



5-Day Bible Reading Plan: The Heart of Righteous Judgment

Day 1: Without Excuse Before God

****Reading:**** Romans 1:18-25; Psalm 19:1-6

****Devotional:****

Creation itself testifies to God's eternal power and divine nature. The heavens declare His glory, and every sunrise whispers His faithfulness. Yet how often do we suppress this truth, crafting excuses for our distance from Him? We are without excuse because God has made Himself known through the world He created and the conscience He placed within us. Today, examine your heart honestly. What excuses have you been making for sin patterns in your life? What justifications have you constructed to avoid full surrender? God's patience is not approval—it's an invitation. Stop running from conviction and run toward the Father who lovingly calls you to repentance. Confession begins when excuses end.

Day 2: The Danger of Hypocritical Judgment

****Reading:**** Romans 2:1-4; Matthew 7:1-5; 2 Samuel 12:1-9

****Devotional:****

David condemned a rich man for stealing a poor man's lamb while guilty of adultery and murder himself. How quickly we judge others for sins we excuse in our own lives! We call their actions "sinful" while labeling ours "mistakes" or "struggles." God calls this hypocrisy. The sins that anger us most in others often mirror the hidden sins in our own hearts. Before pointing out the speck in your brother's eye, remove the plank from your own. This doesn't mean ignoring sin—it means approaching others with humility, remembering your own desperate need for grace. Today, ask God to reveal where you've been judgmental while harboring the same sin. Confess it, forsake it, and extend the same mercy you've received.

Day 3: God's Kindness Leads to Repentance

****Reading:**** Romans 2:4; 2 Peter 3:8-9; Psalm 103:8-14

****Devotional:****

God's patience is not weakness—it's love in action. Every moment He withholds judgment is another opportunity for you to turn from sin and turn toward Him. His forbearance doesn't mean He overlooks sin; it means He values your soul enough to wait. Are you mistaking God's kindness for approval of your lifestyle? His goodness is meant to lead you to repentance, not to embolden you in rebellion. Consider the person who has hurt you most deeply. If they came to salvation, would you genuinely rejoice? Your answer reveals whether you treasure God's character or despise it. Today, thank God for His patience with you, and ask Him to give you His heart toward those who have wronged you.

Day 4: The Harvest of What We Sow

****Reading:**** Galatians 6:7-10; Romans 2:5-11; Proverbs 14:12

****Devotional:****

God is not mocked—we will reap what we sow. This is not cruelty but consequence, not vindictiveness but justice. Every choice plants a seed; every action sets a harvest in motion. You cannot live in persistent, unrepentant sin and expect to escape God's righteous judgment. Salvation is not a license to sin but liberation from sin's power. How you live matters. Your fruit reveals your root. Are you treasuring up wrath through a hard and impenitent heart, or are you pursuing patient continuance in doing good? Don't wait until the end of your life to get serious about holiness. Today is the day of salvation; now is the time for transformation. Examine your life honestly and align your daily choices with eternal values.

Day 5: Forgiveness: The Heart of God's Character

****Reading:**** Matthew 18:21-35; Ephesians 4:31-32; Colossians 3:12-14

****Devotional:****

You have been forgiven an unpayable debt through Jesus' blood. How then can you withhold forgiveness from others? When you refuse to forgive, you despise the very character of God that saved you. Forgiveness doesn't excuse the offense or minimize the pain—it releases you from the prison of bitterness and reflects God's heart. The person who hurt you may never apologize, but your freedom isn't dependent on their repentance. It's rooted in your obedience to God. Unforgiveness is a choice to remain bound; forgiveness is a choice to walk in the freedom Christ purchased for you. Today, bring that person before God. Choose to forgive freely and completely, just as you have been forgiven. Let God's character flow through you to a broken world.

****Closing Prayer for the Week:****

Father, search my heart and reveal where I've been hypocritical, judgmental, or unforgiving. Thank You for Your patience with me and Your kindness that leads to repentance. Help me to extend that same grace to others. Transform my character to reflect Yours. In Jesus' name, Amen.