



May

DAILY READINGS

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

Sunday, May 2nd | The Righteousness of God "The Spirit" Romans 9:1-5

Seek to memorize Romans 8:15-18 this week

- [3] Rom 9:1-5 | How does Paul feel about the fact that most of his fellow Jews have rejected Christ & so face eternal separation from God? Do you feel about anyone the way Paul does? If so, what can you do about it?
- [4] Rom 9:1-5 | Reread the list of Israel's blessings. What blessings do we have in America? What blessings do you have personally? Take time today to thank God for these.
- [5] Rom 9:1-5 | What is Israel's greatest blessing? Why is this the nation's greatest blessing? Is this your greatest blessing?
- [6] Rom 9:1-5 | In listing Israel's blessings, Paul is showing the Jews that God can be trusted. In what area of your life are you having a difficult time trusting God? How does reviewing the blessings God has given you in the past help you trust Him in that area?
- [7] Rom 9:1-5 | What does Paul affirm about Jesus in verse 5? What needs to change in your life in response to this affirmation?
- [8] Rom 9:1-5 | One of the blessings listed in this passage is the patriarchs. What godly example do you have to aspire to? What example are you setting for your descendants?

Sunday, May 9th | The Righteousness of God "The Spirit" Romans 9:6-18

Seek to memorize Romans 8:15-18 this week

- [10] Rom 9:6-18 | What do you think is the main point Paul is trying to make in this passage?
- [11] Rom 9:6-18 | What principle has characterized God's dealing with His people ever since Abraham? What can we learn about God's character from His treatment of Abraham's children & grandchildren?
- [12] Ex 4:21; 8:15,19,32; 14:1-4,17,29-31; Deut 15:7-8; Josh 11:19-20; 1 Sam 6:6 | What do you think it means for God to harden a heart & for a person to harden his own heart? For the next 2 days, study the examples of Pharaoh, the Israelites, & Jesus' disciples.
- [13] Prov 28:14; Isa 19:19-23; 42:1,6-7; Mk 3:1-6; 6:45-52; 8:14-21 | What do you think it means for God to harden a heart & for a person to harden his own heart? Is your heart hard in any areas? How can you find out?
- [14] Rom 9:6-18 | On what basis does God choose people to inherit His promises (v16)? What factors do not affect His choice? How has God shown mercy to you this week?
- [15] Pray for the people in your Community Group. Pray for those you rub shoulders with everyday who don't know the Lord.

Sunday, May 16th | The Righteousness of God "The Plan" Romans 9:19-29



Seek to memorize Romans 8:19-21 this week

- [17] Rom 9:14-29 | God doesn't exercise His free will arbitrarily. What purposes guide His decisions?
- [18] Rom 9:19-29 | God has been treating the objects of His wrath with great "kindness, forbearance & patience." Why has He been doing this? What do these facts tell you about God's character?
- [19] Rom 9:19-29 | Think about how you have experienced God's mercy or patience. How can you respond in gratitude?
- [20] Rom 9:19-29 | Can you think of circumstances in your life that have tempted you to consider God unfair? Does God's unlimited power make you uncomfortable? Take a minute to examine why. Then take time to praise God for His sovereignty, mercy, patience & power.
- [21] Rom 9:1-29 | Review chapter 9 of Romans. What is the most significant truth you have learned about God? What implications does this truth have for your life & your attitude toward God?
- [22] Pray for the people in your Community Group. Pray that God will reveal Himself to the members of your group as He really is & lead them to trust both His abilities & His integrity in their lives.

Sunday, May 23rd | The Righteousness of God "The Plan" Romans 9:30-10:4

Seek to memorize Romans 8:19-21 this week

- [24] Rom 9:30-33 | Consider whether there are any stumbling blocks that might be keeping you from trusting God more. Ask God to show you today how you can trust Him more so you can yield to His plan.
- [25] Rom 9:30-10:4 | The Jews' pursuit of righteousness is good, but their method is not. Their zeal for God is good, but its basis is not. What is wrong with the attitude behind their zeal to be close to God?
- [26] Rom 9:30-10:4 | Do you, or anyone you know, resemble the Jews as described in this passage? If so, how?
- [27] Psa 32; 34; 37; 40; 51 | How did David pursue the Law by faith rather than works?
- [28] Rom 10:1-4; Gal 3:24 | What was the purpose of the law? Have you had a time in your life when you focused on following a set of rules?
- [29] Rom 9:30-10:4 | Do you grieve over the unbelief of others? Can you name some specific individuals that you desire to be saved? Take time to pray for them.

 Pray for 3 people to know Christ	 Pray for 3 people to invest in