

## Read the Whole Bible with Pastor

### **Monday (January 22) – Psalms 120, 121, 122**

Psalm 120 is a prayer for when a Christian is attacked by the tongue. There is a war of words going on. True Christians are often maligned, gossiped and spoken ill of by the world and those who call themselves Christians but really aren't. The Psalmist doesn't say that words cannot hurt him; words can. Instead, he turns to the Lord who delivers us from all evil including quarrelsome and malicious people. Psalm 121 is a psalm of comfort. We lift our eyes to the "hills" which is where our help comes from. The hills are the strong places. For us the "hills" from whence our aid comes is in God's Word. Christ in His Word promises to protect you day and night and keep your life from all evil until life everlasting. Psalm 122 is how the Christian's the greatest joy is to go into the house of the Lord! Every Sunday we enter the Lord's presence and He gives us the peace of Christ which surpasses all understanding.

### **Tuesday (January 23) – Psalms 123–129**

Psalm 123 is a prayer in which we cry out to God for mercy. In Christ we receive God's mercy and deliverance from all evil. Psalm 124 is a prayer of thanksgiving that Christ is on our side, and that He has broken the snares and traps the evil one has set out for us. Psalm 125 is another psalm expressing faith in Christ and giving Him thanks for His protection. The "righteous," "the good" and the "upright" are descriptions of believers who are righteous through faith in Christ and live upright lives. Psalm 126 is psalm of thanksgiving, probably written after the return from exile in Babylon. For us our fortunes will be restored and our mouths will be filled with laughter when we are taken out of this body of sin and given a glorified and pure body and soul without sin in life everlasting.

Psalm 127 is a psalm to remind us that all things are in God's control. It's vain to make your plans and begin your work without entrusting it into the hands of the Heavenly Father. Also, this Psalm teaches us that children are a blessing and not a curse, nor is there any limit placed here on how many children are a to be considered a "blessing." How ever many children God gives to a husband and wife is a blessing. Psalm 128 is another teaching psalm. The Holy Spirit wants you to know that when you fear the Lord by keeping His Word and ordering your life according to it, there are earthly blessings attached to keeping it. In general, your life will be better when you follow God's Word and pattern your life after it. Psalm 129 is a psalm to be prayed in times of persecution when the church is being attacked. Despite how much we are afflicted, Christ promises that the gates of Hell shall not prevail against us.

### **Wednesday (January 24) – Psalms 130–134**

Psalm 130 is a penitential psalm. We confess our sins to the Lord and with Him there is forgiveness. Whenever you are in the depths of sin and shame, cry out to Christ for mercy and He promises to hear you, for with Him is plentiful redemption! Psalm 131 is a good psalm to pray against pride and to pray when anxious and worried. Pride and anxiety go together because the sin of pride is thinking, "I am in control." Then when things don't go as we

thought, we become worried and anxious. Dear Christian, calm your soul when you are worried by praying this psalm and putting all things into your heavenly Father's hands. Psalm 132 is prayer about God's promise to David to establish his throne forever. This prayer is answered by Jesus who is the King of Israel. Christ sits on the throne of David forever ruling in His Kingdom of grace and salvation. Psalm 133 is a psalm of unity. The devil wants congregations and churches to be always fighting and being divided. Don't let the devil destroy your congregation's unity in Christ! Psalm 134 is a psalm for pastors who serve in the church. It's also a psalm for all the laity who serve. Are you burned out, tired or discouraged? Instead of complaining, lift up your hands in prayer and bless the Lord for all that He has done for you!

#### **Thursday (January 25) –Psalms 135, 136**

Psalm 135 is a psalm of comfort. The idols may seem powerful and strong but they will fall before God, and all who worship them will become as spiritually lifeless as their idols. But Christ's name endures forever and on the Last Day He will vindicate you by giving you eternal life! Psalm 136 is a prayer of thanks for God's "steadfast love." His steadfast love is His undeserved grace and mercy for you in Christ. He has shown His steadfast love in creating and saving you!

#### **Friday (January 26)- Psalms 137, 138, 139**

Psalm 137 is a lament for Jerusalem after its destruction. We pray this lament whenever the church becomes overtaken by lies and false teachers who want to destroy the Gospel. Psalm 138 is a prayer giving thanks to Christ for saving us. Psalm 139 praises God for His loving care and constant protection of our life. Life begins at conception in the womb (vv. 13–16). From our conception to our last days on earth, God leads us in the way everlasting.

#### **Saturday (January 27) – Psalms 140-143**

Psalms 140–143 are prayers asking for God's deliverance and protection. Psalm 143 is about how our souls are spiritually parched and thirsty. Christ and His Word refreshes our souls with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and everlasting life.

#### **Sunday (January 28) – Psalms 144, 145**

Psalm 144 is a prayer for strength in the spiritual warfare in which we are engaged against the devil, the world and our sinful nature. Christ trains us for this warfare, and He gives us the victory. Psalm 145 is a prayer for evangelism and mission. We pray that the next generation will know the wondrous works of Christ our Savior, and that His kingdom will continue to spread and endure throughout all generations.