Reading Schedule Winter 2016

God's Need

AND

GOD'S GOAL

Read Me First...

If You Want to Get the Most Out of This Reading Schedule

Pray

Begin each reading day by offering a short prayer to the Lord.

Pray-Read

Continue by reading the verse for that day, and praying over it in order to receive into your spirit the nourishing element of the Word.

Read your daily portion

Now that your spirit has been engaged, proceed to read your daily portion; taking note of the words or phrases that you feel the Lord is using to speak to you, and acting according to those words by conversing with the Lord, by making supplications to Him, or by confessing to Him. Do not just rush through your daily reading for the sake of finishing the schedule—that is not our ultimate goal. What we want is for all of us to see what is God's need and what is His ultimate goal.

Have Companions

As you endeavor to keep this reading schedule, you will discover that it is difficult to do it by yourself. We encourage you to find companions with whom you can read through this book—find at least one! If your companions are not in town, use e-mail, Skype, phone calls, or text messaging to pray with one another and to encourage one another to maintain the schedule. Write down the name(s) and contact information of your companion(s) in the space provided below:

| These are my reading companions for this Winter: | | | | | | |
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Chapter 1 GOD'S NEED

☐ Monday, Dec 19 Luke 14:16 MAN HAVING FEELINGS ONLY FOR HIS NEED. GOD HAVING A NEED. God's need being greater than man's need. ☐ Tuesday, Dec 20 Luke 14:17 ALL THINGS BEING NOW READY. "COME. FOR ALL THINGS ARE NOW READY." Chapter 2 RESPONDING TO GOD'S NEED ☐ Wednesday, Dec 21 Matt. 22:2 MAN'S NEED SHOWING GOD'S NEED. ☐ Thursday, Dec 22 John 17:10 GOD'S NEED BEING TO GIVE. RESPONDING TO GOD'S NEED WITH CONSECRATION. Chapter 3 SATISFYING GOD'S NEED ☐ Friday, Dec 23 **Psalm 42:5**

Luke 14:16 And He said to him, A certain man was making a great dinner and invited many;

Luke 14:17 And he sent his slave at the dinner hour to say to those who had been invited, Come, for all things are now ready.

CONSECRATION BEING A GAIN, NOT A LOSS.

CONSECRATED ONES BEING FULL OF JOY AND AT REST. GOING THROUGH THE GATEWAY OF CONSECRATION.

Matt. 22:2 The kingdom of the heavens has become like a king who prepared a wedding feast for his son.

John 17:10 And all that is Mine is Yours, and Yours Mine; and I have been glorified in them.

Psalm 42:5 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I will yet praise Him For the salvation of His countenance.

Monday, Dec 26 Rom. 14:8
 STANDING IN THE POSITION OF CONSECRATION.

 Tuesday, Dec 27 Matt. 8:26
 CONSECRATED ONES HAVING AUTHORITY.

Chapter 4

THE SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NEW YEAR

- □ Wednesday, Dec 28 Col. 2:16-17
 THE VISIBLE BODY SPEAKING FORTH THE INVISIBLE CONTENT.
 DAYS, MONTHS, AND YEARS BEING OPPORTUNITIES PREPARED BY GOD.

 □ Thursday, Dec 29 Exo. 12:2
 EVERY DAY, MONTH, AND YEAR BEING A NEW BEGINNING.

 □ Friday, Dec 30 Gen. 1:14
 KEEPING A SPIRITUAL NEW YEAR BEFORE GOD.
 THE CHANGING OF THE DAYS, MONTHS, AND YEARS DEPENDING ON LIGHT-BEARERS.
- **Rom. 14:8** For whether we live, we live to the Lord, and whether we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore whether we live or we die, we are the Lord's.
- Matt. 8:26 And He said to them, Why are you cowardly, you of little faith? Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.
- **Col. 2:16-17** Let no one therefore judge you in eating and in drinking or in respect of a feast or of a new moon or of the Sabbath, which are a shadow of the things to come, but the body is of Christ.
- **Exo. 12:2** This month will be the beginning of months for you; it shall be the first of the months of the year to you.
- **Gen. 1:14** And God said, Let there be light-bearers in the expanse of heaven to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years;

Monday, Jan 2 Phil. 3:13

THE PRINCIPLE OF DAYS, MONTHS, AND YEARS BEING DEATH AND RESURRECTION.

THE CHANGING OF THE DAYS, MONTHS, AND YEARS DEPENDING ON GOD HIMSELF.

SEPERATED FROM THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.

Chapter 5 NOT BEING DISCOURAGED WHEN WE FALL

☐ Tuesday, Jan 3 1 Sam. 2:6-7

THE SPIRITUAL PATH HAVING UPS AND DOWNS.

OUR CIRUMSTANCES NOT ALWAYS BEING SMOOTH OR ACCORDING TO OUR WISHES.

□ Wednesday, Jan 4 Isa. 55:8-9

UPS AND DOWNS AND ADVERSITIES CAUSING PEOPLE TO GROW IN LIFE.

FALLING ALSO BEING ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL.

□ Thursday, Jan 5 Gen. 48:15

WORSHIPPING GOD AND ACKNOWLEDGING THAT EVERYTHING IS OF GOD.

Chapter 6

FAILURES ENABLING MAN TO EXPERIENCE MORE OF GOD

☐ Friday, Jan 6 Rom. 14:4
FAILURES BEING PRECIOUS.
EXPERIENCING THE RICHES OF GOD.

Phil. 3:13 Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing I do: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before

1 Sam. 2:6-7 Jehovah kills and makes alive; / He brings down to Sheol and brings up. Jehovah makes poor and makes rich; / He makes low and also lifts up.

Isa. 55:8-9 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, / And your ways are not My ways, declares Jehovah. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, / So My ways are higher than your ways, / And My thoughts higher than your thoughts.

Gen. 48:15 And he blessed Joseph and said, / The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, / The God who has shepherded me all my life to this day

Rom. 14:4 Who are you who judge another's household servant? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will be made to stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

☐ Monday, Jan 9 Psa. 51:16-17 RECEIVING GRACE THROUGH FAILURES. BEING BROKEN THROUGH FAILURES. ☐ Tuesday, Jan 10 Luke 15:24 MAN BEING ALLOWED TO FAIL. MAN BEING BROKEN BY FAILURES TO EXPERIENCE GOD. Chapter 7 GOD'S GOAL BEING TO ENTER INTO MAN AND MINGLE HIMSELF WITH MAN ☐ Wednesday, Jan 11 Gen. 2:18 GOD'S GOAL BEING TO ENTER INTO MAN AND MINGLE HIMSELF WITH MAN. GOD DESIRING TO ENTER INTO MAN TO BE GOD IN MAN. AND ALSO DESIRING THAT MAN ENTER INTO HIM TO BE MAN IN GOD. ☐ Thursday, Jan 12 Prov. 16:18 FAILURES ENABLING GOD TO BE MINGLED WITH MAN.

Psa. 51:16-17 For You do not delight in sacrifice; Otherwise I would offer it; You take no pleasure in burnt offerings. (17) The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Exo. 33:15-16

BEING FEARFUL OF GOD'S ABSENCE MORE THAN BEING

GOD'S DESIRE BEING TO ENTER INTO MAN TO BE GOD IN

- **Luke 15:24** Because this son of mine was dead and lives again; he was lost and has been found. And they began to be merry.
- **Gen. 2:18** And Jehovah God said, It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper as his counterpart.
- Prov. 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.

☐ Friday, Jan 13

MAN.

FEARFUL OF FAILURE.

Exo. 33:15-16 And he said to Him, If Your presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. (16) For how then shall it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, are distinct from all the other people who are on the face of the earth?

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