

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

August 12-18, 2024

Monday:	1 Chronicles 7-8	Psalms 38
Tuesday:	1 Chronicles 9	Psalms 39
Wednesday:	1 Chronicles 10	Psalms 40
Thursday:	1 Chronicles 11-12	Psalms 41
Friday:	1 Chronicles 13-14	Psalms 42
Saturday:	1 Chronicles 15-16	Psalms 43
Sunday:	1 Chronicles 17-18	Psalms 44

## Weekend Reflection

[Saul] did not seek guidance from the LORD. - 1 Chronicles 10:14

This is among the most tragic verses in the Bible. The first King of Israel, Saul, instead of seeking guidance from the Lord, consulted a medium. This was not only profoundly unwise, it was sinful and, according to this passage, it led to his life being “wrecked”.

A preacher recently made this simple, yet profound, statement: “You will never wreck your life by following the Lord.”

There is a temptation to look elsewhere to have our needs met or find fulfillment or direction in life. It is as if we believe that the Lord is not enough.

But he is enough. He was enough for Saul, even though Saul chose not to seek him. Maybe he thought his life would be worse if he followed the Lord? As it turns out, not following the Lord is precisely the thing that wrecked Saul’s life. Don’t make his mistake. Trust in the Lord and seek his guidance.

# SUNDAY SERMON

The sermon for Sunday, August 18 will be on Philippians 4:8-9. Maybe take some time to ponder this passage before the Sunday gathering, to prepare your heart for the preaching of God's Word.

## **Faith Groups**

- What are some things that are honorable, just, pure, commendable, etc.
- What are the things that we have learned, received, and seen in Paul?
- How does "thinking about these things" help us?
- What do we learn about discipleship from these verses?
- How can we apply these verses when we are tempted to sin or be anxious or jealous, etc.?