



DAILY READINGS

Welcome to July's Reading Plan. Jesus "opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures" (Lk 24:45). Our prayer is that you would gain understanding as a result of God opening your mind as you read His word & apply it to your life & the church."

- [Ju1] Ps 121 | How does it make you feel to know that God, who watches over you, never sleeps?
- [2] Ps 121 | What kind of things are you in need of protection from? Read vv 5-8 & replace the sun & moon with the spiritual or physical obstacles & dangers in your own life.

Sunday, July 3rd | Psalms of Ascent Psalm 131

- [4] Ps 131 | The psalmist begins by repenting of "pride" in his life. How does pride show up in your life? How has it affected you or others around you negatively?
- [5] Ps 131 | If we could quantify all of the knowledge in the universe, what percentage of that knowledge do we possess right now? What percentage will we obtain before we die? What things "too great & too marvelous" for you do you find yourself occupied with most often?
- [6] Ps 131; Jas 4:10 | Humility is having an accurate view of God which then gives us an accurate view of ourselves. Are there some areas in your life where you need to adjust your perspective?
- [7] Ps 131 | How does pride get in the way of contentment? Under what circumstances do you become a control freak? Why?
- [8] Ps 131 | Why is sleep a good test of faith? Are you filled with anxieties & unable to rest, or are you able to sleep with fear or worry? Who or what do you run to when you're upset? Do you find lasting comfort from these places?
- [9] Pride can often keep us from trusting the Lord. What specific area or situation in your life has it been a struggle to take the position of a child in total trust allowing God to be God? What is one verse that you would point someone to which describes God's faithful character? Seek to memorize it.

Sunday, July 10th | Psalms of Ascent Psalm 132

- [11] Ps 132; Eph 3:17; 1 Cor 3:16, 6:19; Eph 1:13-14 | How does the reality of God not only dwelling in you, but wanting to dwell in you, change how you see yourself? How does this change how you see God?
- [12] Ps 132; Eph 1:18 | Can you recall a time where God guided you in a decision? How was He faithful with a promise He made to you?
- [13] Ps 132 | David's commitment to serving the Lord set the course of his life. What commitment(s) to the Lord have you made? Does this commitment impact your daily routines & your long term goals? Take a moment to pray about this.
- [14] Ps 132 | Is your worship filled with joy? Is it dull, sober, sentimental, or triumphant?

- [15] Ps 132 | What is an area in your life that you have been operating in your own power, failing to lean into the power of God's presence in you? Bring it to the Lord.
- [16] Ps 132 | What can we learn from David's passion in wanting God's glory, His Word, & His presence to be the priority in his city? How can we bring God's presence, power & Word into our situations this week?

Sunday, July 17th | Psalms of Ascent Psalm 130

- [18] Ps 130; Mic 7:8 | Are you in a night season, a place of despair, pain, or unmet desires? If so, are you keeping company with God by reading His Word?
- [19] Ps 130; Isa 40:31 | Where in your life are you tempted to rush ahead, rather than wait for God? Ask Him for patience as you trust His perfect timing.
- [20] Ps 130 | In the midst of whatever you are facing today, make time to come into God's presence in worship either alone or with fellow believers. Watch the atmosphere of your heart change.
- [21] Ps 130 | How do you respond while waiting? Do you experience significant growth (flourishing) or spiritual decline?
- [22] Ps 130; Isa 40:31; Ps 40:1-3 | David is an example of someone who waited well. As you study Ps 130, what are the things that he did?
- [23] Ps 130; Jn 15:9 | How does abiding in God's love help us wait well?.

Sunday, July 24th | Psalms of Ascent Psalm 127

- [25] Ps 127 | What do you believe distinguishes a home whose builder is the Lord? What "materials" make a household strong?
- [26] Ps 127; Mt 6:25-33 | What sort of "bread" have you been eating more of these days? Anxious toil or God's Word? What causes you to lose sleep? How does the love of God impact the worried & restless heart?
- [27] Ps 127; 2 Tim 1:9 | Where in your life are you relying on your own efforts to succeed? Are you willing to give everything you have to God & trust that He will bless it?
- [28] Ps 127 | What ideologies threaten today's families? How should we respond? How does this Psalm speak of the sovereignty of God?
- [29] Ps 127 | What blessings do children bring to their parents? Why are people less inclined to have children in our day? Which of these are good & godly motives & which are ungodly motives?
- [30] Ps 127; Prov 3:5-6; 1 Cor 15:58 | Are there areas in your life you are living in vain? What areas of your life do you try to do in your own strength & power? What is the fruit? What difference would it make in your plans if you saw them as opportunities to participate in what the Lord is already doing in you & already planning for you? Ask God to show you how to work in ways that come alongside of Him rather than doing your own thing.