



30 DAYS

TO UNDERSTANDING

THE BIBLE

• **COMPANION GUIDE** •
PART 2 • DECEMBER

KNOW THE BIBLE, FEAR THE LORD

DECEMBER DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET

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How to Use the Companion with 30 Days to Understanding the Bible

60-Day Program: “30 Days to Understanding the Bible” is a great resource to help us understand the structure, the story, the major men and women, the major events, and the major points of geography of the Bible. In order to let the readers have enough time to interact with the material and provide a time of reflection and meditation, we are extending the study from 30 days to 60 days. This companion will provide guidelines for reading and meditation for this 60-day program.

Read & Reflect: The book will provide information about the Bible, whereas this “Companion” will provide some reflective and meditative pointers; so that not only will the reader acquire knowledge, but they will also have a time to reflect and to apply the related topics to their lives.

Using The Companion With The Book:

- ① Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and to open your eyes so that you can understand what He is trying to tell you.
- ② Read the sections of the Book “30 Days to Understanding the Bible” as assigned in the “Companion.” Try to memorize the main points.
- ③ Do the Review and Self-Test section(s) as assigned to help you remember the main points.
- ④ Do the Reflect/Meditation section and make sure that you have ample time for reflection and meditation to see how the content or the assigned passage relate to your life. Do not rush through it.
- ⑤ End your reading/devotion with a prayer to commit what you have learned to the Lord.

The Gospel Era (1)

Chapter 16

December 1

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read Chapter 16 until before “Self-Test” (p. 130), and try to memorize the main points.

REVIEW & REFLECT: Review the life journey of Jesus Christ. Which of His four life stages impresses you most, and why? How would you respond to that insight?

PRAYER: Ask God to help you put into practice the lessons that inspired and illuminated you today.

The Gospel Era (2)

Chapter 16

December 2

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ: Read and review the main points of Chapter 16 again.

SELF-TEST: Do the self-test on pp. 130-133 and check to see if you are correct. Try to memorize the main points.

MEDITATION: Read and meditate on Luke 9:23 —

“Then he said to them all: ‘If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

Which part of the calling from Jesus sounds challenging or difficult to you, why? What area(s) in your life do you need to work on in order to respond to that calling?

PRAYER: Ask God to help you in the areas that you need to improve and commit to follow Him all of your life.

The Church Era (1)

Chapter 17

December 3

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read Chapter 17 from pp. 134-137, and try to memorize the main points.

REVIEW & REFLECT: Review the major points of the day and reflect upon the four stages of the early church. Which stage impresses you the most, and why?

PRAYER: Pray for your church and her leaders that God will use your church to impact more lives.

The Church Era (2)

Chapter 17

December 4

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ: Read and review the main points of Chapter 17 again.

SELF-TEST: Do the self-test from pp. 138-140 and check to see if you are correct. Try to memorize the main points.

MEDITATION: Read and meditate on Acts 10:34-35 —

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right.'"

Reflect on how God has been gracious to and accepts even Gentiles like us. Recall how He has led you to His side and has forgiven all your sins.

PRAYER: Thank God for all that He has done in order to bring you to His side.

The Missions Era (1)

Chapter 18

December 5

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read Chapter 18 until p. 143 and try to memorize the main points.

REVIEW & REFLECT: Review the major points of the day and reflect upon the price that early Christians had to pay in order to share the Good News. What price have you paid in sharing the gospel? What more could you do?

PRAYER: Ask God to give you opportunities to share the gospel, and pray for courage and wisdom.

The Missions Era (2)

Chapter 18

December 6

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ: Read and review the main points of Chapter 18 again.

SELF-TEST: Do the self-test on pp. 144-147 and check to see if you are correct. Try to memorize the main points.

MEDITATION: Read and meditate on Acts 16:9 —

*“During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him,
‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’”*

Who do you think are calling you to come over to help (them understand the gospel)? List down some of these names and draft a rough plan as of how you could help them.

PRAYER: Pray for the lost souls that God has put in your heart. Pray for their salvation, as well as for God to open doors for you to reach out to them.

The Epistles (1)

Chapter 19

December 7

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read Chapter 19 until before session 3 on p.153, try to memorize the main points.

REVIEW & REFLECT: Review the major points of the day and reflect upon how we should respond to doctrine with duty, and principle with practice. List down some doctrines that you have learned in the past and the ways that you should respond with your duties (e.g. God is holy → we should have holy living; the Bible is God's words → we should read the Bible daily; etc.).

PRAYER: Thank God for revealing Himself and His will through His words, and pray that you could live out His desires and become a blessing to others.

The Epistles (2)

Chapter 19

December 8

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ: Review the main points of yesterday's reading and finish reading the rest of the chapter.

SELF-TEST: Do the review and self-test on pp. 155-157 and check to see if you are correct. Try to memorize the main points.

MEDITATION: Read and meditate on 1 John 2:12-14 —

*¹² I write to you, dear children,
because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name.
¹³ I write to you, fathers,
because you have known him who is from the beginning.
I write to you, young men,
because you have overcome the evil one.
¹⁴ I write to you, dear children,
because you have known the Father.
I write to you, fathers,
because you have known him who is from the beginning.
I write to you, young men,
because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you,
and you have overcome the evil one."*

Meditate on the various qualities of John's recipients. Which qualities do you lack and why? In what way could you acquire these qualities or improve in these areas? Please draft a concrete plan.

PRAYER: Thank God for His reminder through His words. Commit your plan to God and ask for His empowerment to carry it out.

The Overview Of Bible Doctrine (1)

Chapter 20

December 9

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read Chapter 20 until p. 164 and do the “Review” on pp. 164-165. Try to memorize the main points.

REVIEW & REFLECT: Review the 10 major doctrines of the Bible. Which one of these doctrines are you most familiar with? Please list some of the biblical truths about this doctrine and in what ways that you are thankful for it (e.g. Omniscience of God → thankful that God understands all our struggles and needs; salvation by grace through faith → grateful for His unconditional love; inerrancy of the Bible → thankful for His unwavering truth; etc.).

PRAYER: Thank God for the truths that are revealed in the Bible, and give thanks for all the items that you have listed above.

The Overview Of Bible Doctrine (2)

Chapter 20

December 10

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ: Review the main points of yesterday's reading; finish reading the rest of the chapter.

SELF-TEST: Do the Review on pp. 167-168. Check to see if you are correct and try to memorize the main points.

MEDITATION: Read and meditate on Ephesians 4:12-14 —

“¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.”

Meditate on how God purposed to use His servants and His Word to equip you to stand firm in your faith, to serve Him and to build up the church. How could you improve in the above areas (i.e. to become stronger in your faith and to serve Him better)?

PRAYER: Thank God for equipping you through various means. Pray that you will continue to mature in Christ and to be used by God.

The Doctrine Of The Bible (1)

Chapter 21

December 11

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read Chapter 21 until p. 174 and do the first “Review” (p. 174); try to memorize the main points.

REVIEW & REFLECT: Review the major points of the day and reflect upon how God has been trying to communicate with you through His words. List some of the obstacles or hindrances that you need to overcome in order to be diligent in studying His words and faithful in living them out.

PRAYER: Thank God for His revelation, inspiration, and illumination. Ask God to help you overcome the hindrances that you have listed, and pray that God will continue to guide you to live out His words.

The Doctrine Of The Bible (2)

Chapter 21

December 12

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ: Read and review the main points of Chapter 21 again.

SELF-TEST: Do the review and self-test on pp. 175-176 and check to see if you are correct. Try to memorize the main points.

MEDITATION: Read and meditate on Deuteronomy 6:6-9 —

“⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”

Meditate on how you could practically live out the passage above. Try to draft out a concrete plan for yourself and your family (e.g. have a weekly Bible memorization time at home, organize a Bible memory game with your kids, use post-it notes to post memory verse on your wall, play Bible trivial games with your family, etc.):

PRAYER: Pray for the spiritual atmosphere at your home and pray that your plan above could be carried out.

The Doctrine Of God (1)

Chapter 22

December 13

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read Chapter 22 until before “III. Further Consideration of the Attributes of God.” Try to memorize the main points.

REVIEW & REFLECT: Review the major points of the day and reflect upon the four subdivisions of the doctrine of God: Existence, Attributes, Sovereignty, and Trinity. Pick one or two and try to elaborate on how that doctrine(s) affects your outlook of life.

PRAYER: Praise God for all that He was, is, and will be.

The Doctrine Of God (2)

Chapter 22

December 14

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Review the main points of yesterday's reading; finish reading the rest of the chapter, do the self-test on pp. 184-186, and memorize the main points.

MEDITATION: Read and meditate on Psalm 19:1-4 —

*“¹ The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

*² Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they display knowledge.*

*³ There is no speech or language
where their voice is not heard.*

*⁴ Their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.*

In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun,”

Meditate on the majesty and the glory of God. Reflect on how God has specifically placed you in this universe, in this galaxy, in this solar system, on this planet earth, in this continent, in this country, in this state, in this city, in this community, and in your own home. Write a letter to God in response to the above reflection.

PRAYER: Praise God for His power and His unique plan for you though you are less than a tiny speck of dust in this vast universe.

The Doctrine Of Christ (1)

Chapter 23

December 15

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read Chapter 23 until p. 191 and try to memorize the main points.

REVIEW & REFLECT: Review and reflect upon the deity, humanity, resurrection, and return of Christ. Take it slowly and picture in your mind how Jesus forsook the glory of heaven to come upon a sinful world to bear our sins; how He died on a cross and was resurrected; and how He was taken into heaven and promised to return to establish a new heaven and a new earth. Out of these four subdivisions of the doctrine of Christ, which one impacted you the most, and why?

PRAYER: Thank Jesus for all He has done for you to provide you an everlasting life.

The Doctrine Of Christ (2)

Chapter 23

December 16

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read and review the main points of Chapter 23 again. Do the review and self-test, and try to memorize the main points.

MEDITATION: Read and meditate on Philippians 2:6-8 —

*⁶ Who [Jesus], being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God
something to be grasped;
⁷ but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!"*

Meditate on the humility of Jesus Christ. In what ways has Christ's humility inspired you? How could you apply what you have learned in your daily life?

PRAYER: Commit to exemplify a life of humility when you interact with others, just as Christ has.

The Doctrine Of The Holy Spirit (1)

Chapter 24

December 17

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read Chapter 24 until before “III. Further Consideration of the Holy Spirit’s Work in Salvation.” Do the “Self-Test” and try to memorize the main points.

REVIEW & MEDITATE: Review the major points of the day and meditate on Ephesians 4:30 —

*“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,
with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”*

In what way have you grieved the Holy Spirit recently? Please list some concrete steps that you need to take to correct that.

PRAYER: Confess to God for your offenses that have grieved the Holy Spirit and pray for His empowerment to bring a change.

The Doctrine Of The Holy Spirit (2)

Chapter 24

December 18

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read and review the main points of yesterday's reading; finish reading the rest of the chapter, do the self-test and memorize the main points.

MEDITATION: Read and meditate on John 14:16-17 —

*“¹⁶ And I [Jesus] will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Counselor
to be with you forever — ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth.
The world cannot accept him,
because it neither sees him nor knows him.*

But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”

Meditate on how God has given us the Holy Spirit as our Counselor forever. List down experiences that you have been helped by the Holy Spirit (i.e. counseled, reminded, comforted, convicted, etc.).

PRAYER: Thank God for the ministry of the Holy Spirit in your life; pray that you will continue to yield to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The Doctrine Of Angels (1)

Chapter 25

December 19

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read Chapter 25 until before “III. Further Consideration of the Believer’s Defenses.” Do the “Self-Test” and try to memorize the main points.

REVIEW & MEDITATE: Review the major points of the day and meditate on Hebrews 1:14 —

*“Are not all angels ministering spirits
sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?”*

How do you feel when you realize that even angels are sent to serve you? Do you feel honored, unworthy, blessed, disbelief, etc.? Why? How would you respond to that feeling?

PRAYER: Tell God the feelings listed above and thank Him for arranging angels to minister to you.

The Doctrine Of Angels (2)

Chapter 25

December 20

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read and review the main points of yesterday's reading; finish reading the rest of the chapter, do the self-test and memorize the main points.

REVIEW & REFLECT: Out of the three primary facets to the believer's defense system, which one do you need to work on the most? Why? How then could you improve on it?

PRAYER: Ask God to help you carry out your plan and strengthen your defense system against Satan's attack.

The Doctrine Of Man (1)

Chapter 26

December 21

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read Chapter 26 until before the “fill-in-the-blank” review section at the bottom of p. 220. Try to memorize the main points.

REVIEW & REFLECT: Review the major points of the day and reflect upon how God has created you as a unique spiritual being, different from all other animals, to inherit the kingdom of heaven. How would you respond to this truth? Would you respond with gratitude, awe, devotion, responsibility, or what? Why?

PRAYER: Thank God for His wonderful creation of you. Pray for His guidance and empowerment that you could live out His purpose in your life.

The Doctrine Of Man (2)

Chapter 26

December 22

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read and review the main points of Chapter 26 again. Do the review and self-test, and try to memorize the main points.

MEDITATION: Read and meditate on Psalm 139:13-16 —

*“¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place.
When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,
¹⁶ your eyes saw my unformed body.
All the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.”*

Meditate on all the imagery that the author used to describe God’s creation of you. How does this passage remind you of your value and uniqueness? How then should you live your life when you realize that you are “fearfully and wonderfully made”?

PRAYER: Thank God that you are “fearfully and wonderfully made”; thank Him for knowing and loving you even before you were born.

The Doctrine Of Sin (1)

Chapter 27

December 23

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read Chapter 27 until before the “fill-in-the-blank” review section on p. 229. Try to memorize the main points.

REVIEW & MEDITATE: Review the major points of the day and meditate on Ephesians 2:1-3 —

*“¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,
² in which you used to live
when you followed the ways of this world
and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air,
the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.
³ All of us also lived among them at one time,
gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature
and following its desires and thoughts.
Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.”*

In what ways does the passage above describes your old way of living? What are some of the “ways of this world” that you have followed? How then did you break away from that? If you have not, what could you do?

PRAYER: Confess your sins before God and thank Him for His forgiveness. Pray for His empowerment for you to overcome the power of sin in your life.

The Doctrine Of Sin (2)

Chapter 27

December 24

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read and review the main points of Chapter 27 again. Do the review and self-test, and try to memorize the main points.

MEDITATION: Read and meditate on Psalm 51:10-12 —

*¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

*¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.*

*¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.”*

Meditate on the fervent prayer of King David. How would you identify with his fervency? Try to write your own psalm (poem) of confession below.

PRAYER: Use your own “psalm” as a prayer of confession and pray for a spiritual renewal.

The Doctrine Of Salvation (1)

Chapter 28

December 25

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read Chapter 28 until p. 237 and try to memorize the main points.

REVIEW & MEDITATE: Review the major points of the day and meditate on Ephesians 2:8-9 —

*“⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith —
and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God —
⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.”*

In what ways have you experienced God's grace in your salvation? Also, in what ways have you demonstrated your faith in your salvation?

PRAYER: Thank God for His forgiveness of sin and His gift of salvation through the substitutionary death of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Doctrine Of Salvation (2)

Chapter 28

December 26

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read and review the main points of Chapter 28 again. Do the review and self-test, and try to memorize the main points

MEDITATION: Read and meditate on Hebrews 12:1-2 —

*“¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded
by such a great cloud of witnesses,
let us throw off everything that hinders
and the sin that so easily entangles,
and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,
² Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the author and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy set before him
endured the cross, scorning its shame,
and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*

Meditate on how the examples of other men and women of faith, especially the example of our Lord, Jesus Christ, could become the motivation and encouragement for you to run your race with perseverance. Please write down your insights.

PRAYER: Thank God for the sacrifice of our Lord and pray that you can run your race with perseverance.

The Doctrine Of The Church (1)

Chapter 29

December 27

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read Chapter 29 until before the “fill-in-the-blank” review section on p. 247. Try to memorize the main points.

REVIEW & REFLECT: Review the major points of the day and reflect upon how God has led you to this local church (try to recall and write down some of the details, such as: when, where, and how, etc.). Also, look at the qualifications of leaders on p. 246 (i.e. overseers in 1 Tim. 3); please write down some of the areas that you need to improve on in order to become a qualified leader.

PRAYER: Praise God for including you as a part of the universal church, as well as bringing you to this local church. Pray for the leaders of this church and pray that God will continue to shape you to become a “qualified” leader.

The Doctrine Of The Church (2)

Chapter 29

December 28

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read and review the main points of Chapter 29 again. Do the review and self-test, and try to memorize the main points

MEDITATION: Read and meditate on Hebrews 10:24-25 —

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

²⁵ Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another —

and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

How is your relationship with other brothers and sisters? In what ways could you build up and encourage one another even more? Also, in what ways could you improve in the quality and/or quantity of your “meeting together” (i.e. attending worship service, fellowship, Sunday school, prayer meeting, etc.)?

PRAYER: Pray that God will help you nurture closer relationship with other brothers and sisters as you continue to grow and to serve in this local church.

The Doctrine Of Future Things (1)

Chapter 30

December 29

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read Chapter 30 until p. 257 and try to memorize the main points.

REVIEW & MEDITATE: Review the major points of the day and reflect upon how God has prepared eternity for you. Meditate on John 14:1-3 —

*“¹ Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God; trust also in me.
² In my Father’s house are many rooms;
if it were not so, I would have told you.
I am going there to prepare a place for you.
³ And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come back and take you to be with me
that you also may be where I am.”*

Think of some of the troubles that you have encountered. How would the promise of an eternal dwelling (i.e. heaven) ease your mind and bring you comfort? Please write down your thoughts.

PRAYER: Thank God for the eternal hope that He has given you. Commit all your troubles to God, especially in light of the promise of a new heaven and new earth.

The Doctrine of Future Things (2)

Chapter 30

December 30

PRAYER: Start your reading with a prayer and ask God to calm your heart and open your eyes, so that you can understand His Word.

READ & MEMORIZE: Read and review the main points of Chapter 30 and do the self-test of the chapter. Try to memorize the main points.

MEDITATION: Read and meditate on Revelation 21:1, 4

*“¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth,
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,
and there was no longer any sea...*

*⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain,
for the old order of things has passed away.”*

Reflect upon how tears, crying, pain, mourning, and death have been troubling people throughout the ages; how did these things affect you in the past. Please list down some of your experiences. Imagine how it would be like when all these are gone.

PRAYER: Thank God that all these troubles will be gone when Jesus establishes the new heaven and the new earth in the future. Praise God for this blessed hope and thank Him for your salvation.

Year-End Reflection

Write down the overall spiritual insights that you have learned in your daily devotion this year:

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