



# DAILY DEVOTIONS

## THE FIVE BOWS 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?

DAILY

## PSALM 118:8-9

God is not like us; He has no limitations. We're tempted to put our trust in the "great" people of the world. They seem great, but they're severely limited in what they can actually accomplish because they're human. It makes way more sense to trust in the Lord than to trust people. People often make promises they don't or can't keep. When the Lord makes a promise, He can and will keep it every single time!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "TAKE REFUGE" IN THE LORD?

WHY IS GOD ABLE TO FULFILL EVERY PROMISE HE MAKES?

Pray: Dedicate to God in prayer that you trust Him. Ask Him to help you grow in your confidence in Him. Commit to trusting Him above all others today.

DAY 03

# HEBREWS 6:13-16

ASIDE FROM GIVING ABRAHAM A HUGE FAMILY, HOW DID GOD BLESS AND MULTIPLY ABRAHAM'S LIFE AND LEGACY?

WHAT ARE SOME REASONS WE HAVE TO TRUST GOD?

God told Abraham in his old age that he would have a son. Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah's wife was ninety years old. It was a miracle because it was beyond the years of child-bearing. But God says, "I will do what I say." Abraham and Sarah weren't great enough, but God was. He was looking forward to the day when he would probably say, "I have a son." How many descendants did Abraham and Sarah have? God says, "Some." *Psalm 105:6-9*

Pray: Thank God that He is faithful, worthy, and reliable. Confess any areas of your life where you're struggling to trust Him. Ask Him to forgive your doubt and strengthen your faith in Him.

DAY 03

# HEBREWS 6:17-18

God doesn't lie. It's not who He is. He only speaks what is real, what is true, and what is good. The oath God swore to Abraham didn't make God's promises any more real or possible. The oath shows every heir of the promise—which includes you—that God always tells the truth and does what He says He's going to do.

HOW DOES KNOWING GOD NEVER CHANGES STRENGTHEN YOUR TRUST IN HIM?

WHY ARE GOD'S PLANS FOR OUR LIVES BETTER THAN OUR PLANS?

**Pray:** Thank God that He always fulfills His promises. Ask Him to help you be faithful to walk His plans today.

# HEBREWS 6:18-20

WHAT DOES HAVING HOPE "AS AN ANCHOR FOR THE SOUL" MEAN?

WHY DOES JESUS HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO GIVE US ACCESS TO HEAVEN?

A forerunner goes ahead to scout out a path for the rest of the group. Israel's high priest went into the holy of holies where Israel could not follow. The holy of holies represents the presence of God. Jesus entered God's eternal presence and, in doing so, gives us His right of passage into God's eternal presence. Because Jesus is with the Father in heaven, we're confident we will be too.

Pray: In heaven, God's will is heard and done thoroughly. Commit to listening to God's word and God's Holy Spirit today. God's will today.

# HEBREWS 6:18-20

An anchor holds a ship in place and keeps it from drifting. Our hope in eternity with God holds us in place and keeps us from drifting from Him. Hope is a settled confidence in a certain future in God. Hope in what's coming strengthens our confidence in God right now (see Rom. 5:2-5). Faith feeds hope; hope feeds faith. It's easy to drift from Jesus without hope. Hope keeps us anchored in Him.

HOW DOES GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT GIVEN TO US NOW PRODUCE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE?

WHAT ARE SOME REASONS GOD POURS OUT HIS LOVE INTO OUR HEARTS?

Pray: Honestly confess to the Lord any doubt, discouragement, and/or distractions you're battling right now. Declare in faith your hope in your eternity with Jesus.