



A DAY WITH THE KING



God's Wonderful Plan

DAILY DEVOTIONAL 68



SUNDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear God, thank You so much for Your eternal plan to save us from sin. Please help me to find out more about it. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - ISAIAH 55:8,9

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Genesis 2:16,17; John 10:14-18; 3:16.

KEY TEXT: [Romans 5:8](#)

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Long before God created the earth, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit had a plan to meet the future sin problem—to destroy sin yet save the sinner. This plan was dangerous for God, as Satan would take control of the whole universe if it failed. The plan was that Jesus would willingly become a human so He could die for us (see 1 Peter 1: 18–21).

When God warned Adam and Eve not to eat from the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, He said, “In the day that you eat of it, you shall surely die” (Genesis 2:17). According to God’s word, the penalty for Adam and Eve’s sin was that they would die. But that very day God began His amazing rescue plan to save sinners. Only Jesus could do this special job. This week we will learn more about God’s glorious plan—the plan of salvation.

THE ETERNAL MYSTERY

Complete the blanks in the Bible verses below to learn more about when God made the plan of redemption. Unscramble the boxed letters and write them in the space in the final sentence to find out more about God’s wonderful plan.

In hope of _____ life which God, who cannot lie, promised before _____ began. Titus 1:2.

He indeed was _____ ordained before the foundation of the _____ . 1 Peter 1:20.

The revelation of the _____ kept _____ since the world _____ . Romans 16:25.

God showed His goodness, _____ and love by sending Jesus to die for the world.





MONDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Father, thank You for all You do to care for me. Please help me to do Your will today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - ISAIAH 55:8,9

“For My thoughts are not your _____, nor are your ways My _____,” says the _____. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways _____ than your _____, and My thoughts than your _____.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Matthew 6:25-34; 10:29-31; Genesis 1:26,27.

KEY TEXT: Galatians 1:3 & 4 (first part)

“Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins...”

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Let's look more closely at why God chose to save people, and what that tells us about Him. One reason is because God made us. We are so special to Him, and He loves us. God loves everything He has made, and cares for it. He makes the grass beautiful by decorating it with flowers. He watches over the birds and other animals, and helps them to find food. He sees every time a little bird is hurt. But as people, we are extra special to God, because He made us with His own hands, in His image.

Jesus knew that to save us would be a huge sacrifice. We can hardly even imagine or understand just how great a sacrifice Father, Son and Holy Spirit made when they decided they would save us. But God's love for us is so great that He chose willingly to make that sacrifice. God made us for a special job, or purpose. God will do absolutely all He can to make sure His purpose is *fulfilled* (done) in our lives.

MORE ABOUT GOD'S LOVE

There are many Bible verses that tell us about God's love. Jesus' decision to give Himself to save us shows us that these verses are true. Look up the references below about God's love. Can you match each reference to what it means?

1 John 4:8



- God's love for us is everlasting

Jeremiah 31:3



- God loves us so much that He has adopted us as His children.

John 3:16



- God sent Jesus to die for us, even though we are sinners.

Romans 5:8



- God loved the world so much that He gave Jesus to die for us.

1 John 3:1



- God is love.





TUESDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear God, thank you that You are working to get rid of evil forever. Please help me to live for You today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - ISAIAH 55:8,9

“For My thoughts are not your _____, nor are your ways My _____,” says the _____. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways _____ than your _____, and My thoughts than your _____.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Revelation 12:7,8; John 8:44; Psalm 51:4.

KEY TEXT: [Ephesians 2:7](#)

“That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Yesterday we learned that God chose to save us because of His great love for us. But saving people is only part of God's plan. He could also do something even more important. We know that in heaven Lucifer, who became Satan, told many lies about God and God's law. Lucifer's lies were so clever that even those who were loyal to God could not see what would happen if they did what Lucifer said. If God had destroyed Lucifer straight away, the angels that followed him, along with those who were loyal to God, would not understand why He did that. They would always question God's love and would wonder if Lucifer had been right all along.

If we follow His plan to save us, God can reveal what He is really like to the whole universe. For instance, one of Satan's lies is that God is unmerciful. Satan claims that God did not give him a fair chance in heaven. But through the plan of salvation, God shows that He is both merciful and truthful (fair, just). Every person who is saved will be an eternal reminder to every being in the universe of God's amazing mercy. That is the meaning of our key text for today, Ephesians 2:7.

GOD'S LOVE = MERCY + TRUTH

Satan has tried to separate mercy and truth, but God has joined them together. Circle every fourth letter in the puzzle below. These letters spell a message from our key text for today. The uncircled letters are a promise from Psalm 85:10, regarding God's character. Write the verse on the line below.

M	E	R	T		C	Y	A	H	N	D	T		E	R	U
T	R	H	H	A	I		V	E		M		C	E	T	T
	H	O		G	E	E	T	H	E	S	R		R	I	O
G	H		T	F	E	O		U	H	S		N		E	I
S	S	A	S	N		D	P		G	E		A	C	R	E
H	A		A	V		E	K	C	I	S	S	E		E	D

Ephesians 2:7





WEDNESDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear God, thank You that our world has such a special place in Your plan. Please help me to honour You today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - ISAIAH 55:8,9

“For __ thoughts are not _____, nor are __ ways __ _____,” says _____. “For as the heavens are _____ than the earth, so are __ ways _____ than __ _____, and __ thoughts than _____.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

John 10:10; Romans 6:23; Nahum 1:9.

KEY TEXT: 1 Corinthians 4:9

“We have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.”

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Jesus' great sacrifice to save us shows everyone in the universe two important things: what God is like, and why His law is so important. How does it do that? Have you ever made a model of something, like an animal, or a house? A model is a little version of something much bigger.

Our key text for today tells us that our world is like a model. Like a model, it shows in a small way the results of loving God, and obeying His law; or following Satan, and breaking God's law. All the angels, as well as beings on other worlds God made, are watching to see what happens on Earth. In everything that happens, they can see that following God brings happiness and life. They also see that disobeying God brings sadness, pain, and death. Because of what is happening on Earth today, the loyal beings never, ever want to sin. They know sin is very dangerous. One day soon, sin will come to its end. After that, the whole universe will be safe from sin, forever, all because of Jesus' sacrifice.

GOD'S PLAN SHOWS GOD'S LOVE

Can you find the words about the plan of salvation in the puzzle below?

Plan	S	A	L	V	A	T	I	O	N	N	Death
	P	A	D	D	I	Y	E	E	O	P	
Salvation	E	S	C	D	E	T	C	I	D	E	Counsel
	A	X	V	R	E	A	T	P	P	N	
Redemption	C	H	T	R	I	P	T	L	P	A	Peace
	E	U	N	I	M	F	A	H	V	L	
Penalty	V	A	R	E	F	N	I	Y	R	T	Mystery
	L	V	D	X	O	Y	V	C	O	Y	
Eternal	L	E	S	N	U	O	C	X	E	I	Sacrifice
	R	U	Q	M	Y	S	T	E	R	Y	





THURSDAY

LET'S PRAY Our Father, thank You for the amazing prophecies in the Bible. Please help me to understand them. In –Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - ISAIAH 55:8,9

“For ___ thoughts are _____, nor are ___ ways _____,” says _____. “For as the heavens are _____ than the _____, so are _____ than _____, and _____ than _____.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Joshua 24:15; Deuteronomy 30:15; 1 John 3:1.

KEY TEXT: Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Genesis 3:15 is one of the most amazing prophecies of the Bible. One of the things it foretells is the conflict, or war, that has been happening on Earth ever since Adam and Eve sinned. This war will last until God makes our world brand new. This big war is often called the great controversy.

There are 2 sides in this war: good versus evil. There are also 2 leaders. The leader of the good side is Jesus, also called Michael in some prophecies. The "seed of the woman" (Genesis 3:15) is another name for Jesus. The leader of the evil side is Satan, also called the serpent or dragon. Each person who ever lives on Earth must choose one side or the other. Those who choose God's side are called God's children. Those who choose Satan's side are called the children, or seed, of the devil. God's children follow and obey God, while Satan's children follow and obey Satan.

CHOOSING SIDES

In Seasons 1-5, we learned about many Old Testament characters. Each of these people made a choice about which side of the Great Controversy he or she would be on. Draw a line between the person and their Bible verse. Write down who they followed – **God** or **Satan**.

Person		Bible Reference	Their Leader
King Saul ●	●	Number 14:24	_____
Joseph ●	●	Ruth 1:16	_____
Cain ●	●	1 Kings 21:25	_____
Caleb ●	●	Genesis 39:9	_____
Jacob ●	●	Acts 13:22	_____
Ruth ●	●	1 Samuel 15:11	_____
King David ●	●	Genesis 4:8	_____
King Ahab ●	●	Genesis 28:20 & 21	_____





FRIDAY

LET'S PRAY My dear God, thank You so much for sending Jesus to take the penalty of my sin. Please help me to obey You just like He did. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - ISAIAH 55:8,9

“For ___ thoughts are _____, nor are _____
____,” _____ . “For as the _____ are _____ than
the _____, so are _____ than _____, and _____
_____ than _____.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Genesis 3:6-19.

KEY TEXT: Romans 6:23

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

When Eve, then Adam, ate the fruit from the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, each made a sad decision that has changed everything on Earth. Because of that, each person that has ever been born on Earth is attracted to sin. Things in nature that don't understand sin, like plants and animals, have also been changed. Now animals hunt and kill one another. They suffer pain and die. Thorns, thistles, and poisonous plants grow, and plants die. All these are *RESULTS* of sin.

But Jesus also made a choice. Jesus chose to live on earth as a human and to suffer the *RESULTS* of sin, like every person who has ever lived. But Jesus would also do something that no being has ever done before. On the cross, He would experience the penalty of sin for every human. The *PENALTY* of sin is *eternal death*, called the second death in Revelation 2:11; 20:6, etc. Jesus took the penalty for *OUR* sins upon Himself. Those who choose to accept Jesus' sacrifice will not suffer the *penalty* of sin. Those who choose to continue to sin and to reject Jesus' sacrifice will die the second death themselves. Why do that, when Jesus has done it for us?

RESULT OR PENALTY?

It is important to know the difference between the *RESULTS* and *PENALTY* of sin. The *results* of sin are things caused by sin in our world today. The *penalty* of sin is eternal death - the second death. Look at the list of things below. Before each word, write "R" if it is a result of sin, and "P" if it is a penalty for sin.

- _____ Thorns
- _____ What Jesus suffered on the cross
- _____ Animals killing other animals
- _____ Eternal death
- _____ A heart attracted to sin
- _____ Dry sandy deserts
- _____ Venomous spiders





SABBATH

LET'S PRAY Dear Lord, thank You for Your wonderful promise to create a perfect new world. Please help me to be ready to live there.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - ISAIAH 55:8,9

“For _____ are _____, nor are _____
_____,” _____ . “For as the _____ are _____ than
the _____, so are _____ than _____, and _____
_____ than _____.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Revelation 21:1-5.

KEY TEXT: [Revelation 21:1](#)

“Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.”

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Many people today wonder, "Why is there evil in this world? If God is love, why doesn't He stop the evil?" The truth is, God *is* working to stop evil. But evil is a big, tricky problem. It takes time to solve the problem of evil. When God's plan is completed, there will never, ever be evil again.

All evil in our world today is the *result* of sin. By seeing the *results* of sin, every being in the universe can see how dangerous sin is. But, every person who accepts Jesus' sacrifice will never have to suffer the *penalty* of sin, which is eternal death. Because of Jesus' love for us, we can live forever in a perfect, beautiful new earth, with God Himself.

THE GREAT CONTROVERSY SAGA, PART 1

A saga is a story with many different parts. Use the words below to tell the Great Controversy saga from its beginning, with war in heaven, up to the time when God told Adam and Eve about His plan to save them.

price perfect lies eternal Eve Lucifer enemy
Satan mercy Adam jealous death guilty penalty

_____ was once a beautiful angel created _____ by God. But very slowly, he began to be _____ of God's position in heaven. Lucifer wanted to be first, to have a throne and be worshipped like God.

Lucifer spread cunning _____ about God all through heaven. He claimed that he would be a better ruler than God. One-third of the angels finally chose to believe Lucifer. With Lucifer, they left their places, and were cast out of heaven. Lucifer was now _____, God's _____.

By telling lies about God, Satan deceived _____, just as he had deceived the angels in heaven. Eve tempted _____, and he also ate the fruit from the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Adam and Eve were _____ and deserved to suffer the _____ of sin, eternal _____. But God's _____ is so great that He promised to send Jesus to pay the _____ of sin so that they and all people (for we all have sinned) could have another chance to gain _____ life





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This week we will learn about God's wonderful plan to save us, the plan of salvation or the plan of redemption.



Torchlight

"The work of redemption will be complete. In the place where sin abounded, God's grace much more abounds. The earth itself, the very field that Satan claims as his, is to be not only ransomed but exalted."

– The Desire of Ages, pp. 25,26