

Good Morning, Saints!

2020 - For His Glory

...Pray His Glory Across The Earth...*

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Habakkuk 2:14 - For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

The Lord Jesus says to us, "Do not be afraid..." because this always fills the earth with more of the knowledge of His glory as the waters cover the sea. One example of this is found in **Matthew 1:18-25.**

**"But after he had considered this an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,
"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife,
because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.**

The Lord's "Do not be afraid" and His glory - All of us have things that come at us each day that raise fear alarms in our hearts and minds. This world does its best to always give us reason to be afraid no matter whether life seems to be good or back for us or things go as we expected or in a totally unexpected direction. But, the Lord's response to anything that would cause us to give into fear and anxiety is to trust Him and to listen to Him when He says "Do not be afraid" because with Him all things are possible and He is completely able to overcome even the worst of our fears.

Joseph and Mary both learned this when the Lord was born, when they had to most likely endure a lot of gossip and criticism, instead of encouragement and appreciation, and especially when they had to flee to Egypt because of Herod's soldiers. The Lord was with them in all things and taught them how to not be afraid and when we get this today that because of Him we really don't have to be afraid, the Lord always receives honor and glory

Therefore, as we seek the Lord today, let's thank Him that because of Him we can live free from fear and don't have to be afraid. Let's resist going by what we see and instead learn to trust what the Lord sees and what He can do. And, let's rejoice and be glad that the great message of Christmas really is "Do not be afraid!" for in all things we really can learn to trust Him and without fear keep loving one another as He commanded us, for this is the greatest testimony we can give each other and everyone else that He is alive and can totally save all who believe in Him. **Lord Jesus, help us truly love one another just as you have loved us and bring glory and honor to You! Amen!**

Sincerely yours,

Pastor Ron

The 2020 Prayer Focus – **that we would all give ourselves to excel in love, to excel in prayer, to excel in funderful and to excel in doing what is good for this brings the Lord honor and glory and be exceedingly glad that prayer has been protected in our public schools as of January 17th by a Presidential executive order!**

Today's Bible Chapters – 12/17

2 Chronicles 19-20
Zechariah 4
John 7
Revelation 8

The Lord would rather have your company than your property. J. B. Stone (1815-1897)**

Proverbs 17

Friday's Bible Chapters – 12/18

2 Chronicles 21
Zechariah 5
John 8
Revelation 9

Value yourself by your inheritance in the other world, and not by your honour and riches in this. William Gurnall (1617-1679)**

Proverbs 18

Saturday's Bible Chapters – 12/19

2 Chronicles 22-23

Zechariah 6
John 9
Revelation 10

Nothing that the world contains is worth the life and consecration of an immortal soul. Henry Drummond
(1851-1897)**

Proverbs 19

Sunday's Bible Chapters – 12/20

2 Chronicles 24
Zechariah 7
John 10
Revelation 11

Where there is no fervency on our part, no wonder if there is no answer on God's. Robert South (1633-1716)**

Proverbs 20

Monday's Bible Chapters – 12/21

2 Chronicles 25
Zechariah 8
John 11
Revelation 12

It is notable that our Lord Jesus, when there were but five barley loaves and two fishes, lifted up His eyes and gave thanks. Thomas Manton (1620-1677)**

Proverbs 21

Tuesday's Bible Chapters – 12/22

2 Chronicles 26
Zechariah 9
John 12

Revelation 13 **Though there was much smoke, yet every day I had more and more convincing proof that a blessed Gospel fire had been kindled in the hearts of ministers and people. (concerning evangelistic work in America)**

George Whitfield (1714-1770)**

Proverbs 22

Wednesday's Bible Chapters – 12/23

2 Chronicles 27-28
Zechariah 10
John 13
Revelation 14

Because Christ was forsaken for a time, you shall not be forsaken forever, for he was forsaken for you. John Flavel
(1627-1691)**

Proverbs 23

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God will neither expect nor desire his blessing without exertion; for it has always been God's way to crown only those that run the race that is set before them, and fight the good fight of faith. William Jay (1769-1853)**

*National Day of Prayer Task Force Theme for 2020.

**On Earth as it is in Heaven, A Classic Bible Reading Guide compiled by Stephen Hill