



# MARCH

## DAILY READINGS

*Welcome to March's Reading Plan! "Set your mind on the Spirit" (Rom 8:6) as you read God's Word & hide it in your heart.*

### **Sunday, Feb 28th | The Righteousness of God "The Struggle" Romans 7:7-13**

*Seek to memorize Romans 8:5 & 6 this week*

- [1] Rom 7:7-13 | What commandment does Paul use as an example of the law in v7? Is this rule an inward attitude or an outward action? Why do you think Paul uses this example?
- [2] Rom 7:7-13 | Why was God's Law unable to make Paul righteous before God?
- [3] Rom 7:7-13 | Did you as a child ever respond negatively to an instruction that was for your benefit? How does this relate to how you respond to the Law?
- [4] Rom 7:7-13 | From this passage, what would you say is the purpose of the Law? Ask God what sin He sees in you? How has sin deceived you?
- [5] Rom 7:7-13 | Are you more likely to veer toward legalism or licentiousness as you daily follow Jesus? What helps you obey God's Word & practice spiritual disciplines without being legalistic?
- [6] Take time today to pray for those who you rub shoulders with daily who don't know Jesus.

### **Sunday, Mar 7th | The Righteousness of God "The Struggle" Romans 7:14-25**

*Seek to memorize Romans 8:7 & 8 this week*

- [8] Rom 7:14-25; 2 Tim 3:16; 1 Cor 2:9-10 | What does Paul mean when he says that the law is spiritual & he is unspiritual?
- [9] Rom 7:14-25 | In what ways is Paul different now that He belongs to Christ & is a slave of righteousness?
- [10] Rom 7:14-25 | From this passage, why do you think our flesh or we (of our own strength) can't conquer sin?
- [11] Rom 7:14-25 | What was the law powerless to do for Paul, both before & after he became a Christian? Why was it powerless? (v10, 15-18)
- [12] Rom 7:14-25 | How does verse 25 describe the answer or victory for the battle inside of us?
- [13] Rom 7:14-25; 1 Cor 10:13 | Can you relate to Paul's description of the war within? How have you struggled with sin in your life lately? Pray for those in your Community Group who may be struggling with sin. Thank God for understanding your struggles & for providing Jesus to be your Rescuer.

### **Sunday, Mar 14th | The Righteousness of God "The Spirit" Romans 8:1-4**

*Seek to memorize Romans 8:7 & 8 this week*

- [15] Rom 8:1-4 | Read verse 1. How does this verse encourage you?
- [16] Rom 8:1-4 | What is "the law of the Spirit who gives life?" (v2)
- [17] Rom 8:1-4 | The Law is powerless to enable us to obey God. It cannot free us from sin &

death. How has God done what the Law is powerless to do?

- [18] Rom 8:1-4 | According to 7:4 & 8:4, what place does God's Law have in our lives?
- [19] Rom 8:1-4 | Take time to thank God for sacrificing His Son & for giving His Spirit to make you holy. Pray for the members of your Community Group & ask God to make each of you increasingly aware this week of the Spirit's availability to help you resist sin.
- [20] Rom 8:1-4 | Meditate on your freedom from condemnation, sin & death. How does this affect your attitude toward your circumstances? How can you reflect this attitude in your prayers & actions this week?

### **Sunday, Mar 21st | The Righteousness of God "A New Way" Romans 8:5-14**

*Seek to memorize Romans 8:9 & 10 this week*

- [22] Rom 8:5-14 | What are some words that come to your mind as you think about the Holy Spirit? What does Paul call the Holy Spirit in v9-11?
- [23] Rom 8:5-14 | Is the path to holiness a daily process or a one-time victory? Support your answer from Rom 8:5-13 & Lk 9:23.
- [24] Rom 8:5-7 | What do you think it means to "have their minds set on" the flesh or the Spirit? Upon what is your mind set?
- [25] Rom 8:5-14 | If the Spirit is in you, what else is true of you now (v10) & in the future (v11)?
- [26] Rom 8:5-14 | What does it mean to "put to death the misdeeds of the body?" (v13) How is this different from trying to keep the Law by force of effort alone?
- [27] Rom 8:5-14 | In what area of your life do you need to put the deeds of the body to death & set your mind on the desires of the Spirit? Ask God to help you focus your mind on the desires of the Spirit. Thank Him that He will help you & act in faith.

### **Sunday, Mar 28th | Palm Sunday Seek to memorize Romans 8:9 & 10 this week**

- [29] Jn 12:13; Mt 21:9, 15-16; Mk 11:9; Lk 19:28 | In the Gospels, Palm Sunday is seen as a day of celebration & joy. According to these verses, who praised God? Who were unwilling to praise the Lord & even tried to stop the children from doing so?
- [30] Mt 21:8-16; Lk 19:37-40; Isa 61:3 | Is there something that you are going through that is keeping you from praising the Lord? Whatever your circumstances, would you take a step of faith & begin to praise God?
- [31] 1 Jn 1:9; Mk 11:11, 15-16; Mt 21:12 | What did Jesus see when He walked into the temple in Jerusalem? What was His reaction & what did He do? Scripture says that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart & reveal any area that needs repentance & cleansing.
- [Apr 1] Lk 19:35-44; Zech 9:9; 2 Ki 9:13; Jn 12:13; Mt 21:8; Ps 118:26 | On Palm Sunday, prophecy was being fulfilled. What prophecies can you identify in these verses?
- [2] Lk 19:41-44; Jer 8:7 | Do you think the people understood what was occurring? Do we recognize God's timing today? Are you prepared for His coming? What about your friends & neighbors?
- [3] Mk 11:3-10; Zech 9:9 | What did Jesus tell His disciples to get at the village? What were they to say if questioned? What is Jesus asking from you?