



# APRIL 13

## GCC 2021 READING PLAN

Leviticus 17

Psalms 20-21

Proverbs 31

I Timothy 2

The Discipline of Grace 1

**PRAY:**

*Father show us who you are. Show us your person, your power, your purposes. Overwhelm us with a knowledge of you that penetrates our minds and imbeds itself in the deepest recesses of our hearts. Let this knowledge so change our hearts that it results in our lives being lived in light of who you are, what you have done and what you say is true about us in Jesus Christ.*

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**AS YOU READ THROUGH TODAY'S PASSAGES REFLECT ON THESE QUESTIONS:**

**What are some things revealed in these passages about the person and character of God? Who is he? What is he like?**

**What are some things that God has done to reveal who he is?**

**Who are you in light of God's work? What is it that God is saying about you?**

**How should knowing who God is, what he has done and what he says about you change how you live?**



### The Place of Sacrifice

**17** And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Speak to Aaron and his sons and to all the people of Israel and say to them, This is the thing that the LORD has commanded. <sup>3</sup>If any one of the house of Israel kills an ox or a lamb or a goat in the camp, or kills it outside the camp, <sup>4</sup>and does not bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting to offer it as a gift to the LORD in front of the tabernacle of the LORD, bloodguilt shall be imputed to that man. He has shed blood, and that man shall be cut off from among his people. <sup>5</sup>This is to the end that the people of Israel may bring their sacrifices that they sacrifice in the open field, that they may bring them to the LORD, to the priest at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and sacrifice them as sacrifices of peace offerings to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And the priest shall throw the blood on the altar of the LORD at the entrance of the tent of meeting and burn the fat for a pleasing aroma to the LORD. <sup>7</sup>So they shall no more sacrifice their sacrifices to goat demons, after whom they whore. This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations.

<sup>8</sup>“And you shall say to them, Any one of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among them, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice <sup>9</sup>and does not bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting to offer it to the LORD, that man shall be cut off from his people.

### Laws Against Eating Blood

<sup>10</sup>“If any one of the house of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn among them eats any blood, I will set my face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from among his people. <sup>11</sup>For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, No person among you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger who sojourns among you eat blood.

<sup>13</sup>“Any one also of the people of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among them, who takes in hunting any beast or bird that may be eaten shall pour out its blood and cover it with earth. <sup>14</sup>For the life of every creature is its blood: its blood is its life. Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, You shall not eat the blood of any creature, for the life of every creature is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off. <sup>15</sup>And every person who eats what dies of itself or what is torn by beasts, whether he is a native or a sojourner, shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening; then he shall be clean. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not wash them or bathe his flesh, he shall bear his iniquity.”



## PSALM 20-21

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### Trust in the Name of the LORD Our God

**20** TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID.

- <sup>1</sup> May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble!  
May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!
- <sup>2</sup> May he send you help from the sanctuary  
and give you support from Zion!
- <sup>3</sup> May he remember all your offerings  
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! *Selah*
- <sup>4</sup> May he grant you your heart's desire  
and fulfill all your plans!
- <sup>5</sup> May we shout for joy over your salvation,  
and in the name of our God set up our banners!  
May the LORD fulfill all your petitions!
- <sup>6</sup> Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed;  
he will answer him from his holy heaven  
with the saving might of his right hand.
- <sup>7</sup> Some trust in chariots and some in horses,  
but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.
- <sup>8</sup> They collapse and fall,  
but we rise and stand upright.
- <sup>9</sup> O LORD, save the king!  
May he answer us when we call.

### The King Rejoices in the LORD's Strength

**21** TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID.

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD, in your strength the king rejoices,  
and in your salvation how greatly he exults!
- <sup>2</sup> You have given him his heart's desire  
and have not withheld the request of his lips. *Selah*
- <sup>3</sup> For you meet him with rich blessings;  
you set a crown of fine gold upon his head.
- <sup>4</sup> He asked life of you; you gave it to him,  
length of days forever and ever.
- <sup>5</sup> His glory is great through your salvation;  
splendor and majesty you bestow on him.

- <sup>6</sup> For you make him most blessed forever;  
you make him glad with the joy of your presence.
- <sup>7</sup> For the king trusts in the LORD,  
and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.
- <sup>8</sup> Your hand will find out all your enemies;  
your right hand will find out those who hate you.
- <sup>9</sup> You will make them as a blazing oven  
when you appear.  
The LORD will swallow them up in his wrath,  
and fire will consume them.
- <sup>10</sup> You will destroy their descendants from the earth,  
and their offspring from among the children of man.
- <sup>11</sup> Though they plan evil against you,  
though they devise mischief, they will not succeed.
- <sup>12</sup> For you will put them to flight;  
you will aim at their faces with your bows.
- <sup>13</sup> Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength!  
We will sing and praise your power.



## PROVERBS 31

### The Words of King Lemuel

**31** The words of King Lemuel. An oracle that his mother taught him:

- <sup>2</sup> What are you doing, my son? What are you doing, son of my womb?  
What are you doing, son of my vows?
- <sup>3</sup> Do not give your strength to women,  
your ways to those who destroy kings.
- <sup>4</sup> It is not for kings, O Lemuel,  
it is not for kings to drink wine,  
or for rulers to take strong drink,

- 5 lest they drink and forget what has been decreed  
and pervert the rights of all the afflicted.
- 6 Give strong drink to the one who is perishing,  
and wine to those in bitter distress;
- 7 let them drink and forget their poverty  
and remember their misery no more.
- 8 Open your mouth for the mute,  
for the rights of all who are destitute.
- 9 Open your mouth, judge righteously,  
defend the rights of the poor and needy.

### **The Woman Who Fears the LORD**

- 10 An excellent wife who can find?  
She is far more precious than jewels.
- 11 The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
and he will have no lack of gain.
- 12 She does him good, and not harm,  
all the days of her life.
- 13 She seeks wool and flax,  
and works with willing hands.
- 14 She is like the ships of the merchant;  
she brings her food from afar.
- 15 She rises while it is yet night  
and provides food for her household  
and portions for her maidens.
- 16 She considers a field and buys it;

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with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

17 She dresses herself with strength  
and makes her arms strong.

18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.  
Her lamp does not go out at night.

19 She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her hands hold the spindle.

20 She opens her hand to the poor  
and reaches out her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of snow for her household,  
for all her household are clothed in scarlet.

22 She makes bed coverings for herself;  
her clothing is fine linen and purple.

23 Her husband is known in the gates  
when he sits among the elders of the land.

24 She makes linen garments and sells them;  
she delivers sashes to the merchant.

25 Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the time to come.

26 She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

27 She looks well to the ways of her household  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

28 Her children rise up and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praises her:

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- <sup>29</sup> “Many women have done excellently,  
but you surpass them all.”
- <sup>30</sup> Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
- <sup>31</sup> Give her of the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the gates.

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## I TIMOTHY 2

### Pray for All People

<sup>2</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

<sup>8</sup> I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; <sup>9</sup> likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, <sup>10</sup> but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. <sup>11</sup> Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. <sup>12</sup> I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. <sup>13</sup> For Adam was formed first, then Eve; <sup>14</sup> and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. <sup>15</sup> Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.



## THE DISCIPLINE OF GRACE BY JERRY BRIDGES

After Reading Chapter 1 of The Discipline of Grace answer the questions numbered 1, 2, 9, and 10 on pages 241-247.



**JOURNAL A PRAYER TO THE LORD FROM YOUR READING TODAY.**

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