



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 01

GENESIS 3:1-6

The devil's temptations wouldn't be very successful if he were honest about sin's consequences. He has to resort to deception. Jesus called Satan the father of lies (John 8:44). The only way we can be deceived by Satan is if we listen to what he says. The best thing we can do not to fall for his lies is to stop giving him the microphone. You can't be deceived by lies you aren't listening to. So, consider the source, and be wise about who you give a voice in your life.

WHO ARE THE GODLY VOICES IN YOUR LIFE?

WHO ARE SOME UNGODLY VOICES IN YOUR LIFE?

WHAT LIES ABOUT GOD, YOURSELF, OR OTHERS DO YOU STRUGGLE TO COMBAT?

DAY 02

GENESIS 3:7-13

HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO OUR SINFUL CHOICES?

WHAT DOES OUR RESPONSE REVEAL ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

WHAT FAILURE DO YOU NEED TO SURRENDER TO GOD?

When Adam and Eve sinned, they clearly experienced guilt and shame for their actions, fearfully hiding themselves. But when God questioned them, each assigned the blame to someone else. It's not enough merely to feel conviction over our sin. Godly conviction takes responsibility instead of hiding or pointing fingers. We will never find forgiveness in these vain attempts. But when we humble ourselves and come before God, our sins will be covered. Blessed are those whose lawless acts are forgiven and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the person the Lord will never charge with sin. (Rom. 4:7-8)

DAY 03

GENESIS 3:14-15

Genesis 3:15 is the first reference to the gospel in the Bible—Jesus would one day defeat the serpent forever. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8). Satan is a murderer (John 8:44), but Jesus is the resurrection (John 11:25). Satan is a liar (John 8:44), but Jesus is the truth (John 14:6). Despite Satan's best efforts, we will be victorious (Rom. 16:20). So, live with confidence, knowing good will triumph and evil will be defeated.

HOW CAN GENESIS 3:15 MOTIVATE YOU TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT EVEN WHEN IT SEEMS LIKE EVIL IS WINNING?

WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE IF YOU ACKNOWLEDGED THAT YOUR LIFE IS A SPIRITUAL BATTLE?

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE KNOWING THAT CHRIST HAS ALREADY WON?

GENESIS 3:16-21

HOW HAVE YOUR CHOICES AFFECTED SOMEONE ELSE IN A NEGATIVE WAY?

WHAT CAN YOU LEARN FROM THOSE MISTAKES?

WHAT KINDS OF CHOICES MIGHT POSITIVELY AFFECT THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE?

Our sinful choices don't just affect our relationship with God, they also affect our relationships with each other. We've all experienced this firsthand. Perhaps you have broken your parents' trust or hurt a friend with your words. Our choices have consequences we often fail to consider beforehand. God covered Adam and Eve, but their sin still had real world consequences. Before we sin, may we pause to consider the effect it will have on ourselves and those we love.

DAY 05

ROMANS 5:12-21

Game winning buzzer-beaters are some of the most exciting plays in sports. The entire outcome hinges on one shot. If you make it, the whole team wins. But if you miss, the whole team loses. One person's shot, for better or worse, counts for them all. In Genesis 3, the ball was in Adam's hands, and he missed for us all. But Jesus was a new Adam. Through His one act of obedience, Jesus won for us all. When we join His team through faith, we share in His victory.

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS THAT SIN AND DEATH REIGN IN THE WORLD?

HOW DOES THE PARALLEL BETWEEN ADAM AND JESUS DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE GOSPEL?

WHY IS IT ENCOURAGING TO KNOW THAT YOU STAND BEFORE GOD NOT ALONE, BUT WITH A REPRESENTATIVE?