

Personal Study

FEAR NOT - Week of November 30

Last evening, my five-year-old grandson and I took a walk in our neighborhood. Though it was only about six o'clock, with the time change and recent rain and looming clouds, the path seemed extra dark. Since my usual 'walking route' was not so familiar to my grandson, I handed him a small flashlight to carry before we left. The little battery-powered torch fit perfectly into his grip and he was more than pleased to assume responsibility of lighting our path.

As we embarked, he declared to me he was brave and because of Jesus, he was not afraid. En route, as we approached a mass of something ahead, he would name it as soon as he recognized what it was – i.e. a mound of leaves on the street, he'd call out: "*Leaves*" ... a pile of gathered yard debris, he'd call out: "*Sticks*." In other words, "*We know what this is, JuJu, and it is nothing to be afraid of!*"

What has you fearful these days? At different points in our lives, we can be fearful of different things. Though a parent might not be afraid of monsters under the bed or ghosts lurking behind a shrub, they might be afraid of a child predator lurking behind an internet game. While an older grandparent might not be afraid of taking a walk on a dark evening, they might be afraid of tripping or falling. Unanswered prayers can also trigger fear.

Read Luke 1:11-25, 57-64

- **Fear not!** ... What caused Zechariah to fear, according to vv11-12?
- What else may have caused Zechariah to fear to the point of doubting (vv18-19)? Reflect and briefly discuss. What resulted from Zechariah's doubts (v20)?

Read Daniel 10:4-19

In this Old Testament text, Daniel is an older man. He had been among the first Judeans exiled to Babylon (Daniel 1:1-7); now, in the third year of the reign of Cyrus king of Persia (circa 536 BC) it has been some 70+ years after the fall of Jerusalem (Daniel 10:1; Ezra 1:1).

- As with Zechariah, here also, the messenger from heaven says: **Fear Not!** ... "Don't be afraid..." What stands out to you in this passage? (list at least two things)
- What do you learn about Daniel's relationship with the Lord, according to v11?
- What do you learn about answers to prayer and the reality of spiritual warfare, according to vv12-14?

God is more than pleased to assume responsibility for lighting our path. We must trust him. Thank the Lord for coming to earth (and for all the preparations his birth involved). Read together the PLAIN TRUTH and close in a time of prayer, worship, and adoration.

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Text: Luke 1:11-25, Daniel 10:12-19

Plain Truth

_____ in God is the only remedy for
_____.

1. The _____ over _____ is overcome
by trusting in the God who _____ you.

2. You are not a _____; God has a divine
_____ for your _____.

One Year Bible Reading For This Week:

November 30: Daniel 7:1-28, 1 John 1:1-10, Psalm 119:153-176, Proverbs 28:23-24
December 1: Daniel 8:1-27, 1 John 2:1-17, Psalm 120:1-7, Proverbs 28:25-26
December 2: Daniel 9:1-11:1, 1 John 2:18-3:6, Psalm 121:1-8, Proverbs 28:27-28
December 3: Daniel 11:2-35, 1 John 3:7-24, Psalm 122:1-9, Proverbs 29:1
December 4: Daniel 11:36-12:13, 1 John 4:1-21, Psalm 123:1-4, Proverbs 29:2-4
December 5: Hosea 1:1-3:5, 1 John 5:1-21, Psalm 124:1-8, Proverbs 29:5-8
December 6: Hosea 4:1-5:15, 2 John 1:1-13, Psalm 125:1-5, Proverbs 29:9-11

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