

**READ THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE FOR 03/04/13 TO 03/10/13**

**MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013 Read Psalm 119**

As you read today's psalm, note the various ways its author refers to the Word of God: the *law of the Lord*, the *statutes of God*, *God's commands*, and so on. In each case, the phrases refer to the whole Word of God, Law *and* Gospel, not just the commandments. Look for places in which the "Word of God" could also mean Jesus, who is the Word made flesh (John 1:14).

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013 Read Psalms 120 to 125**

The city of Jerusalem, and in particular the temple, stood on a hill above the surrounding countryside. When God's people went to Jerusalem, they "went *up* to Jerusalem." All Hebrew males over the age of 12 were required to make this pilgrimage three times a year to celebrate the three great festivals--Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. Psalms 120-134 provided traveling music, as it were, or "songs of ascents." Whole families would crowd the road as they sang these psalms in praise to God on their way to worship. As you read, picture these processions.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2013 Read Psalms 126-134**

The "songs of ascents" continue in today's psalms. As you read them, note both the praises and the concerns God's people bring on their hearts as they come together to worship Him.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2013 Read Psalms 135 to 137**

As you pray today's psalms be especially mindful of the times the psalmist uses God's covenant name, in English Bibles rendered as "the Lord." Remember that in Hebrew this name, Yahweh, may come from a verb form that means "to cause to happen." In the context of God's kindness and His promises to His Old Testament people, the name can be paraphrased "He Who Makes the Good Thing Happen" (Exodus 34:5-7).

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2013 Read Psalms 138 to 143**

*The Lord knows you better than you know yourself.* Does that thought comfort you? Challenge you? Do you believe it? Think about these questions as you pray today's psalms, particularly Psalm 139.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2013 Read Psalms 144 to 150**

The closing hymns of the Psalter extol our Lord for His wisdom, power, majesty, and justice. And they rejoice in His mercy, love, care, forgiveness, and righteousness. Pray these psalms in praise to the Lord, your God. As you do so, remember that He has given you His righteousness as a gift through the finished work of our Lord Jesus. Your God counts you as one of his saints, His righteous ones, His people. You are a part of Zion, Jerusalem, and Jacob. You belong to Him as His holy child.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2013 JOIN US IN THE MORNING FOR WORSHIP AS OUR PRESCHOOLERS PRAISE GOD WITH THEIR VOICES THEN TAKE SOME TIME LATER IN THE DAY TO FINISH ANY EXTRA READINGS.**