

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

December 23-29, 2024

Monday:	Isaiah 40-41	Proverbs 19
Tuesday:	Isaiah 42-43	Proverbs 20
Wednesday:	Isaiah 44:1-23	Proverbs 21
Thursday:	Isaiah 44:24-45:25	Proverbs 22:1-16
Friday:	Isaiah 46-47	Proverbs 22:17-29
Saturday:	Isaiah 48	Proverbs 23
Sunday:	Isaiah 48-50	Proverbs 24:1-22

Weekend Reflection

It is week 52!!! The year is ending. In just a few days, 2024 will be one for the history books. How was 2024 for you? Prosperous? Difficult? The worst year? The best yet? Maybe, for you, things will change in 2025. Things have a way of doing that.

Well, not all things change.

Consider Isaiah 40:8: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

The year fades. In just a few short days it will. And that might mean lots of changes for you. But you do not have to feel uneasy about that, because the word of our God will stand forever. He never changes, and his Word never changes.

As you begin this new year, do so with your confidence - and your very life - rooted in God's never-changing Word which stands forever!

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

SUNDAY SERMON

The sermon on **Sunday, December 29**, is on Colossians 1:28-2:3. Take some time to read this thoughtfully before the service, in order to prepare your heart for the preaching of God's Word.

Faith Groups

- List the different words Paul uses to describe his work in presenting people mature in Christ. What is significant about each word.
- What is Christian maturity?
- How does one strive with someone else's energy (see verse 29)? What does that mean, practically, for us?
- Discuss Paul's commitment to discipleship. Should we be similarly committed to *striving to present every man mature in Christ*?
- What challenges do we face in discipleship? How can we encourage one another to become more involved in helping others to follow Jesus?