



# DAILY DEVOTIONS

## PREPARED FOR THE 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?

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# ROMANS 2:1-5

We all have been more judgmental than we ought to be at times. Even if our judgments remain unspoken, we have secretly looked at others with condescension, labeled them, and felt that we are better. Paul warns that this kind of judgmental spirit is wrong. He says, "every one of you who judges is without excuse" (v. 1), and later notes that those who judge will likewise be judged by God (see v. 3). Fight against pride, self-righteousness, and hypocrisy. Seek humility, confess your own sin, and receive God's mercy.

WHY DO WE STRUGGLE WITH BEING JUDGMENTAL?

HOW CAN WE OVERCOME THAT TEMPTATION?

HOW SHOULD GOD'S MERCY MOTIVATE YOUR OBEDIENCE?

**DAY 02**

**ROMANS 3:19-31**

WHY CAN NO ONE SAVE THEMSELVES?

HOW DOES GOD SAVE US SINCE WE CANNOT SAVE OURSELVES?

WHAT SHOULD WE BOAST IN, IF NOT OURSELVES?

Everyone has fallen short of God's standard. No one can say "I am righteous" except Jesus. Paul says that Jesus was righteous when we were not. Jesus took our place at the cross and through faith in Him, we can be forgiven. Since no one is righteous on their own, where then is boasting? It is excluded (v. 27) - the gospel should humble us. There is no room for boasting when we did not do anything to bring ourselves to life. It would be as silly as children boasting about being born. Jesus alone has redeemed us. He deserves all the honor and glory.

**DAY 03**

**AMOS 5:4-9**

The Lord says to you what He said to Israel: "Seek me and live" (v. 4). God is the source of all life. He is your Creator and Sustainer. True spiritual life is found in Him. He warned Israel not to look for life in other places, but to come to Him. God's invitation to you will be mimicked by many counterfeits. Success says, "Seek me and live." Popularity says, "Seek me and live." Sexual sin says, "Seek me and live." But only Jesus is able to make you alive. Seek Him and live.

WHAT OTHER THINGS SAY, "SEEK ME AND LIVE"?

HOW HAS SEEKING SIN NOT RESULTED IN WHAT YOU WERE HOPING FOR?

HOW HAS SERVING THE LORD MADE YOU FEEL ALIVE?

# AMOS 5:10-15

WHY IS IT DIFFICULT TO ALWAYS HAVE INTEGRITY?

HOW CAN YOU HATE EVIL AND LOVE WHAT IS GOOD?

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO SEE THAT GOD CARES ABOUT JUSTICE IN THE SCRIPTURES?

Israel had forsaken God, and the greatest evidence of this was how they were failing to love their neighbors. They were taking bribes from the guilty and taking advantage of the poor. God demanded that they pursue good and resist evil. He called them to establish justice. One of the best ways we can love our neighbors as ourselves is to stand for what is just. May you be a person of integrity who is committed to justice in the public square and pursues what is good for your neighbor.

# AMOS 5:18-24

God would not accept Israel's offerings because their lives did not worship the Lord. They had turned to idols and robbed their neighbors of justice and wanted them to love their neighbor more than He wanted their songs. God is more pleased with our love for one another than our songs of praise. May this be a reminder for us: Actions speak louder than words. Let us treat others in a way that beautifies our worship to God rather than condemns it.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR LIFESTYLE TO MATCH OUR WORSHIP?

HOW MIGHT YOUR WORSHIP AND LIFE NOT MATCH UP?

WHO DO YOU NEED TO TREAT BETTER THAN YOU HAVE BEEN RECENTLY?