



# Treasuring God's Word



October 8-13, 2018

**Monday, October 8, 2018**

**Read 1 Samuel 8:1-20**

Today's reading includes one of the saddest chapters in the life of the Israelites – they shout, “We want a king over us!” They would rather have an earthly king than have the One who created heaven and earth and had given them every blessing under the sun. Samuel's pleas fall on deaf ears! **Pray: Lord, help me to trust in Your gracious rule over me so that I set my own will and way aside. Amen.**

**Tuesday, October 9, 2018**

**Read Psalm 56:1-4, 9-13**

The words, “When I am afraid, I will trust in You,” are easy to say but hard to live by. We become afraid and start thinking that “every problem I face and every trouble I encounter, I have to solve on my own.” Instead of flipping your lid, so to speak, claim verse 11 as a Word of help and hope. **Pray: God, You have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling. Be with me as I walk in Your light and life. Amen.**

**Wednesday, October 10, 2018**

**Read Isaiah 1:1-9**

The people of Israel have “turned their backs” on the Holy God who dwells in their midst. They've resisted His teachings and failed to solely worship Him. This is why, according to the prophet, they suffer. **Pray: Lord, You make Yourself known through Word and Sacraments. Send Your Spirit to work through these means of grace that I might know and believe in You more and more. Amen.**

**Thursday, October 11, 2018**

**Read Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20**

It's said that if you want to make God laugh, plan something. The women had planned to give Jesus' body a proper burial. They hadn't planned on finding an angel who delivered the greatest news ever heard – “He is not here; He has risen, just as He said.” **Pray: Jesus, help me to carry out Your Great Commission so that more disciples are made and that Your Kingdom continues to grow. Amen.**

**Friday, October 12, 2018**

**Read Acts 26:19-32**

There's something special about this incident in Paul's life. Read verses 28 & 29 again. See the tender heart Paul extends toward Agrippa. Paul could have been pleading for his life. Instead, the apostle is more concerned about Agrippa's eternal life. **Pray: Lord, like Paul, I know people who need to be introduced to You. Help me to reach out to (name those who need Jesus). Amen.**

**Saturday, October 13, 2018**

**Read Hebrews 12:1-11**

Look at all Jesus has done for the sake of “the joy set before Him:” He “endured the cross;” He “scorned its shame;” He “sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” No wonder the writer encourages us to “fix our eyes on Jesus.” **Pray: Jesus, seeing all you have done for me, help me to see You in all Your grace and glory. Amen.**