



# APRIL 24

## GCC 2021 READING PLAN

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Psalm 35

Ecclesiastes 11

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**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?**



## A Census of Israel's Warriors

<sup>1</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

<sup>2</sup> "Take a census of all the congregation of the people of Israel, by clans, by fathers' houses, according to the number of names, every male, head by head. <sup>3</sup> From twenty years old and upward, all in Israel who are able to go to war, you and Aaron shall list them, company by company. <sup>4</sup> And there shall be with you a man from each tribe, each man being the head of the house of his fathers. <sup>5</sup> And these are the names of the men who shall assist you. From Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur; <sup>6</sup> from Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai; <sup>7</sup> from Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab; <sup>8</sup> from Issachar, Nethanel the son of Zuar; <sup>9</sup> from Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon; <sup>10</sup> from the sons of Joseph, from Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud, and from Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur; <sup>11</sup> from Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideoni; <sup>12</sup> from Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai; <sup>13</sup> from Asher, Pagiel the son of Ochran; <sup>14</sup> from Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel; <sup>15</sup> from Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan."

<sup>16</sup> These were the ones chosen from the congregation, the chiefs of their ancestral tribes, the heads of the clans of Israel.

<sup>17</sup> Moses and Aaron took these men who had been named, <sup>18</sup> and on the first day of the second month, they assembled the whole congregation together, who registered themselves by clans, by fathers' houses, according to the number of names from twenty years old and upward, head by head, <sup>19</sup> as the LORD commanded Moses. So he listed them in the wilderness of Sinai.

<sup>20</sup> The people of Reuben, Israel's firstborn, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go to war: <sup>21</sup> those listed of the tribe of Reuben were 46,500.

<sup>22</sup> Of the people of Simeon, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, those of them who were listed, according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go to war: <sup>23</sup> those listed of the tribe of Simeon were 59,300.

<sup>24</sup> Of the people of Gad, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go to war: <sup>25</sup> those listed of the tribe of Gad were 45,650.

<sup>26</sup> Of the people of Judah, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: <sup>27</sup> those listed of the tribe of Judah were 74,600.

<sup>28</sup> Of the people of Issachar, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: <sup>29</sup> those listed of the tribe of Issachar were 54,400.

<sup>30</sup> Of the people of Zebulun, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: <sup>31</sup> those listed of the tribe of Zebulun were 57,400.

<sup>32</sup> Of the people of Joseph, namely, of the people of Ephraim, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: <sup>33</sup> those listed of the tribe of Ephraim were 40,500.

<sup>34</sup> Of the people of Manasseh, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: <sup>35</sup> those listed of the tribe of Manasseh were 32,200.

<sup>36</sup> Of the people of Benjamin, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: <sup>37</sup> those listed of the tribe of Benjamin were 35,400.

<sup>38</sup> Of the people of Dan, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: <sup>39</sup> those listed of the tribe of Dan were 62,700.

<sup>40</sup> Of the people of Asher, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: <sup>41</sup> those listed of the tribe of Asher were 41,500.

<sup>42</sup> Of the people of Naphtali, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: <sup>43</sup> those listed of the tribe of Naphtali were 53,400.

<sup>44</sup> These are those who were listed, whom Moses and Aaron listed with the help of the chiefs of Israel, twelve men, each representing his fathers' house. <sup>45</sup> So all those listed of the people of Israel, by their fathers' houses, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war in Israel— <sup>46</sup> all those listed were 603,550.

### **Levites Exempted**

<sup>47</sup> But the Levites were not listed along with them by their ancestral tribe. <sup>48</sup> For the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>49</sup> "Only the tribe of Levi you shall not list, and you shall not take a census of them among the people of Israel. <sup>50</sup> But appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of the testimony, and over all its furnishings, and over all that belongs to it. They are to carry the tabernacle and all its furnishings, and they shall take care of it and shall camp around the tabernacle. <sup>51</sup> When the tabernacle is to set out, the Levites shall take it down, and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up. And if any outsider comes near, he shall be put to death. <sup>52</sup> The people of Israel shall pitch their tents by their companies, each man in his own camp and each man by his own standard. <sup>53</sup> But the Levites shall camp around the tabernacle of the testimony, so that there may be no wrath on the congregation of the people of Israel. And the Levites shall keep guard over the tabernacle of the testimony." <sup>54</sup> Thus did the people of Israel; they did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses.



## PSALM 35

### Great Is the LORD

35 OF DAVID.

- <sup>1</sup> Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me;  
fight against those who fight against me!
- <sup>2</sup> Take hold of shield and buckler  
and rise for my help!
- <sup>3</sup> Draw the spear and javelin  
against my pursuers!  
Say to my soul,  
"I am your salvation!"
- <sup>4</sup> Let them be put to shame and dishonor  
who seek after my life!  
Let them be turned back and disappointed  
who devise evil against me!
- <sup>5</sup> Let them be like chaff before the wind,  
with the angel of the LORD driving them away!
- <sup>6</sup> Let their way be dark and slippery,  
with the angel of the LORD pursuing them!
- <sup>7</sup> For without cause they hid their net for me;  
without cause they dug a pit for my life.
- <sup>8</sup> Let destruction come upon him when he does not know it!  
And let the net that he hid ensnare him;  
let him fall into it—to his destruction!
- <sup>9</sup> Then my soul will rejoice in the LORD,  
exulting in his salvation.
- <sup>10</sup> All my bones shall say,  
"O LORD, who is like you,  
delivering the poor  
from him who is too strong for him,  
the poor and needy from him who robs him?"
- <sup>11</sup> Malicious witnesses rise up;  
they ask me of things that I do not know.
- <sup>12</sup> They repay me evil for good;

- my soul is bereft.
- 13 But I, when they were sick—  
I wore sackcloth;  
I afflicted myself with fasting;  
I prayed with head bowed on my chest.
- 14 I went about as though I grieved for my friend or my brother;  
as one who laments his mother,  
I bowed down in mourning.
- 15 But at my stumbling they rejoiced and gathered;  
they gathered together against me;  
wretches whom I did not know  
tore at me without ceasing;
- 16 like profane mockers at a feast,  
they gnash at me with their teeth.
- 17 How long, O Lord, will you look on?  
Rescue me from their destruction,  
my precious life from the lions!
- 18 I will thank you in the great congregation;  
in the mighty throng I will praise you.
- 19 Let not those rejoice over me  
who are wrongfully my foes,  
and let not those wink the eye  
who hate me without cause.
- 20 For they do not speak peace,  
but against those who are quiet in the land  
they devise words of deceit.
- 21 They open wide their mouths against me;  
they say, "Aha, Aha!  
Our eyes have seen it!"
- 22 You have seen, O LORD; be not silent!  
O Lord, be not far from me!
- 23 Awake and rouse yourself for my vindication,  
for my cause, my God and my Lord!
- 24 Vindicate me, O LORD, my God,  
according to your righteousness,  
and let them not rejoice over me!
- 25 Let them not say in their hearts,  
"Aha, our heart's desire!"

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Let them not say, "We have swallowed him up."

- <sup>26</sup> Let them be put to shame and disappointed altogether  
who rejoice at my calamity!

Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor  
who magnify themselves against me!

- <sup>27</sup> Let those who delight in my righteousness  
shout for joy and be glad  
and say evermore,  
"Great is the LORD,  
who delights in the welfare of his servant!"

- <sup>28</sup> Then my tongue shall tell of your righteousness  
and of your praise all the day long.

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## ECCLESIASTES 11

### Cast Your Bread upon the Waters

- <sup>11</sup> Cast your bread upon the waters,  
for you will find it after many days.

- <sup>2</sup> Give a portion to seven, or even to eight,  
for you know not what disaster may happen on earth.

- <sup>3</sup> If the clouds are full of rain,  
they empty themselves on the earth,  
and if a tree falls to the south or to the north,  
in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.

- <sup>4</sup> He who observes the wind will not sow,  
and he who regards the clouds will not reap.

<sup>5</sup> As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.

<sup>6</sup>In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

<sup>7</sup>Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

<sup>8</sup>So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

<sup>10</sup>Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.



## TITUS 3

### Be Ready for Every Good Work

**3** Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, <sup>2</sup>to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. **3** For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. <sup>4</sup>But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. <sup>8</sup>The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. <sup>9</sup>But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. <sup>10</sup>As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, <sup>11</sup>knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

### Final Instructions and Greetings

<sup>12</sup>When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. <sup>13</sup>Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. <sup>14</sup>And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.

<sup>15</sup>All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith.

Grace be with you all.



## **THE DISCIPLINE OF GRACE** BY JERRY BRIDGES

Read Chapter 5 pages 79-86 of The Discipline of Grace. Underline key sentences and meaningful passages. Tomorrow you will answer some questions to help you process your reading.



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

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