

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Encountering Your Destiny

Day 1: The Danger of Head Knowledge Without Encounter

Reading: Acts 9:1-9

Devotional: Saul knew the Scriptures thoroughly. He had studied under the greatest teachers of his day, memorized the law, and devoted his life to religious practice. Yet when the living God appeared to him on the road to Damascus, his first words were "Who are you, Lord?" All his knowledge had not produced a genuine encounter. It is entirely possible to know about God without truly knowing Him. Head knowledge without encounter produces religion without relationship. Ask yourself today: is your faith built on information about God, or on a living, personal experience of His presence?

Reflection Question: In what areas of your faith life have you relied on knowledge rather than encounter?

Practical Application: Set aside fifteen minutes today in a quiet place, not to study or read, but simply to sit in God's presence and listen.

Day 2: When Scales Cover Our Eyes

Reading: Acts 9:10-19

Devotional: When Ananias laid hands on Saul, something like scales fell from his eyes and he regained his sight. The scales were not accidental. They were the physical representation of the distorted lenses through which Saul had been viewing God, people, and purpose. Every false belief, every religious assumption, and every word of death we have agreed with can function as a scale over our spiritual vision. God desires to restore clear sight. He wants us to see ourselves the way He sees us, as image-bearers, as kings and priests, as His beloved. Fresh encounter with Him removes what blinds us.

Reflection Question: What false beliefs or distorted perspectives might be functioning as scales over your eyes right now?

Practical Application: Write down one lie you have believed about yourself or your future, then write beside it what Scripture says is true instead.

Day 3: Do Not Stone Your Own Destiny

Reading: Proverbs 18:21; Romans 4:17-21

Devotional: Proverbs 18:21 describes the power of words to bring life or death. Romans 4 recounts how Abraham believed God's promise even when circumstances made it seem impossible, speaking of things that were not yet as though they already were. Saul stood holding the cloaks of those who stoned Stephen, approving of the destruction taking place before him. When we speak death over our lives, our relationships, our church, or the calling God has placed on us, we are doing something similar. We are partnering with the enemy against our own destiny. God has spoken life over you. Agree with Him.

Reflection Question: What words have you been speaking over your life, your body, your relationships, or your church that do not align with what God says?

Practical Application: Identify one area where you have been speaking negatively and practice replacing those words with a declaration rooted in Scripture for the next seven days.

Day 4: Borrowed Anointing Is Not Enough

Reading: Matthew 25:1-13; 1 John 2:27

Devotional: The five unprepared virgins in Matthew 25 had lamps but lacked the oil to keep them burning. When the moment of encounter arrived, they were not ready, and the oil of another person could not fill what was empty in them. First John 2:27 affirms that the anointing believers receive from the Holy Spirit is personal and real. It is not meant to be borrowed from a pastor, a podcast, or a Sunday service alone. Those things can encourage and strengthen, but they cannot substitute for your own encounter with God. The Holy Spirit has been given to you personally. Draw from Him daily.

Reflection Question: Have you been depending on the spiritual experiences of others to sustain you rather than cultivating your own personal encounter with God?

Practical Application: This week, before attending any church service or listening to any sermon, spend time alone with God first so that you come already filled rather than only coming to be filled.

Day 5: Heaven Is Here and Now

Reading: Luke 17:20-21; Psalm 91:1-2; John 15:4-5

Devotional: Jesus declared that the kingdom of God is within those who belong to Him. The secret place described in Psalm 91 is not a distant location but a posture of abiding, a choosing to dwell in the presence of the Most High. John 15 uses the language of a vine and its branches to describe a life of continual, moment-by-moment connection with God. You do not have to wait until eternity to taste heaven. Every time you enter the holy of holies through prayer, worship, and surrender, you are encountering the kingdom that lives within you. Abide there. That is where your destiny is found.

Reflection Question: What practical rhythms of abiding can you build into your daily life so that encounter with God becomes a consistent reality rather than an occasional event?

Practical Application: Choose one specific time each day this week to intentionally enter the secret place. Keep it simple. Come before God, open your heart, and let Him speak. Do not complicate it. Just come.