

2026-04-19 5 Day Devotional

5-Day Devotional: The British Are Coming - Preparing for Christ's Return Day 1: God's Provision in the Wilderness

Reading: Exodus 16:1-18; Matthew 6:25-34

Devotional: The Israelites wandered in the wilderness, complaining despite God's miraculous provision of manna and quail. Like them, we often worry about tomorrow instead of trusting God's faithfulness today. Jesus reminds us that our Heavenly Father knows our needs before we ask. He feeds the birds and clothes the flowers—how much more will He care for you? The challenge isn't whether God can provide, but whether we'll trust Him enough to obey His instructions. Just as the manna spoiled when hoarded, our attempts to control outcomes apart from God's guidance lead to decay. Today, identify one area where worry has replaced trust. Surrender it to God, remembering that seeking His kingdom first means everything else falls into place. God's provision isn't just physical—it's the peace that comes from knowing He holds your future.

Day 2: The Danger of Compromise

Reading: Judges 2:1-15; Romans 12:1-2

Devotional: Israel's greatest failure wasn't military defeat—it was spiritual compromise. God commanded them to remove foreign influences, not from cruelty, but to protect them from idolatry. They chose the easier path of coexistence, and within generations, they were worshiping false gods. We face the same temptation: conforming to cultural patterns instead of being transformed by God's truth. Compromise whispers, "Just this once won't hurt," but sin's influence spreads like leaven through dough. Paul urges us toward transformation through renewed minds, presenting ourselves as living sacrifices. This isn't about legalism—it's about recognizing that God's boundaries protect us from destruction. Where have you compromised biblical truth for cultural acceptance? What "enemies" remain unconquered in your heart? True freedom comes not from doing whatever we want, but

from surrendering completely to Christ's lordship.

Day 3: Speaking Up in Dark Times

Reading: 2 Kings 6:24-7:11; Matthew 5:14-16

Devotional: Four lepers discovered deliverance while everyone else starved in despair. But their conviction pierces through time: "This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves." They recognized that silence in the face of salvation is sin. We live in similar times—surrounded by spiritual famine while possessing the Bread of Life. The gospel isn't meant to be hoarded; it's meant to be shared. Yet fear of rejection, concern for comfort, or simple apathy keeps us silent. The lepers risked rejection and death to share good news. What risks are we willing to take? Jesus called us light and salt—elements that transform their environment. Your testimony might be someone's only glimpse of hope. Who in your life needs to hear about Christ's deliverance? Don't wait for the perfect moment or eloquent words. Simply share what God has done for you.

Day 4: Dressed in Righteousness

Reading: Revelation 19:6-16; Ephesians 6:10-18

Devotional: Revelation describes Christ's bride dressed in fine linen—the righteous acts of the saints. Our eternal wardrobe isn't purchased but woven through daily obedience, service, and surrender. This challenges the notion that salvation requires nothing of us. While we're saved by grace through faith, genuine faith produces righteous living. The armies of heaven follow Christ on white horses, clothed in purity. Are we preparing for that day? Righteousness isn't perfection—it's direction. It's choosing obedience when disobedience seems easier. It's serving when we'd rather be served. It's forgiving when we'd rather hold grudges. Each choice either adds to or tears at our spiritual garments. Paul reminds us to put on the full armor of God, actively engaging in spiritual warfare. Examine your life today: What righteous acts are you weaving into your eternal garment? What compromises are creating holes that need mending?

Day 5: Ready for His Return

Reading: Revelation 20:11-21:8; Matthew 24:36-44

Devotional: Jesus repeatedly declares, "I am coming soon," yet we live as though we have unlimited time. The Great White Throne judgment isn't symbolic—it's the moment when every person stands before God. Books will be opened, recording our deeds. The Book of Life determines our eternal destiny. This reality should transform how we live today. Are we among the cowardly who remain silent about our faith? The unbelieving who give mental assent without heart surrender? Those practicing sexual immorality, dishonesty, or idolatry? Christ's return isn't meant to terrify believers but motivate us toward holiness. Like a bride preparing for her wedding, we should anticipate His coming with joy and readiness. Don't wait for a more convenient time to surrender fully. Today is the day of salvation. What needs to change in your life if Jesus returned tonight? Live with that urgency, that expectation, that hope.