to misery and failure. He wrote, “*Give strong drink to the one who is perishing, and wine to those in bitter distress; let them drink and forget their poverty and remember their misery no more.*” (verses 5-6). Intoxication is associated with failure and misery—with

lawlessness, lewdness and folly of every kind! And it leaves the victim ashamed, humiliated and miserable. Again Solomon warns, *“Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise”* (Proverbs 20:1). Drunkenness causes the fool to feel he is wise, the weak to believe he is strong, and the loser to convince himself he is a winner. But for many, alcohol makes man its slave. It may take away his job, his family, his friends and his dignity. Truly the one who is deceived by it is a fool.

May 29th Readings

[ZECHARIAH 14:1-21](#)

[REVELATION 20:1-15](#)

[PSALM 148:1-14](#)

[PROVERBS 31:8-9](#)

REVELATION 20:1-15 - Man, fashioned in the image of his Creator, is a *moral* being. He possesses an intellect and a conscience. Thus he has the capacity to understand, to reason, to grasp moral values, to choose between good and evil and to understand the consequences of his choices—to recognize *accountability*! Man will one day face a day of reckoning before his Maker!!! The apostle John, inspired by the Spirit, drew back the curtain in heaven and revealed to us the Throne and God in His glory sitting in judgement, *“Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From His presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done”* (verses 11-12). We once sang the old song, “There’s A Great Day Coming By And By.” The question is, Are we ready?

May 30th Readings

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

[REVELATION 21:1-27](#)

[PSALM 149:1-9](#)

[PROVERBS 31:10-24](#)

REVELATION 21:1-27 - *“And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband”* (verse 2). The apostle John, banished to the island of Patmos for preaching Jesus, was privileged to view the home of the soul which was awaiting him and all the faithful. While he saw glories he could not reveal, John was permitted to describe the Throne, the Father, the Lamb, the Angels and the saved, engaging in joyous worship! At last God and man dwelling together in perfect harmony. No sorrow, no tears, no pain—all that left behind on earth. Jesus, while on earth, charged His disciples to die to self, take up our cross and follow Him each day (Luke 9:23-25). What a price to pay, to become a *“living sacrifice”*, for Jesus’ sake! Hear Paul’s answer, *“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”* (Romans 8:18). The words of the ancient hymn agree, *“We read of a place that is called heaven, It is made for the pure and the free. These truths in God’s word written, How beautiful heaven must be.”*

May 31st Readings

[MALACHI 3:1-4:6](#)

[REVELATION 22:1-21](#)

[PSALM 150:1-6](#)

[PROVERBS 31:25-31](#)

REVELATION 22:1-22 - Home at last! Home at last! How great will be the inexpressible joy felt by the Redeemed when we arrive at our Heavenly Home! We will view the water of the river of life, flowing down the middle of a street of gold, and the tree of life, yielding its various fruits (verses 1-2). The sounds of worship by His servants will be heard throughout heaven

(verse 3). When will this blessed event occur? Only the Father knows. However, twice in this final chapter Jesus promised *“Behold, I am coming soon”* (verses 7,12). No wonder the apostle closed this letter with a brief prayer, *“Come Lord Jesus”* (verse 20). In the meantime, the invitation rings out across the earth, *“Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.”* (verse 17).