**Morning Watch LIVING IN THE REALITY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD - Week 4 May 12-18, 2025**

**The Exercise of the Kingdom for the Building Up of the Church**

 **Monday 5/12**

**Matt. 16:18, 21**

**18** And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

**21** From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised.

**John 12:24**

**24** Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

**2 Cor. 4:10-11**

**10** Always bearing about in the body the putting to death of Jesus that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

**11** For we who are alive are always being delivered unto death for Jesus' sake that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

**Gal. 2:20**

**20** I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

**Gal. 5:24**

**24** But they who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and its lusts.

**Rom. 6:4**

**4** We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Living in the Reality of the Kingdom of God – Week 4, Day 1*

 **Tuesday 5/13**

**Matt. 16:19, 23, 24, 25-26**

**19** I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in the heavens, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in the heavens.

**23** But He turned and said to Peter, Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me, for you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of men.

**24** Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

**25** For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his soul-life for My sake shall find it.

**26** For what shall a man be profited if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul-life? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul-life?

**Rom. 6:12, 14**

**12** Do not let sin therefore reign in your mortal body so that you obey the body's lusts;

**14** For sin will not lord it over you, for you are not under the law but under grace.

**Eph. 6:16-17**

**16** Besides all these, having taken up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming darts of the evil one.

**17** And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Living in the Reality of the Kingdom of God – Week 4, Day 2*

**Wednesday 5/14**

**Luke 9:23**

**23** And He said to them all, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

**1 Cor. 15:31**

**31** I protest by the boasting in you, brothers, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

**Matt. 7:21-23**

**21** Not every one who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but he who does the will of My Father who is in the heavens.

**22** Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, was it not in Your name that we prophesied, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name did many works of power?

**23** And then I will declare to them: I never knew you. Depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.

**John 5:19**

**19** Then Jesus answered and said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, The Son can do nothing from Himself except what He sees the Father doing, for whatever that One does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

**John 15:5**

**5** I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

**Eph. 4:16**

**16** Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

**Phil. 2:3**

**3** Doing nothing by way of selfish ambition nor by way of vainglory, but in lowliness of mind considering one another more excellent than yourselves;

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Living in the Reality of the Kingdom of God – Week 4, Day 3*

**Thursday 5/15**

**Luke 23:34**

**34** And Jesus said, Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. And dividing His garments, they cast lots.

**2 Cor. 12:15**

**15** But I, I will most gladly spend and be utterly spent on behalf of your souls. If I love you more abundantly, am I loved less?

**Matt. 20:26-28**

**26** It shall not be so among you; but whoever wants to become great among you shall be your servant,

**27** And whoever wants to be first among you shall be your slave;

**28** Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.

**Rom 12:3**

**3** For I say, through the grace given to me, to every one who is among you, not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think, but to think so as to be sober-minded, as God has apportioned to each a measure of faith.

**Matt. 6:14**

**14** For if you forgive men their offenses, your heavenly Father will forgive you also;

**1 Cor. 12:25**

**25** That there would be no division in the body, but that the members would have the same care for one another.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Living in the Reality of the Kingdom of God – Week 4, Day 4*

 **Friday 5/16**

**Matt. 26:39**

**39** And going forward a little, He fell on His face and prayed, saying, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.

**Eph. 4:3**

**3** Being diligent to keep the oneness of the Spirit in the uniting bond of peace:

**Matt. 16:24**

***See Tuesday***

**Heb. 12:2**

**2** Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down on the right hand of the throne of God.

**Col. 1:24**

**24** I now rejoice in my sufferings on your behalf and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His Body, which is the church;

**John 17:21, 23**

**21** That they all may be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that You have sent Me.

**23** I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected into one, that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.

**Eph. 4:13**

**13** Until we all arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, at a full-grown man, at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Living in the Reality of the Kingdom of God – Week 4, Day 5*

**Saturday 5/17**

**Matt. 16:25**

***See Tuesday***

**Heb. 12:2**

**2** Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down on the right hand of the throne of God.

**Rom. 14:7**

**7** For none of us lives to himself, and none dies to himself;

**John 10:10-11**

**10** The thief does not come except to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly.

**11** I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

**Isa. 53:12**

**12** Therefore I will divide to Him a portion with the Great, And He will divide the spoil with the Strong; Because He poured out His life unto death And was numbered with the transgressors, Yet He alone bore the sin of many And interceded for the transgressors.

**John 12:24-26**

**24** Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

**25** He who loves his soul-life loses it; and he who hates his soul-life in this world shall keep it unto eternal life.

**26** If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there also My servant will be. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Living in the Reality of the Kingdom of God – Week 4, Day 6*

 **Lord’s Day 5/18**

**Matt. 25:21, 23**

**21** His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful over a few things; I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master.

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**1 Cor. 2:9**

**9** But as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard and which have not come up in man's heart; things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

**Luke 14:26**

**26** If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, and moreover, even his own soul-life, he cannot be My disciple.

**Rev. 12:11**

**11** And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death.

**Matt. 16:25-28**

**25-26 *See Tuesday***

**27**For the Son of Man is to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will repay each man according to his doings.

**28**Truly I say to you, There are some of those standing here who shall by no means taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.

**Hymn:** *#481*

 **Further Reading:**

 *CWWL, 1979, vol. 1,*

*“Basic Lessons On Life,” ch. 4*

**Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Genesis**

**Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading**

**Scripture Reading and Copying**: *Gen. 13*

**Assigned Reading**: *Life-study of Genesis, msg(s). 27-28*

**Level 2—Topical Study**

**Crucial Point**: *The Judgment on the Serpent and the Promise Regarding the Seed of the Woman*

**Scripture:** *Gen. 3:14-15*

**Assigned Reading**: *Life-study of Genesis, msg. 19-20*

**Supplemental Reading***: God's Eternal Intention and Satan's Counterplot,* ch. 3*; The Tree of Life,* ch. 9*; Truth Lessons, Level Two, Vol. 1,* ch. 2; *Revelations in Genesis: Seeing God's Way of Salvation in Man's Fall,* ch. 4

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