

## One Year Bible – Week 30

### **Summary: Romans Reading**

This week in Romans Paul discusses at length the concepts of sin and righteousness and our position before God. Paul also describes the life of a believer striving to live for God yet with the reality of having a sinful nature.

### **Summary: 1 Chronicles Reading**

David passes his charge to his son Solomon and then dies. Solomon builds the temple and dedicates it to God. Solomon dies and the account of Judah continues.

### **Things to Look For and Questions to Ponder as You Read:**

- *NT* – One of Paul's most well known writings is found in Romans 7. In this chapter, Paul candidly shares his struggle with sin and explains the reality of the sinful nature. Paul essentially says he doesn't do the good that he wants to but instead acts out in the evil which he hates. Have you found this difficulty as you strive to live more faithful to God? Paul eventually pleads "Who will rescue me from this body of death?" (Ro 7:24) Can you relate to Paul's cry? Jesus, Paul says, does exactly that. It is because of Jesus that we are saved, that we are freed from death. Romans 8:1 says "there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death." Take some time this week to reflect upon these verses. If this is true, what are the implications in the way you live out your life? There is profound truth found in these verses for you and me. – July 22

### **Small Group Questions:**

- 1) *NT* – Read Romans 5:6-8. Describe in your own words the actions that demonstrate God's love for us. How is this a demonstration of love? – July 19
- 2) *OT* – Read Proverbs 19:23. Describe in your own words what is said here about the "fear of YHWH." Why do you think this is said of the "fear of YHWH?" What are some alternatives to living in the "fear of YHWH?" What are some ways which you can pursue a disposition in such a way? – July 21

- 3) *NT* – Read Romans 6:1-23. In what way have we been freed from sin? (v 7, 18, 22) What does Paul mean by "count yourselves dead to sin" and "do not let sin reign in your mortal body?" (v 11-12) What does it look like to "offer yourselves to God," and to "offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness?" (v 13, also 19) If we are not under law but under grace as verse 14 says, how does that connect with the previous phrase that sin not be our master? (v 14) Paul seems to say that we are slaves no matter what way we live, either to sin or to obedience/righteousness/God (v 16, 18, 22). Why do you think Paul uses an imagery of slavery? Explain our slavery as Christians. How does verse 23 relate to this concept? – July 20
- 4) *OT* – After Solomon finishes the temple, God appears to him and speaks to him of blessings and warnings according to faithfulness and unfaithfulness. Read God's words to Solomon. (2Ch 7:12-22) Looking specifically at verse 14, what does God want of his people? How would you describe God's promised reaction to these conditions? What does this speech to Solomon reveal to you about the character of God? In what ways, if any, does this passage encourage you in your faith journey with God? – July 22

### **Journal the Psalms this week:**

"As for God, his way is perfect; the word of YHWH is flawless... It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect." (Ps 18:30a, 32) Is it easy or difficult to believe these words to be true? Read Psalm 18:30-36. Journal your thoughts as you read this description of God and particularly why it may be easy or difficult for you to embrace as trustworthy. – July 24

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### **Reading Schedule:**

2Ch = 2 Chronicles / Ro = Romans / Ps = Psalms / Pr = Proverbs



July 19 – 1Ch 28:1-29:30 / Ro 5:6-21 / Ps 15:1-5 / Pr 19:18-19  
July 20 – 2Ch 1:1-3:17 / Ro 6:1-23 / Ps 16:1-11 / Pr 19:20-21  
July 21 – 2Ch 4:1-6:11 / Ro 7:1-13 / Ps 17:1-15 / Pr 19:22-23  
July 22 – 2Ch 6:12-8:10 / Ro 7:14-8:8 / Ps 18:1-15 / Pr 19:24-25  
July 23 – 2Ch 8:11-10:19 / Ro 8:9-21 / Ps 18:16-36 / Pr 19:26  
July 24 – 2Ch 11:1-13:22 / Ro 8:22-39 / Ps 18:37-50 / Pr 19:27-29  
July 25 – 2Ch 14:1-16:14 / Ro 9:1-21 / Ps 19:1-14 / Pr 20:1