

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

April 22-28, 2024

Monday:	Deuteronomy 26	Psalm 112
Tuesday:	Deuteronomy 27-28	Psalm 113
Wednesday:	Deuteronomy 29-30	Psalm 114
Thursday:	Deuteronomy 31:1-29	Psalm 115
Friday:	Deuteronomy 31:30-33:29	Psalm 116
Saturday:	Deuteronomy 34	Psalm 117
Sunday:		Psalm 118

## Weekend Reflection

Much of what we read in Deuteronomy this week outlines the blessings for obedience and the curses for disobedience. Following God and his commandments bring blessing and flourishing. Disobedience to God never brings flourishing. You will never flourish in active disobedience.

Doesn't that expose the lie of sin? We sin because we think that sin will be better for us. We buy the lie that disobedience is better than obedience. Yet, the outcome is always the same; disobedience leads to heartache, strife and even God's judgment, while obedience leads to flourishing.

At the end of the day, it is the obedience of Christ that brings our true and everlasting flourishing. Jesus obeyed the Father, and he died for our disobedience (and rose again, making our obedience possible!). All who trust in Christ flourish forever!

Would that we would trust God and his Word. He knows what is best for us!

# SUNDAY SERMON

The sermon for Sunday, April 28, is on John 3:22-30. To prepare your heart for the preaching of God's Word, read that passage on Saturday night or before church on Sunday.

## **Faith Groups**

- What is the significance of the baptism we see in this passage?
- What does baptism mean and why do we baptize people today?
- What did John mean when he said, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven."?
- What does it mean to decrease and increase, as it is used in John 3:30?
- How do we apply these things at home, work, school, among our neighbors and in our church?