

Church of the Open Bible

Reading Guide

For this reason
JESUS
is not ashamed
to call them
BROTHERS
and **SISTERS.**

Hebrews 2:11, *nasv*



December 2023

Friday, December 1

- Hosea 7, 8, 9
- Psalm 114
- 2 John

Saturday, December 2

- Hosea 10, 11, 12
- Psalm 115
- 3 John

“God created Adam to “have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air and over every living thing that moves on the earth” (Gen 1:28); the one thing Adam was not to have dominion over was himself. . . . When Satan enticed him to act “as God” over himself, Adam failed to turn his innocence into holiness. . . . The essential nature of sin is my claim to my right to myself.” (Oswald Chambers, *Bringing Sons unto Glory, Complete Works, 220*)

Sunday, December 3

- Hosea 13, 14
- Psalm 116
- Revelation 1

Monday, December 4

- Joel 1, 2
- Psalm 117
- Revelation 2:1-11

Tuesday, December 5

- Joel 3, Amos 1
- Psalm 118
- Revelation 2:12-29

Wednesday, December 6

- Amos 2, 3
- Psalm 119:1-8
- Revelation 3:1-13

Thursday, December 7

- Amos 4, 5
- Psalm 119:9-16
- Revelation 3:14-22

Friday, December 8

- Amos 6, 7
- Psalm 119:17-24
- Revelation 4

Saturday, December 9

- Amos 8, 9
- Psalm 119: 25-32
- Revelation 5

“The innocence of Jesus was the innocence of Adam as God created him, the innocence of an untried possibility of holiness. . . . Our Lord transformed innocence into holiness by a series of moral choices. Satan tempted him along the same line (as Adam): “Do God’s will according to your own understanding . . .” Jesus made invariably one answer—“I have come down from heaven not to do my will, but to do the will of him who sent me” (John 6:38). (Oswald Chambers, *Bringing Sons unto Glory, Complete Works, 219*)

Sunday, December 10

- Obadiah
- Psalm 119: 33-40
- Revelation 6

Monday, December 11

- Jonah 1, 2
- Psalm 119: 41-48
- Revelation 7

Tuesday, December 12

- Jonah 3, 4
- Psalm 119: 49-56
- Revelation 8

Wednesday, December 13

- Micah 1, 2, 3
- Psalm 119: 57-64
- Revelation 9

Thursday, December 14

- Micah 4, 5
- Psalm 119: 65-72
- Revelation 10

Friday, December 15

- Micah 6, 7
- Psalm 119: 73-80
- Revelation 11

Saturday, December 16

- Nahum 1, 2, 3
- Psalm 119: 81-88
- Revelation 12

Sunday, December 17

- Habakkuk 1, 2, 3
- Psalm 119: 89-96
- Revelation 13

Monday, December 18

- Zephaniah 1, 2
- Psalm 119: 97-104
- Revelation 14

Tuesday, December 19

- Zephaniah 3
- Psalm 119: 105-112
- Revelation 15

How are we to “follow His Steps”? By imitating Jesus? We cannot begin to. How are we going to have the innocence that Jesus had? In one way only, by being born from above. “Marvel not that I say to you, you must be born again” (John 3:7). We can be brought into a state of innocence before God by the regenerating work of his grace. (Oswald Chambers, *Bringing Sons unto Glory, Complete Works, 219*)

Wednesday, December 20

- Haggai 1, 2
- Psalm 119: 113-120
- Revelation 16

Thursday, December 21

- Zechariah 1, 2
- Psalm 119: 121-128
- Revelation 17

Friday, December 22

- Zechariah 3, 4
- Psalm 119: 129-136
- Luke 1:1-25

Saturday, December 23

- Zechariah 5, 6
- Psalm 40
- Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, December 24

- Zechariah 7, 8
- Psalm 8
- Luke 1:39-56

Monday, December 25

- Zechariah 9
- Psalm 24
- Luke 2: 1-20

Tuesday, December 26

- Zechariah 10
- Psalm 119:137-144
- Luke 2:21-40

“When we realize what Jesus means when he says, ‘If you would be my disciple, give up your right to yourself to me,’ we begin to understand . . . that we cannot serve God as we choose. Christ’s redemption does more than restore us to an initial state of innocence. He implants his Spiritual life within us, by which he transforms our rebirthed innocence into holiness. Our sanctification therefore takes the form of putting off our old self, being made new in the spirit of our mind, and putting on his way as our new self.” (Chambers, *Works, 220-21*)

Wednesday, December 27

- Zechariah 11
- Psalm 119:145-152
- Revelation 18

Thursday, December 28

- Zechariah 12
- Psalm 119:153-160
- Revelation 19

Friday, December 29

- Malachi 1
- Psalm 119:161-168
- Revelation 20

Saturday, December 30

- Malachi 2,
- Psalm 119:169-176
- Revelation 21

Sunday, December 31

- Malachi 3, 4
- Any Psalm
- Revelation 22

Verse of the Month

“¹⁰In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.”

Hebrews 2:10, 11