



APRIL 5

GCC 2021 READING PLAN

Leviticus 8

Psalm 9

Proverbs 23

I Thessalonians 2

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?



Consecration of Aaron and His Sons

8 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments and the anointing oil and the bull of the sin offering and the two rams and the basket of unleavened bread. ³And assemble all the congregation at the entrance of the tent of meeting.” ⁴And Moses did as the LORD commanded him, and the congregation was assembled at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

⁵And Moses said to the congregation, “This is the thing that the LORD has commanded to be done.” ⁶And Moses brought Aaron and his sons and washed them with water. ⁷And he put the coat on him and tied the sash around his waist and clothed him with the robe and put the ephod on him and tied the skillfully woven band of the ephod around him, binding it to him with the band. ⁸And he placed the breastpiece on him, and in the breastpiece he put the Urim and the Thummim. ⁹And he set the turban on his head, and on the turban, in front, he set the golden plate, the holy crown, as the LORD commanded Moses.

¹⁰Then Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and all that was in it, and consecrated them. ¹¹And he sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all its utensils and the basin and its stand, to consecrate them. ¹²And he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron’s head and anointed him to consecrate him. ¹³And Moses brought Aaron’s sons and clothed them with coats and tied sashes around their waists and bound caps on them, as the LORD commanded Moses.

¹⁴Then he brought the bull of the sin offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull of the sin offering. ¹⁵And he killed it, and Moses took the blood, and with his finger put it on the horns of the altar around it and purified the altar and poured out the blood at the base of the altar and consecrated it to make atonement for it. ¹⁶And he took all the fat that was on the entrails and the long lobe of the liver and the two kidneys with their fat, and Moses burned them on the altar. ¹⁷But the bull and its skin and its flesh and its dung he burned up with fire outside the camp, as the LORD commanded Moses.

¹⁸Then he presented the ram of the burnt offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram. ¹⁹And he killed it, and Moses threw the blood against the sides of the altar. ²⁰He cut the ram into pieces, and Moses burned the head and the pieces and the fat. ²¹He washed the entrails and the legs with water, and Moses burned the whole ram on the altar. It was a burnt offering with a pleasing aroma, a food offering for the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses.

²²Then he presented the other ram, the ram of ordination, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram. ²³And he killed it, and Moses took some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aaron’s right ear and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot. ²⁴Then he presented Aaron’s sons, and Moses put some of the blood on the lobes

of their right ears and on the thumbs of their right hands and on the big toes of their right feet. And Moses threw the blood against the sides of the altar. ²⁵ Then he took the fat and the fat tail and all the fat that was on the entrails and the long lobe of the liver and the two kidneys with their fat and the right thigh, ²⁶ and out of the basket of unleavened bread that was before the LORD he took one unleavened loaf and one loaf of bread with oil and one wafer and placed them on the pieces of fat and on the right thigh. ²⁷ And he put all these in the hands of Aaron and in the hands of his sons and waved them as a wave offering before the LORD. ²⁸ Then Moses took them from their hands and burned them on the altar with the burnt offering. This was an ordination offering with a pleasing aroma, a food offering to the LORD. ²⁹ And Moses took the breast and waved it for a wave offering before the LORD. It was Moses' portion of the ram of ordination, as the LORD commanded Moses.

³⁰ Then Moses took some of the anointing oil and of the blood that was on the altar and sprinkled it on Aaron and his garments, and also on his sons and his sons' garments. So he consecrated Aaron and his garments, and his sons and his sons' garments with him.

³¹ And Moses said to Aaron and his sons, "Boil the flesh at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and there eat it and the bread that is in the basket of ordination offerings, as I commanded, saying, 'Aaron and his sons shall eat it.' ³² And what remains of the flesh and the bread you shall burn up with fire. ³³ And you shall not go outside the entrance of the tent of meeting for seven days, until the days of your ordination are completed, for it will take seven days to ordain you. ³⁴ As has been done today, the LORD has commanded to be done to make atonement for you. ³⁵ At the entrance of the tent of meeting you shall remain day and night for seven days, performing what the LORD has charged, so that you do not die, for so I have been commanded." ³⁶ And Aaron and his sons did all the things that the LORD commanded by Moses.



PSALM 9

I Will Recount Your Wonderful Deeds

9 TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO MUTH-LABBEN. A PSALM OF DAVID.

- ¹ I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
- ² I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
- ³ When my enemies turn back,
they stumble and perish before your presence.
- ⁴ For you have maintained my just cause;
you have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.

- 5 You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked perish;
you have blotted out their name forever and ever.
- 6 The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins;
their cities you rooted out;
the very memory of them has perished.
- 7 But the LORD sits enthroned forever;
he has established his throne for justice,
- 8 and he judges the world with righteousness;
he judges the peoples with uprightness.
- 9 The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
- 10 And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.
- 11 Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!
Tell among the peoples his deeds!
- 12 For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;
he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.
- 13 Be gracious to me, O LORD!
See my affliction from those who hate me,
O you who lift me up from the gates of death,
- 14 that I may recount all your praises,
that in the gates of the daughter of Zion
I may rejoice in your salvation.
- 15 The nations have sunk in the pit that they made;
in the net that they hid, their own foot has been caught.
- 16 The LORD has made himself known; he has executed judgment;
the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. *Higgaion. Selah*
- 17 The wicked shall return to Sheol,
all the nations that forget God.
- 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.
- 19 Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail;
let the nations be judged before you!
- 20 Put them in fear, O LORD!
Let the nations know that they are but men! *Selah*

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PROVERBS 23

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- 23** When you sit down to eat with a ruler,
observe carefully what is before you,
- ² and put a knife to your throat
if you are given to appetite.
- ³ Do not desire his delicacies,
for they are deceptive food.
- ⁴ Do not toil to acquire wealth;
be discerning enough to desist.
- ⁵ When your eyes light on it, it is gone,
for suddenly it sprouts wings,
flying like an eagle toward heaven.
- ⁶ Do not eat the bread of a man who is stingy;
do not desire his delicacies,
- ⁷ for he is like one who is inwardly calculating.
“Eat and drink!” he says to you,
but his heart is not with you.
- ⁸ You will vomit up the morsels that you have eaten,
and waste your pleasant words.
- ⁹ Do not speak in the hearing of a fool,
for he will despise the good sense of your words.
- ¹⁰ Do not move an ancient landmark
or enter the fields of the fatherless,
- ¹¹ for their Redeemer is strong;

he will plead their cause against you.

12 Apply your heart to instruction

and your ear to words of knowledge.

13 Do not withhold discipline from a child;

if you strike him with a rod, he will not die.

14 If you strike him with the rod,

you will save his soul from Sheol.

15 My son, if your heart is wise,

my heart too will be glad.

16 My inmost being will exult

when your lips speak what is right.

17 Let not your heart envy sinners,

but continue in the fear of the LORD all the day.

18 Surely there is a future,

and your hope will not be cut off.

19 Hear, my son, and be wise,

and direct your heart in the way.

20 Be not among drunkards

or among gluttonous eaters of meat,

21 for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty,

and slumber will clothe them with rags.

22 Listen to your father who gave you life,

and do not despise your mother when she is old.

23 Buy truth, and do not sell it;

buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding.

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- ²⁴ The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice;
he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him.
- ²⁵ Let your father and mother be glad;
let her who bore you rejoice.
- ²⁶ My son, give me your heart,
and let your eyes observe my ways.
- ²⁷ For a prostitute is a deep pit;
an adulteress is a narrow well.
- ²⁸ She lies in wait like a robber
and increases the traitors among mankind.
- ²⁹ Who has woe? Who has sorrow?
Who has strife? Who has complaining?
Who has wounds without cause?
Who has redness of eyes?
- ³⁰ Those who tarry long over wine;
those who go to try mixed wine.
- ³¹ Do not look at wine when it is red,
when it sparkles in the cup
and goes down smoothly.
- ³² In the end it bites like a serpent
and stings like an adder.
- ³³ Your eyes will see strange things,
and your heart utter perverse things.
- ³⁴ You will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea,
like one who lies on the top of a mast.

35 “They struck me,” you will say, “but I was not hurt;
they beat me, but I did not feel it.
When shall I awake?
I must have another drink.”

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I THESSALONIANS 2

Paul's Ministry to the Thessalonians

2 For you yourselves know, brothers,^[a] that our coming to you was not in vain. **2** But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. **3** For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive,⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. **5** For we never came with words of flattery,^[b] as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. **6** Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. **7** But we were gentle^[c] among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. **8** So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

9 For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. **10** You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. **11** For you know how, like a father with his children, **12** we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

13 And we also thank God constantly^[d] for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men^[e] but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. **14** For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews,^[f] **15** who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind **16** by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them at last!^[g]

Paul's Longing to See Them Again

¹⁷ But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face, ¹⁸ because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us. ¹⁹ For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? ²⁰ For you are our glory and joy.

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