

in store for the godly and shows that trusting obedience—"the fear of the LORD"—is the only sure course through life's difficulties. Ecclesiastes exposes the emptiness of life pursued "under the sun" (i.e., apart from God), while the Song of Songs portrays the romantic interplay between husband and wife, hinting at the romance of redemption between God and His people. God's reign is a loving and beautiful thing.

The books of the prophets are the supreme expression of God's reign. They confront His sinful people with His holy standard and call for repentance. They predict judgment for disobedience in stark terms and demonstrate the justice of God's actions. The prophets reveal God's rule over all the nations of the earth, as every prediction of their rise and fall comes true. But God's lovingkindness—His determined faithfulness to redeem His covenant people—shines in His promise to the seed of Eve.

The Gospels tell how Jesus broke God's curse on man's sin. In Eden, Adam disobeyed God and followed his own will. In Gethsemane, Jesus set aside His own will and obeyed God. The next day, He conquered sin, by doing what no other man could do. He suffered unto death as the perfect sacrifice for sin. Three day later, Jesus conquered death by rising from the grave.

Our God reigns. Through all of time, God has controlled world events so He could call from this fallen world a people of His own, those who rejoice in His reign. One day, *every knee will bow ... and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father* (Philippians 2:10-11).

Bow now. As you read God's word, rejoice in His reign. When you pray, seek His kingdom and righteousness. Those who bow to Him now will reign with Him. Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be satisfied when Jesus Christ reigns on this earth in perfect righteousness. *Even so come, Lord Jesus!* (Revelation 22:20)

Prayer for ...

- **Northpoint:** Ask God to fill our church with His Spirit's enabling to make disciples who make disciples.
- **Local Outreach:** Lloyd and Nancy Peckham, teaching Bible translation
- **Missions:** Church planting by Gaborone Chapel, Gaborone, Botswana

Need to pray with someone?

It is our privilege to pray for you personally. Share your prayer requests

- By email at prayer@northpointcorona.org
- By phone, at 951.734.1335
- On a Response Card in the pew during the worship service
- Prayer Team members are available after every worship service.



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Bible Reading Plan and Prayer Guide

(Year ONE) November 2018

The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice. —Psalm 97:1

The Lord Reigns

Psalm 97:1 announces this unalterable reality: the Lord Jehovah reigns. This fact shapes all history. All humanity is divided between those who acknowledge God's rule and those who don't. Each individual on earth is confronted with the choice to accept or reject His lordship. The Bible chronicles this conflict. The heart of its message is to make disciples: believers in Christ, who receive His redemption, submit to His rule, and embrace His righteousness. Daily Bible reading and prayer are a pursuit of God as King. Of Jesus Christ as Lord.

The first break from obedience happened in a garden. Adam, the first man ate a piece of fruit God had commanded him not to eat. The penalty for disobedience was certain death. This he knew. God had told him ahead of time. But being a wise and loving King, God clothed Adam and Eve with the skins of an animal, providing a sacrifice for sin. This sacrifice gave Adam time to turn and acknowledge his Lord again. God's grace to Adam was grace to us as well, since we all came from him. By sparing Adam and Eve, God spared us also.

But the curse of sin remains. Everyone eventually dies. God promised to end the curse of sin and death, through a seed of Adam's wife, Eve. As humanity multiplied, God narrowed His focus to one man, whose descendants He would use to end the curse. God chose the seed of Abraham, the Jewish people, and made Himself their King.

Old Testament history, from Genesis through Malachi, is utter tragedy—from the human perspective. Given a land, the law, and promises of blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience, Israel persisted in rejecting God's reign. It is in human nature to defy God's authority, as Israel's history proves. But it is in God's nature to overcome, and every rejection became a chance for Him to win people to His loving lordship.

What Israel's history shows on a national level, it's poetry explores on a personal level. The book of Proverbs depicts the advantages of obedience. The psalms reveal the triumphs and trials of pursuing obedience in a fallen world. Job portrays the horrors Satan has

Reading and Prayer Schedule (Year ONE)

November 2018

Sunday: Church & Ministry	Monday: Home & Family	Tuesday: Job or School	Wednesday: Neighbors & Community	Thursday: Nation	Friday: World & Kingdom	Saturday: Praise for God's Blessings
<i>God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. –2nd Corinthians 9:8</i>				1) Read: Psalms 14-16 <i>Pray for ...</i> A revival in the American Church that is multiracial & multinational, so we love God with all our heart, soul, & strength & our neighbors as ourselves.	2) Read: Psalm 17 <i>Pray for ...</i> The spread of the Gospel in the Middle East and the strength of the Church in that region.	3) Read: Psalm 18 <i>Praise God for ...</i> The free country He has given us to live in and the influence God's Word has had on us as a nation.
4) Read: Psalm 19 <i>Pray for ...</i> Genuine thanksgiving to fill our hearts, as we see and appreciate what God is doing in us, for us, and through us. Lord, give us eyes to see.	5) Read: Psalms 20-21 <i>Pray for ...</i> A dynasty of faith in your home that will influence people to Christ for generations.	6) Read: Psalm 22 <i>Pray for ...</i> A voice that speaks Jesus to those around you at work, with gentleness and respect for others but directness and clarity that honors God.	7) Read: Psalms 23-24 <i>Pray for ...</i> Anyone with needs you're aware of in your neighborhood. Let them know you are praying for them.	8) Read: Psalm 25 <i>Pray for ...</i> Godly influences in our nation's schools: May God's truth and righteousness be taught and modeled.	9) Read: Psalms 26-27 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to purify His Church and make us a light to this dark world.	10) Read: Psalms 28-30 <i>Rejoice that ...</i> God brought the Gospel across 20 centuries and thousands of miles to find you.
11) Read: Psalm 31 <i>Pray for ...</i> Josh Figueroa, Pianist and Choir Accompanist: Pray for godliness & the Spirit's filling to direct and empower his leading in worship.	12) Read: Psalm 32 <i>Pray for ...</i> You and your family to have boldness and love in sharing the Gospel with others.	13) Read: Psalm 33 <i>Pray for ...</i> The needs of those you serve where you work or your teachers at school: May God bless them with every spiritual blessing in Christ.	14) Read: Psalm 34 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your neighbors' ability to give thanks at this season. May God give them reasons to give thanks and may you be one of them.	15) Read: Psalm 35 <i>Pray for ...</i> Spiritual renewal of our culture that leads us to look to Christ and live.	16) Read: Psalm 36 <i>Pray for ...</i> The Church in Africa to be strong and to advance against the forces of Islam. Pray for the strength and protection of God's people.	17) Read: Psalm 37 <i>Praise God for ...</i> Making Man male and female in His image. Thank Him for the blessings of marriage and family.
18) Read: Psalm 38 <i>Pray for ...</i> Carolee Jefferson, Ministry Assistant Youth: May God use her work to bring honor to His name & lead students to Christ.	19) Read: Psalm 39 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your spouse and children or your closest friends: May God make them one, even as Jesus is one with the Father.	20) Read: Psalm 40 <i>Pray for ...</i> Opportunities to express God's love for others on your job or at school.	21) Read: Psalm 41 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your relationships and Christian influence in your neighborhood.	22) Read: Psalms 42-43 <i>Thank God for ...</i> The influence of the Church in the past, present, and future of our nation.	23) Read: Psalm 44 <i>Give Praise for ...</i> The spread of the Gospel to the ends of the earth and the worldwide influence of the Church of Jesus Christ.	24) Read: Psalms 45-46 <i>Rejoice that ...</i> The Lord will come again. As on the first Christmas, "He rules the world with truth & grace."
25) Read: Psalms 47-48 <i>Pray for ...</i> The Christmas Tea to present Christ clearly and in a positive and winsome way.	26) Read: Psalm 49 <i>Commit ...</i> Yourself & your family to Christ: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).	27) Read: Psalm 50 <i>Pray that ...</i> The quality & effectiveness of your work will exalt Christ and point others to Him.	28) Read: Hebrews 1 <i>Pray for ...</i> Peace and safety in your neighborhood and community, along with increased engagement between you & your neighbors.	29) Read: Hebrews 2 <i>Pray for ...</i> Wisdom, godliness, & integrity for our president, Congress, & judges as they lead us. Ask God to reign in the hearts of people of all parties in our nation.	30) Read: Hebrews 3 <i>Pray for ...</i> The Gospel of Jesus Christ to triumph in China & Japan, changing lives & transforming the culture.	