

PSALMS OF ASCENT

WEEK 4

DAY 1: READ PSALM 128:1-2 & JOSHUA 1:1-11

The Lord provides for His people. The path of righteousness that points to God stems from Jesus, is guided by scripture and prompted onward by the Holy Spirit. Don't give up on the promises of God. How have you seen the goodness of God's plans for you?

DAY 2: READ DEUTERONOMY 8 & JOHN 15

Just like the Lord constantly reminded the Israelites of His unending promises for them, Jesus is our hope, our promise and our purpose. Just like God provided for His people wandering through the wilderness all those years, never letting them go hungry or have their clothes wear out, we too have the unending assurances of God. In Jesus, God has assured us we will no longer be lost, hungry or suffer death. Instead, we will be nourished by His Holy Spirit. Let's cling to the Living Vine so the world can watch as we grow and produce lasting spiritual fruit; let's blossom on His Vine so the world can declare that they have seen the goodness of God and want to know Him too!

DAY 3: READ HEBREWS 12 & DEUTERONOMY 29:16-29

God is not a despot; we've seen His works, heard His words and found shelter in the blood of His Son, Jesus. His holiness is absolute, His power unrivaled, His promises unending. Just like His character compels us (and all creation!) to love and worship Him, His authority inspires fearful reverence.

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His discipline is for our good and His glory. Let's neither shirk the starkness of His grace nor shrug off the seriousness of sinning against Him and its consequences.

DAY 4: READ PSALM 128:5-6

As followers of Jesus, we've now inherited the prosperity of the Lord's blessing. Because of Jesus' blood and God's grace, we are now included into this beautiful family of God. Are you focused on creating a comfortable, tangible prosperity in your life or are you focused on bringing others into the eternal riches of Christ in the family of God? May we strive and endure to see generation after generation know the love of Jesus!

DAY 5: READ ISAIAH 61:1-9

When we allow Christ to transform us, scripture to teach us and the Holy Spirit to guide us, the hungry world notices. Let's let Christ's work in our families' lives be the bright beacon that signals to the world that there is hope, healing, forgiveness and great blessing in the blood of Jesus and it is undeniable and incapable of being copied!

DAY 6: READ PSALM 128:3-4 & ISAIAH 61:10-11

The Lord's promise for us is for our good, His glory and the rescue of others. Just like good soil causes great things to grow, the unrivaled holiness, goodness, justice and gracious love of our Father inspires every good thing to grow. The hungry are fed, the destitute find shelter and the world rejoices. Look around you. How do you see the Holy Spirit at work in the world? Rejoice and delight in Him and marvel at the things He's doing. Help someone else see the great hope of Jesus by sharing that perspective with them today.