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## **Today In His Word Reading Guide**

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*This month's glimpse into "HIS WORD"*

In this month's reading guide of the Old Testament; we continue with the book of 1 Samuel, where we see the leadership of Samuel as he shares God's Word and teaches the people to return to God. We also see the rise (and fall) of Israel's first king, and the anointing of David.

In the New Testament; we finish up with the Gospel of Luke, and his writing of Jesus' last days here on earth with His followers. It is a heart-wrenching passage, and one that needs to be read slowly as to capture the essence and the heart of God portrayed through Jesus. We also begin our journey through the Gospel of John.

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◇ 1 Samuel:

This book focuses on the last of the judges raised up by God as He finds a servant willing to listen to God's Word and speak truth to bring about repentance in God's people. This book also brings to light the life of Israel's first king, Saul, and the anointing of God's chosen servant, David.

◇ 2 Samuel:

Records the 40-year reign of King David.

◇ 1 Kings:

This book has two main parts. The first half records the prosperous reign of Solomon (King David's son). It also shows the sad ending of Solomon's kingship as he falls away from God and causes the division of the kingdom as God keeps true to His Word. The second half of 1 Kings records the split between Israel and Judah; Israel becomes the northern nation while Judah becomes the southern nation.

◇ Luke:

The book of Luke is written by a doctor who traveled with Paul. He studied the facts (and Scripture) to see for himself who Jesus was. He wrote to a man named Theophilus to help him understand what had happened. By doing so, he helped us to see more of Jesus as the "Son of Man" who came to save the lost. Besides being a doctor, he was a careful historian, wanting to understand the truth and share what he had learned and thereby experienced.

◇ John:

The book of John, is the last book of the Gospels. John himself was one of the 12 disciples that was with Jesus while He was here on earth.

This book gives us a few different accounts of Jesus that we don't read in the other gospels. John helps us to see (and know) the Great Shepherd that Jesus is to us. He introduces us to the Holy Spirit, and teaches us how to listen to Christ. Through John's words, we come to know Jesus as our "Bread of Life" and the "Water and Light of Life." We "hear" the love Jesus has for the Father, and for us. In his account of Jesus' life and ministry, we see that God (through His Son) really does relate to us in all fashions-- in all that we go through as humans. John teaches us what it means to "believe" in Jesus and to trust and know that He is "the Son of God."

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May Reading Guide At A Glance

1	1 Samuel 4:1B----5:12	Psalm 54:1-7	Proverbs 15:12-13	Luke 21:1-19
2	1 Samuel 6:1----7:17	Psalm 55:1-8	Proverbs 15:14	Luke 21:20-38
3	1 Samuel 8:1----9:27	Psalm 55:9-14	Proverbs 15:15-17	Luke 22:1-23
4	1 Samuel 10:1----11:15	Psalm 55:1-23	Proverbs 15:18-20	Luke 22:24-46
5	1 Samuel 12:1----13:22	Psalm 56:1-13	Proverbs 15:21-23	Luke 22:47-71
6	1 Samuel 13:23----15:35	Psalm 57:1-3	Proverbs 15:24-25	Luke 23:1-25
7	1 Samuel 16:1----17:58	Psalm 57:4-11	Proverbs 15:26	Luke 23:26-56
8	1 Samuel 18:1----19:24	Psalm 58:1-11	Proverbs 15:27-30	Luke 24:1-35
9	1 Samuel 20:1----21:15	Psalm 59:1-5	Proverbs 15:31-33	Luke 24:36-53
10	1 Samuel 22:1----23:29	Psalm 59:6-17	Proverbs 16:1-2	John 1:1-34
11	1 Samuel 24:1----25:44	Psalm 60:1-5	Proverbs 16:3	John 1:35-51
12	1 Samuel 26:1----27:12	Psalm 60:6-12	Proverbs 16:4-5	John 2:1-25
13	1 Samuel 28:1-25	Psalm 61:1-3	Proverbs 16:6	John 3:1-21
14	1 Samuel 29:1----31:13	Psalm 61:4-8	Proverbs 16:7-9	John 3:22-36
15	2 Samuel 1:1----3:1	Psalm 62:1-4	Proverbs 16:10-12	John 4:1-42
16	2 Samuel 3:2----4:12	Psalm 62:5-12	Proverbs 16:13-15	John 4:43-54
17	2 Samuel 5:1----6:23	Psalm 63:1-11	Proverbs 16:16-17	John 5:1-18
18	2 Samuel 7:1----8:18	Psalm 64:1-10	Proverbs 16:18-19	John 5:19-47
19	2 Samuel 9:1----10:19	Psalm 65:1-8	Proverbs 16:20-21	John 6:1-21
20	2 Samuel 11:1----12:31	Psalm 65:9-13	Proverbs 16:22-24	John 6:22-59
21	2 Samuel 13:1----14:33	Psalm 66:1-7	Proverbs 16:25-26	John 6:60-71
22	2 Samuel 15:1----16:19	Psalm 66:8-15	Proverbs 16:27:30	John 7:1-24
23	2 Samuel 16:20----18:33	Psalm 66:16-20	Proverbs 16:31-32	John 7:25-52
24	2 Samuel 19:1----20:26	Psalm 67:1-7	Proverbs 16:33-17:1	John 7:53----8:20
25	2 Samuel 21:1----22:51	Psalm 68:1-6	Proverbs 17:2-4	John 8:21-59
26	2 Samuel 23:1----24:25	Psalm 68:7-10	Proverbs 17:5-6	John 9:1-23
27	1 Kings 1:1----2:46	Psalm 68:11:14	Proverbs 17:7-9	John 9:24-41
28	1 Kings 3:1----4:34	Psalm 68:15-20	Proverbs 17:10-12	John 10:1-21
29	1 Kings 5:1----6:38	Psalm 68:21-27	Proverbs 17:13:15	John 10:22-42
30	1 Kings 7:1----8:66	Psalm 68:28:35	Proverbs 17:16-17	John 11:1-27
31	1 Kings 9:1----10:29	Psalm 69:1-4	Proverbs 17:18-19	John 11:28-57

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Each day we read from the same passages listed here  
as we walk through God's Word too.*

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