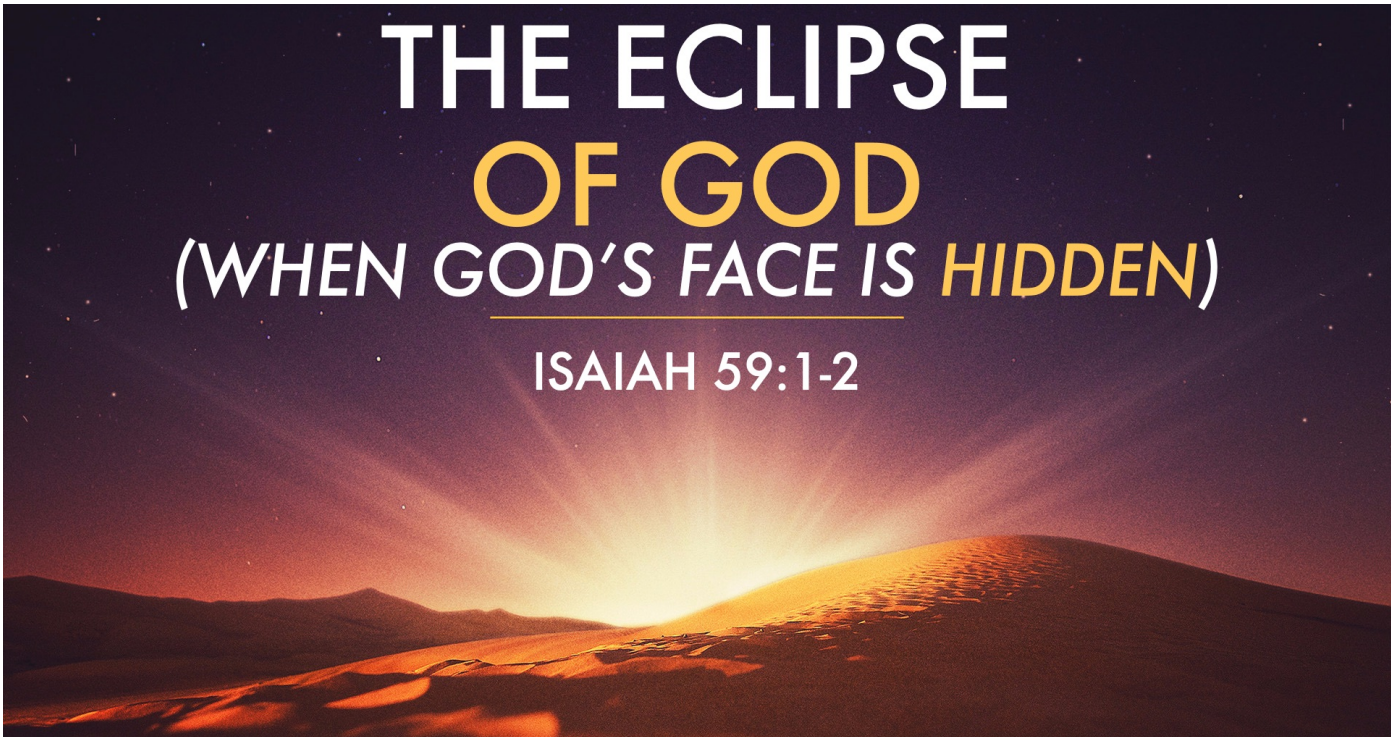


5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Based on "The Eclipse of God" Sermon Series

Day 1: When Darkness Obscures the Light

Reading: Isaiah 59:1-2

Devotional: God's power to save and His willingness to hear have never diminished. The problem has never been on His end. Isaiah makes clear that it is human sin and iniquity that creates distance between us and God, not any limitation on His part. Like the moon slipping between the earth and the sun, our choices can obscure our view of Him without ever extinguishing His light. The light never dims. Our perception of it changes. Today, examine what may be blocking your view of God. Repentance is not a burden. It is the clearing of the sky.

Reflection Question: What habits, attitudes, or choices have gradually positioned themselves between you and a clear view of God?

Practical Application: Spend five minutes in honest, spoken prayer today, naming specific areas where you have allowed distance to grow between yourself and God. Speak it aloud. Bring it into the light.

Day 2: The Power of Prayer in Dark Places

Reading: Acts 16:25-34

Devotional: Paul and Silas were not in a comfortable prayer room. They were in chains, in darkness, at midnight, with wounds on their backs. Yet they prayed and sang aloud, and the foundations of that prison shook. Their story is a direct challenge to the idea that circumstances must be favorable before prayer can be powerful. God does not require ideal conditions. He requires faith and a willing voice. The household of the jailer was saved that night not because of political influence or social standing, but because two men refused to let their circumstances silence their worship.

Reflection Question: In what area of your life have difficult circumstances caused you to pray less rather than more?

Practical Application: Identify one pressing burden you have been carrying quietly. Today, pray over it out loud, with intention and with faith, trusting that God both hears and responds.

Day 3: The Church as Light in a Darkening World

Reading: 1 Peter 2:9 and Matthew 5:14-16

Devotional: The darkness of a culture does not diminish the responsibility of the church. It increases it. First Peter reminds believers that they have been called out of darkness into God's marvelous light, and that calling carries a purpose: to show forth His praises. The church is not a refuge from the world to be hidden away. It is a light placed on a hill so that all can see. A darkening culture is not a reason for the church to retreat. It is the very condition in which the church becomes most necessary, most visible, and most effective.

Reflection Question: Are you living in a way that makes the presence of God visible to those around you, or has comfort caused you to hide your light?

Practical Application: Identify one person in your life who does not know Christ. Commit to praying for them by name each day this week, and ask God for one natural opportunity to speak hope into their life.

Day 4: What Happens When God's Face Is Hidden

Reading: Isaiah 5:20 and Proverbs 4:18-19

Devotional: When God's protective presence is pushed aside by a culture or an individual, something fills the vacuum. Isaiah describes the result with striking clarity: darkness is called light, light is called darkness, good is called evil, and evil is called good. This is not merely a political observation. It is a spiritual one. When truth is abandoned, confusion does not simply appear. It is celebrated. Proverbs contrasts this with the path of the righteous, which grows brighter as the day progresses. The believer's life should be marked by increasing clarity, not increasing confusion. Stay in the Word. Stay in the light.

Reflection Question: Where in your own thinking have you allowed cultural voices to quietly redefine what is good, true, or acceptable?

Practical Application: Read a passage of Scripture today specifically to let it correct your thinking, not simply to confirm what you already believe. Allow the Word to function as a mirror.

Day 5: God Is Not on a Side. He Is in Command.

Reading: Joshua 5:13-15 and Matthew 24:14

Devotional: When Joshua encountered the commander of the Lord's army, he asked the most natural question a military leader could ask: whose side are you on? The answer reoriented everything. The commander did not come to take sides. He came to take over. God does not fit inside political categories or human allegiances. His purposes are higher, His plans are longer, and His authority is absolute. The gospel will be preached to every nation before the end comes. That mission does not belong to governments or institutions. It belongs to the church. We are not waiting on the world to change. We are called to carry the light until He returns.

Reflection Question: Have you placed too much hope in earthly systems or outcomes, and too little confidence in the sovereign mission of God through His church?

Practical Application: Pray specifically for global missions today. Ask God how you, in your current season of life, can contribute to the advancement of the gospel beyond your immediate surroundings, whether through giving, prayer, or personal witness.