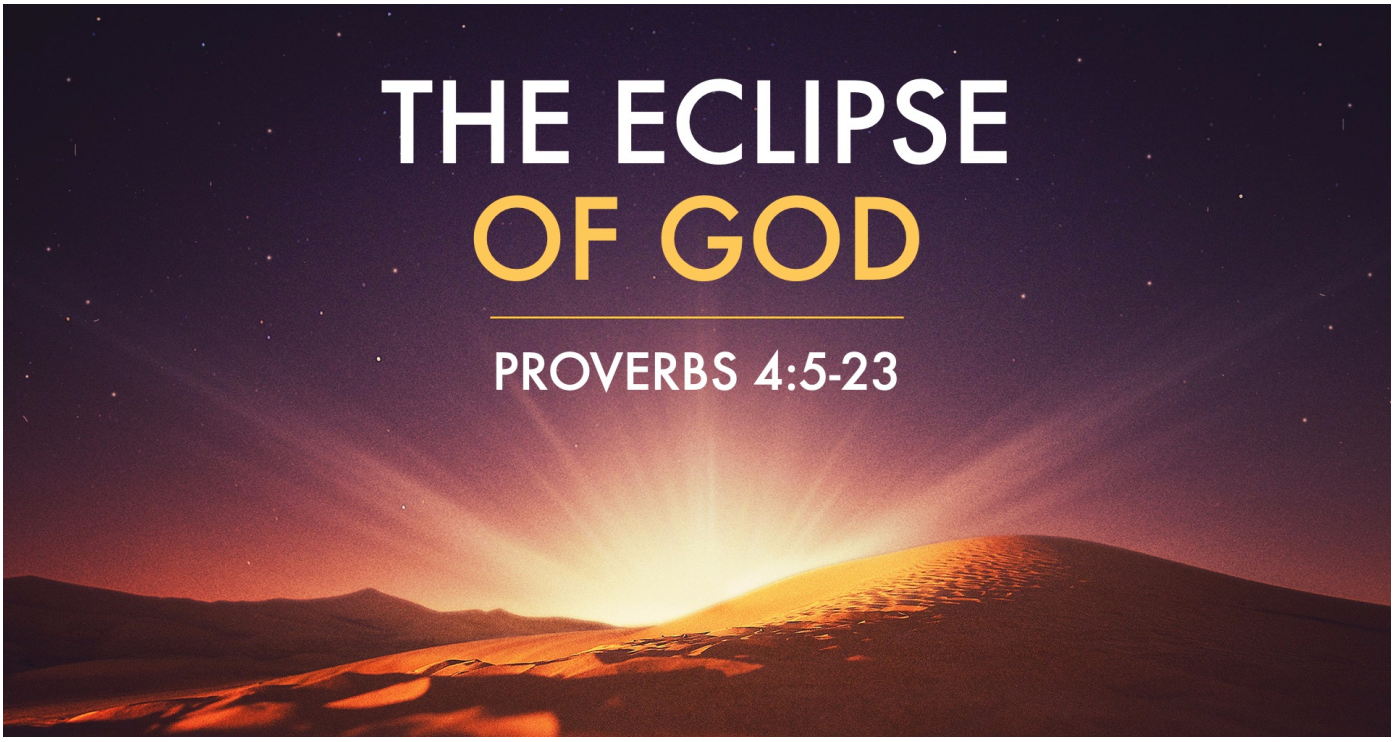


5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Day 1: The Eclipse of God and the Light That Never Fades

Reading: Proverbs 4:14-19

Devotional: The world can obscure the light of God much like the moon obscures the sun during an eclipse. The sun does not grow dim — its light remains full and brilliant — yet from our vantage point, darkness can seem to win. Solomon warns that the way of the wicked is darkness, and those who walk in it stumble without even knowing why. Yet the path of the righteous shines brighter with every step. When secularism, fear, or cultural confusion cast their shadow over your life, remember that God's light has not diminished. It is as strong as it has ever been. Your task is not to generate the light — it is to remain in it. Do not allow the shadows of this age to convince you that God has grown weak or distant. He has not moved. Position yourself in His presence through His Word, and the eclipse will pass.

Reflection: Where in your life have you allowed the shadows of the world to make you doubt the brightness of God's power?

Practical Application: Spend five minutes today sitting quietly with a single verse from Proverbs 4, asking God to illuminate one area of your life where you need His wisdom to shine.

Day 2: Wisdom as Your Greatest Possession

Reading: Proverbs 4:1-9

Devotional: Solomon's instruction to his children was urgent and personal: get wisdom above all else. He did not say to get comfort, security, popularity, or political favor. He said wisdom is the principal thing. In a world that is rapidly shifting — where darkness can make a brick look like gold and iron look like a diamond — wisdom is what allows you to tell the difference. Without it, we are deceived by what glitters. With it, we can navigate the darkest seasons and still find our footing. James 1:5 tells us that if anyone lacks wisdom, they should ask God, who gives generously. The wisdom of God is not found in opinion polls, social media arguments, or government chambers. It is found in His Word and in the quiet place of prayer. Pursue it with the same intensity you would pursue anything else that matters deeply to you.

Reflection: In what decisions are you currently relying on your own reasoning rather than seeking God's wisdom first?

Practical Application: Before making any significant decision this week, pause and pray specifically for divine wisdom, then open the Scriptures and wait on what God reveals.

Day 3: God Sets Up Kings and Brings Them Down

Reading: 1 Samuel 8:4-20

Devotional: Israel's demand for a king was not simply a political preference — it was a spiritual rejection. God told Samuel plainly that the people had not rejected the prophet; they had rejected God Himself as their king. Yet even in this, God did not abandon them. He gave them what they demanded while also giving them a warning through Samuel of what that choice would cost. This is the nature of God's permissive will. He honors human choice, even when that choice leads to hardship, because He is committed to our freedom. But He never stops being sovereign. He never stops having a plan. The consequences of Israel's decision were real and painful, but God's ultimate purposes were never derailed. Whatever you see unfolding in the world around you today, understand that no election, no leader, and no earthly power has ever caught God off guard. He remains on the throne, and His redemptive purposes will not be stopped by the choices of men.

Reflection: Are you trusting God's sovereignty over the outcomes in your life and in the world, or are you placing your hope primarily in earthly systems and leaders?

Practical Application: Write down one area where you have been anxious about circumstances beyond your control. Then write a prayer surrendering that specific concern to God's sovereign care.

Day 4: Prayer That Shakes Prison Walls

Reading: Acts 16:22-34

Devotional: Paul and Silas were beaten, bloodied, and locked in the deepest part of a dark prison. There was no political solution available to them. There was no appeal process, no advocate on the outside working their case. There was only midnight darkness and the choice of what to do inside it. They chose to pray and sing. They chose to praise God out loud in the darkest hour. And the result was an earthquake that opened every door and broke every chain. Their audible, fervent worship did not just affect them — it affected every prisoner in that place, and it ultimately saved the jailer and his entire household. This is the power of corporate, vocal, Spirit-filled prayer. It does not stay contained within the person praying. It radiates outward and touches everyone in proximity to it. The church has been given this weapon, and it is more powerful than any legislation or political majority. Do not underestimate what God will do when His people pray with genuine fire.

Reflection: How often do you pray out loud and with genuine fervency, not just in your mind but with your voice engaged and your whole being involved?

Practical Application: Set aside at least fifteen minutes today to pray audibly and alone. Bring specific needs before God — your family, your church, your community — and do not whisper. Speak to God as someone who believes He is listening.

Day 5: The Glory That Covers the Earth

Reading: Habakkuk 2:14, Isaiah 60:1-3

Devotional: The prophet Habakkuk declared that the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God as the waters cover the sea. This is not a timid promise tucked away in an obscure corner of Scripture. It is a bold declaration of what God intends to do before the end of this age. No matter how dark the world becomes, God has promised that His glory will cover the earth. Isaiah calls God's people to arise and shine, because even while darkness covers the earth and deep darkness the peoples, the glory of God rises upon His church. The world is not waiting for a better government. It is waiting, whether it knows it or not, for the church to arise in prayer, in holiness, in love, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. You are part of that church. You are part of that answer. Do not shrink back in fear. Do not be silenced by the eclipse. Rise and shine, because your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Reflection: Do you see yourself as part of God's answer to the darkness in the world, or do you feel too small and ordinary to make a difference?

Practical Application: Commit to one specific act of spiritual light this week — whether interceding for someone who does not know Christ, sharing your faith with a neighbor, or joining with others in corporate prayer. Take one deliberate step toward being the light God has called you to be.