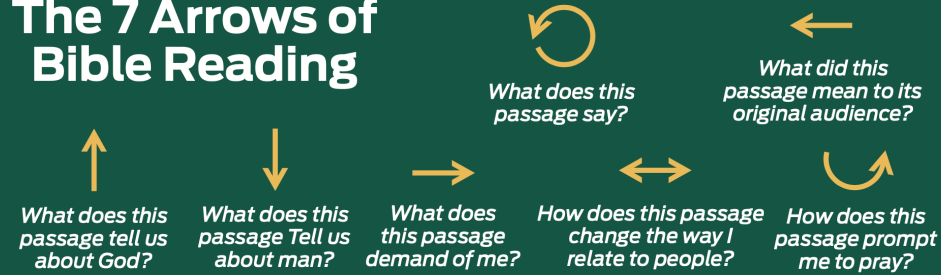




Daily Devotions

The 7 Arrows of Bible Reading



Day 1

Revelation 19:1-21

When Jesus comes in judgment, heaven will shout, "Hallelujah" (v. 1)! But how can we celebrate God's wrath? Should we rejoice at His judgments? Yes, we should—not with self-righteous taunting, but with sincere gladness over evil's defeat. We rejoice because "his judgments are true and righteous" (v. 2).

Paul said in 1 Corinthians that "love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth" (13:6). For now, we long for every person to come to the knowledge of the truth. We pray that everyone would repent while the Lord is patient with the world. But when He declares His final judgments, we will rejoice in the truth of His verdict. We will worship Him, for His righteousness has triumphed.

- **How might God's justice motivate us to promote justice in the world?**

Day 2

Revelation 20:1-15

The assurance of victory is not because Satan is weak, but because Jesus is strong. Satan is mighty. He wages war on the church and against the kingdom of God, but His power is nothing compared to the immeasurable might of Christ.

Christ has the power to chain Satan (vv. 2-3) and the power to destroy him forever (v. 10). One day, Jesus will rid the universe of Satan once and for all. Though we may wonder why He permits Satan to exist at all, there is no mystery over the final outcome. Christ reigns forever! Serve the victorious King.

- **How does Satan's final defeat give you hope in spiritual warfare?**

Day 3

Revelation 21:1-27

Not only will Satan and sin be defeated forever, even the very effects of evil will be undone. Have you seen the end of the Disney movie Moana? From the ashes and destruction, life and beauty grow again. In a similar way, God's salvation doesn't merely bring an end to death and destruction, it undoes them.

Everything the curse has touched will be touched by the healing hand of God. Just as Jesus' presence brought healing everywhere He went in His earthly ministry, His future presence will bring healing to all of creation. Think about this on a personal level. How have you suffered loss? What has happened in your life that has been painful and destructive? The One who is seated on the throne will one day say, "Look, I am making everything new" (v. 5).

- **What do you look forward to seeing God undo in the new creation?**

Day 4

Revelation 22:1-5

As you read through the description of the new creation, what stands out? It is a place where God reigns and where life and worship abound. Darkness has run away from the light of God's presence.

Because of all these things, we will be new. God's people will be radiant with His glory. We will shine the light of God's character through all the earth. No sin will ensnare. No temptation will take root. The victory of the gospel will be the eternal experience of every believer. So, press on in your fight against sin. The war has been won, and the victory will be yours forever.

- **How does knowing that you have victory in Christ change your fight against sin?**

Day 5

Revelation 22:6-21

What do you long for the most? What do you want more than anything? Jesus said, "Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life freely" (v. 17). The deepest desires of the human heart can only be satisfied in Jesus, and the One who can satisfy the soul says to "come and drink freely" (v. 17).

The only thing that hinders you from life and joy is your own resistance to come and drink. Christ has removed every barrier and required no price, so come to Him every day and drink. When you do, you will develop a greater desire for Him. The prayer of your life will eventually be "come, Lord Jesus!" (v. 20). The one who has tasted knows what true life is and longs for the day when Jesus comes again, bringing eternal life and unending reward.

- **What keeps you from coming to Jesus every day? Do you want Jesus to come soon? Why or why not?**