



DAILY DEVOTIONS

THE 7 ARROWS OF BIBLE READING



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?

DAY 6!

ZECH 13:1-4

God's people had two major problems: their sin had stained them and they couldn't get the stain out. They were living for the wrong purpose and listening to the wrong people. Their idols and false prophets were like blood on a white towel. There was no soap for the stain. Thankfully, their filth was no match for God's fountain: Jesus. Jesus not only cancels our debts, but He also cleanses us from sin's stain. Jesus makes us clean and we seek to live in purity and repent and receive God's cleansing when we sin (see Titus 3:4-7).

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT WE KNOW WE CAN'T CLEANSE OURSELVES—JESUS CLEANSSES US?

IS THERE ANY UNCONFESSED SIN IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU NEED TO BE FORGIVEN OF?

Pray: Ask the Holy Spirit to show you any unconfessed sin in your life. Confess it (say it out loud) to God and receive His loving forgiveness and His cleansing.

DAY 02

ZECH. 14:1-7

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR US TO KNOW THAT WE CAN ONLY LIVE VICTORIOUSLY THROUGH GOD'S STRENGTH?

WHAT IS AN AREA OF YOUR LIFE WHERE YOU NEED TO BE LED MORE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The phrase "more than conquerors" in Romans 8:37 means we are super powerful conquerors through Christ Jesus. Now our battles are primarily spiritual, but a physical battle too, for the rule of the world is coming. Through Jesus, we not only win the battles we face, we can overwhelmingly win that one victorious war for Zechariah foresaw already lives inside of us. God's Holy Spirit brings liberty and victory over every enemy as we reflect and are empowered by Him.

Pray: Thank God for sending Jesus to defeat the enemies you never could. Ask God to empower you by His Spirit to help you overcome any spiritual enemies you're facing today.

DAY 03

ZECH. 14:8-11

God wins the battle. God's people live in security. This unprecedented security comes from an unmatched security guard living in Jerusalem. The security guard is the King, but not like David, Solomon, or Hezekiah. The King on the throne is none other than the Lord, and He will be King over the entire earth. It's hard to start a war when the whole earth serves one King who is truly good. Danger and destruction will be over. And with God as King, His people enjoy complete safety.

WHY DOES GOD WANT TO MAKE HIS PEOPLE SAFE AND SECURE IN HIM? EXPLAIN.

WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TELL US ABOUT THE KIND OF PEACE GOD WANTS HIS PEOPLE TO EXPERIENCE IN HIM?

Pray: Thank Jesus that He has saved you and will save you from your enemies.

DAY 04

ZECH 14:9

WHY CAN'T THERE BE MULTIPLE
RULERS IN GOD'S KINGDOM? WHY
MUST JESUS BE THE ONLY KING?

WHERE DO YOU TEND TO WANT
TO CALL THE SHOTS INSTEAD OF
BEING LED BY GOD'S WORD AND HIS
HOLY SPIRIT?

Who's calling the shots in your life? Are you the king or queen on the throne of your heart? Or, is King Jesus on the throne of your heart? In Zechariah's vision, there was one ruler over all. Spoiler alert: the ruler isn't you. We've already tried being the boss of our own lives. Jesus is Savior and Lord, which is the same as king—ruler, master, owner, sovereign—in the Bible. There will be no rival rulers in eternity, and there must be no rival rulers in our hearts today. (See Rev. 22:1-5)

Pray: Declare that you are no longer in charge. Your old life is dead, and King Jesus is in charge of your life. Pray that He would show you how to follow Him today.

DAY 05

MATT 4:23; 24:14

Jesus knew eternity with God is a one-king eternity. So, Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom of God to others. Those who repent and trust in Jesus have Him as King over their eternity with God. Jesus commands us to preach that same good news of the kingdom to all people in the world. Those who live as king or queen of their own lives will not spend eternity with God. Only those who have Jesus as king live forever in His kingdom.

WHY IS JESUS AS THE KING OF OUR
LIVES GOOD NEWS?

WHO COULD YOU INVITE TO CHURCH
SO THEY CAN HEAR ABOUT JESUS?

Pray: Pray for one person you want to bring to church. Ask God to give you the words to use to invite them and tell them the good news of Jesus.