



# APRIL 29

## GCC 2021 READING PLAN

Numbers 6

Psalm 40-41

Song of Solomon 4

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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?**



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### The Nazirite Vow

**6** And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When either a man or a woman makes a special vow, the vow of a Nazirite, to separate himself to the LORD, <sup>3</sup> he shall separate himself from wine and strong drink. He shall drink no vinegar made from wine or strong drink and shall not drink any juice of grapes or eat grapes, fresh or dried.

<sup>4</sup> All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing that is produced by the grapevine, not even the seeds or the skins.

<sup>5</sup> "All the days of his vow of separation, no razor shall touch his head. Until the time is completed for which he separates himself to the LORD, he shall be holy. He shall let the locks of hair of his head grow long.

<sup>6</sup> "All the days that he separates himself to the LORD he shall not go near a dead body. <sup>7</sup> Not even for his father or for his mother, for brother or sister, if they die, shall he make himself unclean, because his separation to God is on his head. <sup>8</sup> All the days of his separation he is holy to the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> "And if any man dies very suddenly beside him and he defiles his consecrated head, then he shall shave his head on the day of his cleansing; on the seventh day he shall shave it. <sup>10</sup> On the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves or two pigeons to the priest to the entrance of the tent of meeting, <sup>11</sup> and the priest shall offer one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering, and make atonement for him, because he sinned by reason of the dead body. And he shall consecrate his head that same day <sup>12</sup> and separate himself to the LORD for the days of his separation and bring a male lamb a year old for a guilt offering. But the previous period shall be void, because his separation was defiled.

<sup>13</sup> "And this is the law for the Nazirite, when the time of his separation has been completed: he shall be brought to the entrance of the tent of meeting, <sup>14</sup> and he shall bring his gift to the LORD, one male lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe lamb a year old without blemish as a sin offering, and one ram without blemish as a peace offering, <sup>15</sup> and a basket of unleavened bread, loaves of fine flour mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers smeared with oil, and their grain offering and their drink offerings. <sup>16</sup> And the priest shall bring them before the LORD and offer his sin offering and his burnt offering, <sup>17</sup> and he shall offer the ram as a sacrifice of peace offering to the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread. The priest shall offer also its grain offering and its drink offering. <sup>18</sup> And the Nazirite shall shave his consecrated head at the entrance of the tent of meeting and shall take the hair from his consecrated head and put it on the fire that is under the sacrifice of the peace offering. <sup>19</sup> And the priest shall take the shoulder of the ram, when it is boiled, and one unleavened loaf out of the basket and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them on the hands of the Nazirite, after he has shaved the hair of his consecration, <sup>20</sup> and the priest shall wave them for a wave offering

before the LORD. They are a holy portion for the priest, together with the breast that is waved and the thigh that is contributed. And after that the Nazirite may drink wine.

<sup>21</sup> "This is the law of the Nazirite. But if he vows an offering to the LORD above his Nazirite vow, as he can afford, in exact accordance with the vow that he takes, then he shall do in addition to the law of the Nazirite."

### **Aaron's Blessing**

<sup>22</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup> "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

<sup>24</sup> The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup> the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup> the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

<sup>27</sup> "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

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## **PSALM 40-41**

### **My Help and My Deliverer**

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

- <sup>1</sup> I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- <sup>2</sup> He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.
- <sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the LORD.
- <sup>4</sup> Blessed is the man who makes  
the LORD his trust,  
who does not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after a lie!
- <sup>5</sup> You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;

none can compare with you!  
I will proclaim and tell of them,  
yet they are more than can be told.

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- <sup>6</sup> In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,  
but you have given me an open ear.  
Burnt offering and sin offering  
you have not required.
- <sup>7</sup> Then I said, "Behold, I have come;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- <sup>8</sup> I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart."
- <sup>9</sup> I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;  
behold, I have not restrained my lips,  
as you know, O LORD.
- <sup>10</sup> I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
from the great congregation.
- <sup>11</sup> As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain  
your mercy from me;  
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will  
ever preserve me!
- <sup>12</sup> For evils have encompassed me  
beyond number;  
my iniquities have overtaken me,  
and I cannot see;  
they are more than the hairs of my head;  
my heart fails me.
- <sup>13</sup> Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me!  
O LORD, make haste to help me!
- <sup>14</sup> Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether  
who seek to snatch away my life;  
let those be turned back and brought to dishonor  
who delight in my hurt!
- <sup>15</sup> Let those be appalled because of their shame  
who say to me, "Aha, Aha!"

- 16 But may all who seek you  
rejoice and be glad in you;  
may those who love your salvation  
say continually, "Great is the LORD!"
- 17 As for me, I am poor and needy,  
but the Lord takes thought for me.  
You are my help and my deliverer;  
do not delay, O my God!

### **O LORD, Be Gracious to Me**

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

- 1 Blessed is the one who considers the poor!  
In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;
- 2 the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;  
he is called blessed in the land;  
you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.
- 3 The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;  
in his illness you restore him to full health.
- 4 As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;  
heal me, for I have sinned against you!"
- 5 My enemies say of me in malice,  
"When will he die, and his name perish?"
- 6 And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,  
while his heart gathers iniquity;  
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.
- 7 All who hate me whisper together about me;  
they imagine the worst for me.
- 8 They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him;  
he will not rise again from where he lies."
- 9 Even my close friend in whom I trusted,  
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
- 10 But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,  
and raise me up, that I may repay them!
- 11 By this I know that you delight in me:  
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
- 12 But you have upheld me because of my integrity,  
and set me in your presence forever.
- 13 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

from everlasting to everlasting!  
Amen and Amen.

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## SONG OF SOLOMON 4

### Solomon Admires His Bride's Beauty

**He**

**4** Behold, you are beautiful, my love,  
behold, you are beautiful!

Your eyes are doves  
behind your veil.

Your hair is like a flock of goats  
leaping down the slopes of Gilead.

**2** Your teeth are like a flock of shorn ewes  
that have come up from the washing,  
all of which bear twins,  
and not one among them has lost its young.

**3** Your lips are like a scarlet thread,  
and your mouth is lovely.

Your cheeks are like halves of a pomegranate  
behind your veil.

**4** Your neck is like the tower of David,  
built in rows of stone;  
on it hang a thousand shields,  
all of them shields of warriors.

**5** Your two breasts are like two fawns,  
twins of a gazelle,  
that graze among the lilies.

**6** Until the day breathes  
and the shadows flee,

I will go away to the mountain of myrrh  
and the hill of frankincense.

**7** You are altogether beautiful, my love;  
there is no flaw in you.

**8** Come with me from Lebanon, my bride;  
come with me from Lebanon.

Depart from the peak of Amana,  
from the peak of Senir and Hermon,  
from the dens of lions,  
from the mountains of leopards.

<sup>9</sup> You have captivated my heart, my sister, my bride;  
you have captivated my heart with one glance of your eyes,  
with one jewel of your necklace.

<sup>10</sup> How beautiful is your love, my sister, my bride!  
How much better is your love than wine,  
and the fragrance of your oils than any spice!

<sup>11</sup> Your lips drip nectar, my bride;  
honey and milk are under your tongue;  
the fragrance of your garments is like the fragrance of Lebanon.

<sup>12</sup> A garden locked is my sister, my bride,  
a spring locked, a fountain sealed.

<sup>13</sup> Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranates  
with all choicest fruits,  
henna with nard,

<sup>14</sup> nard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon,  
with all trees of frankincense,  
myrrh and aloes,

with all choice spices—  
<sup>15</sup> a garden fountain, a well of living water,  
and flowing streams from Lebanon.

<sup>16</sup> Awake, O north wind,  
and come, O south wind!

Blow upon my garden,  
let its spices flow.

### **Together in the Garden of Love**

#### **She**

Let my beloved come to his garden,  
and eat its choicest fruits.

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## HEBREWS 4

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<sup>4</sup> Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup> For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup> For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

"As I swore in my wrath,

'They shall not enter my rest,' "

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup> For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works."

<sup>5</sup> And again in this passage he said,

"They shall not enter my rest."

<sup>6</sup> Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup> again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

"Today, if you hear his voice,

do not harden your hearts."

<sup>8</sup> For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup> So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup> for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

<sup>11</sup> Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

### Jesus the Great High Priest

<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.





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

Read Chapter 7 pages 105-113a of The Discipline of Grace. Underline key sentences and meaningful passages. Once the chapter is finished, 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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