

RENOVATIONS

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Part 4: Living Devotional Readings for March 16-21

Notes

Monday, March 16 Read Psalm 77

There are times when the world seems to be so strongly against us and God seems to be distant. Here the psalmist pauses to reflect on how God has always been with him and a source of strength. How does your past experience with God help you to be faithful to the calling God has placed on your life? _____

Discuss this with God in prayer today.

Tuesday, March 17 Read Deuteronomy 26:18-19

“Holiness” literally and simply means to be set apart for a special purpose. What does it mean for you to be part of God’s holy people? _____

Take some time to reflect on the scripture’s promise that you are not only specially set apart, you are, literally, God’s treasure.

Wednesday, March 18 Read John 15:12-20

What do the two parts of this passage- the commandment to love and the warning of the world’s hatred- tell you about the purpose of the Christian life? _____

Look at vv.16 & 19. What does it mean, in your daily life, to be “chosen out of the world?” _____

How does, or should, that affect your goals and priorities? _____

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Scripture: Psalm 139:1-18

- 1. The Christian life is one in which Jesus is present in every aspect.**
- 2. Yet we must also seek to be where Jesus is first.**



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Thursday, March 19 Read Romans 12:1-21

It is important to read the guidelines for behavior listed here not simply as a set of rules we are to follow, but rather as the result of a close walk with Christ and a transforming of our normal and worldly way of seeing and acting. Why is it so important for our mission to avoid conforming to the world around us? _____

What do we offer that's different? _____

Friday, March 20 Read John 17:1-2;13-26

Jesus' prayer here is complex so read it through slowly and reflect on His words. Note that there is no promise that things will be necessarily easy for Christian disciples, indeed quite the contrary. Why does the world (then and now) resist and despise the message of Christ? _____

Where do disciples find and receive strength to stand firm?(Be as specific as possible!) _____

Saturday, March 21 Read 2 Timothy 1:9 & 2:1-26

List some of the points of encouragement or strength Paul offers to Timothy is being firm and faithful to his ministry. How might these encourage you when you meet difficulty and resistance? _____

Where do you encounter the most resistance to living the life of a disciple? _____

How much resistance comes from inside yourself? Why? _____