

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Based on Mark 13 and the Olivet Discourse

Day 1: Rooted and Unmovable

Reading: Psalm 1

Devotional: The sermon drew a contrast between the righteous, planted like a tree by streams of water, and the wicked, blown about like chaff in the wind. This image is not merely poetic -- it is a warning. False teachers, shifting cultural winds, and persuasive voices are constantly pulling at us. The person who meditates on God's word day and night is not easily uprooted. Spiritual stability is not the result of willpower or personality. It is the fruit of deep, daily rootedness in Scripture. Ask yourself today: what am I feeding on, and is it anchoring me or scattering me?

Day 2: The Good Shepherd and the False Ones

Reading: John 10:1-18

Devotional: Jesus warns repeatedly in the Olivet Discourse that false shepherds will come seeking a following, performing signs and speaking convincingly. The antidote is not suspicion alone -- it is intimacy with the true Shepherd. In John 10, Jesus describes his sheep as those who know his voice. That kind of recognition is not automatic. It is cultivated through time spent in his word and in prayer. A sheep that has never heard the shepherd's voice cannot distinguish it from a stranger's. Knowing the real thing is always the surest defense against the counterfeit. Spend time today simply listening.

Day 3: Do Not Be Alarmed -- God Is Not Surprised

Reading: Isaiah 46:9-10

Devotional: One of the most striking realities in the Olivet Discourse is that Jesus describes wars, famines, false prophets, and tribulation -- and then tells his disciples not to be alarmed. How is that possible? Because none of it catches God off guard. Isaiah 46 reminds us that God declares the end from the beginning. He is not reacting to history -- he is authoring it. This is not a cold, mechanical sovereignty. It is the sovereignty of a Father who knows what his children will face and has already spoken into it. Whatever you are facing today, God knew it was coming. He is not surprised.

Day 4: The Grace That Runs Before Judgment

Reading: Genesis 19:15-17; 2 Peter 2:6-9

Devotional: The sermon drew a powerful parallel between the angel's urgent command to Lot and Jesus' warning to flee when the abomination of desolation appears. In both cases, God's grace precedes the judgment. He does not send destruction without first making a way of escape for his people. The early church in Jerusalem heeded Christ's warning and not one Christian historical account places them in the city when it fell. Obedience to God's word is not merely religious duty -- it is often the very thing that spares us from destruction, both sudden and slow. Where is God calling you to flee today?

Day 5: Prepared by What Has Already Been Given

Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Devotional: The sermon closed with a call not to look forward for new revelations, but to look back at what God has already established. Paul's charge to Timothy mirrors this exactly -- continue in what you have learned, knowing from whom you learned it, because Scripture thoroughly equips the believer for every good work. The most faithful preparation for uncertain days ahead is not tracking geopolitical signs or prophetic calendars. It is the steady, unhurried, daily discipline of opening the Bible and knowing God through it. Our children do not need to understand the Antichrist's blueprint. They need to know the God who holds all things. Begin today.