

Suggested Daily Bible Readings

February 8—March 7, 2010

Luther's Morning Prayer

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.
I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Luther's Evening Prayer

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.
I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen

We will finish the book of Genesis this month and begin the book of Exodus.

Feb 8: Ge 44:1-45:28 - On their last journey Joseph makes himself known. He recognizes that it is God's plan to use him to keep his family alive.

Feb 9: Ge 46:1-47:31 - Jacob comes down to Egypt with his family. There is a list of names you may wish to skim, indicating the people who traveled to Egypt. It was from these 70 people that the Lord was going to turn the children of Israel into a mighty nation. Jacob will die at the age of 147.

Feb 10: Ge 48:1-21 Before his death Jacob adopts Manasseh and Ephraim, two of the sons of Joseph.

Feb 11: :Ge 49: 1-33 - With words of prophesy, Jacob blesses his sons. Note verse 10, the promise of Jesus.

Feb 12: Ge 50: 1-26- Jacob dies and is mourned. We also learn of the death of Joseph at the age of 110. Note Joseph's certainty that God would fulfill his promise and bring his people from Egypt back to the land we know as Israel.

EXODUS

The word, exodus, means departure. We learn that God's people, though they were enslaved by the Egyptians, become the mighty nation that God had promised he would make from the descendants of Abraham. God frees his people and sets them apart from other nations of the world with the laws he gives them on Mount Sinai.

We're reading Exodus just as we enter the Lenten Season. Note not only the care and protection God offers his people, but also the history which leads to the Passover and deliverance from slavery in Egypt. It was at Passover that Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, this regular proof we have today that Jesus has freed us from slavery to sin and death.

Feb 13: Exodus 1:1-2:25 - The Israelites are made slaves. After many years Moses is born. When he is 40, he must run for his life. We see, however, that God is not forgetting about his people.

Feb 14: Ex 3:1-22 - God calls Moses to lead his people to the promised land. Although Moses hesitates, God promises to be with him. It is Jesus we hear speaking from the burning bush.

Feb 15: Ex 4:1-31 - God gives signs to Moses to convince him and the people that he is sent by God.

Feb 16: Ex 5:1-6:27 - It would seem that the promised of freedom brought through Moses actually brings more op-pres-sion to God's people. The Lord was going to turn all this wickedness of Pharaoh into a demonstration of his power.

Feb 17: Ex 6:28-7:24 - The first of Moses' miracles does not impress Pharaoh. The Egyptian magicians were able to do the same thing, only they used black magic.

Feb 18: Ex 7:25 - 8:32 - The Egyptian magicians are finally convinced that Moses has a power from God they cannot duplicate. Watch how Pharaoh hardens his heart.

Feb 19 Ex 9:1-35 - Pharaoh tries to bargain with God, unsuccessfully. Finally the Lord hardens Pharaoh's heart. Now he and the Egyptians will have to endure God's plagues.

Feb 20: Ex 10:1-11:10 - The Lord continues to harden Pharaoh's heart, forcing him to experience God's judgment. When the Israelites leave Egypt, they will leave with gold and silver in payment for their years of slavery.

Feb 21: Ex 12:1-51 - God institutes the Passover in connection with the last plague. Passover was to be a continual celebration for God's Old Testament people, reminding them of their deliverance. It was in connection with this Passover meal that Jesus gave us the Lord's Supper.

Feb 22: Ex 13:1-14:31 - The Lord leads the Israelites to a place where they think they are trapped so that he may finally dispose of the army of Pharaoh.

Feb 23: Ex 15:1-27 - A song is composed to be a continual reminder of God's victory over the enemies of his people. Note how quickly the Israelites grumble and complain a-against God.

Feb 24: Ex 16:1-17:16 - God provides food for his people that would last for the next 40 years, teaching them to be thankful for their daily bread. He also provided them water and fought against their enemies.

Feb 25: Ex 18:1-19:25 - Moses accepts some common sense help from his father-in-law Jethro. Following this good advice we also have officers in the church to carry out the important work that must be done. At Mt. Sinai, three months after they left Egypt, God prepares the people to hear his Law.

Feb 26: Ex 20:1-26 - All of the people hear God's speak his commandments and are struck with fear. God wants everyone to realize that he is

serious when he gives his Law.

Feb 27: Ex 21:1-36 - God also gives other laws to his people to govern their daily life.

Feb 28 Ex 22:1-31 - The Lord is very concerned about the property he gives to people and the responsibilities we have not to take advantage of each other. He emphasizes that with the laws he gives here.

Mar 1: Exodus 23:1-33 - God gives laws regarding mercy and justice and decrees the annual feasts when all his people were to gather in Jerusalem for worship. He promises to send his angel to guide the children of Israel on their way. Note the warning against the wor-ship of false gods.

Mar 2: Exodus 24:1-25:9 - God's covenant with his people is confirmed and the people bring offerings for the construction of the Tabernacle.

Mar 3: Exodus 25:10-31:18 - You may wish to scan most of this reading. The Lord gives great detail regarding the construction of the Ark of the Covenant and the various other furnishings for the Tabernacle and the surrounding courtyard. He also gives detail regarding the clothing of the priests and how the priests were to be consecrated for their special work. Of special interest for reading would be verses 12-18 of Chapter 31.

Mar 4 Exodus 32:1-33:6 - Even before the Lord had finished giving Moses all of the details of the covenant, the children of Israel fell into the sin of idolatry. The anger of Moses and the Lord is great.

Mar 5: Exodus 33:7-23 - The Lord spoke to Moses as he did to no one else, face to face. Even Moses, however, could not see the full glory of God. This reminds of us Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration.

Mar 6: Exodus 34:1-35 - The Lord replaced the two tables of stones that Moses broke. We are also told that after speaking with God, Moses' face reflected some of the Lord's glory just as the moon reflects the light of the sun.

Mar 7: Exodus 35:1-40:38 - These chapters detail the actual construction of the items that were described by the Lord previously. Although you may wish to scan most of these chapters, interesting reading would be 35:4-9; 36:2-7; and 40:34-38.