

GRACE FROM FIRST TO LAST

Psalm 30

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

NOVEMBER 24-30

Follow-throughs

Monday **Psalm 30**

For what reasons does David praise God? How does he account for why the Lord allowed these hard times to come upon him?

Tuesday **Psalm 30**

What do you learn about God's anger? About His favor? What error did David make in verses 6 & 7? Is it wrong to feel secure? Has God ever turned a wailing into a time of dancing for you? How is the theme of "sorrow producing joy" developed in the New Testament (see John 16: 19-22; 2 Cor 4: 16-18)? How long has your night been? How long do you think it is until "morning" comes?

Wednesday **Psalm 118**

What has the Lord done for the psalmist (verse)? Based on the attitude in verses 6-7, from what do you think he is free? In what areas of your life are you thankful God set you free? On your journey with God, have there been times you stopped and felt trapped without hope of moving forward? How could thanking God for what He has done in your life over the years help you continue on your journey?

Thursday **Psalm 118: 13-24**

Why was David thankful? Why does he feel worthy to enter the "gate of righteousness"? Who are the builders? What stone do they reject? What is the capstone (Zechariah 4: 7-9)? Read Acts 4:8-11. Who do the New Testament writers see as the capstone? Where do you need help right now? What promise do you hold on to that is a bridge for you to keep moving forward and keeps you above troubled waters in your life?

Friday **1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18**

How could you practice these verses and make them a part of your life? Which will be the biggest challenge? Knowing this is God's will for me and you, let's practice these three challenges this Thanksgiving: 1. Be joyful always, 2. Pray continually, 3. Give thanks in ALL circumstances. I pray God will give you great joy in Him as we practice these principles together.

Warm-ups

Saturday

Psalm 96:1-6

What words and phrases are used to describe God? What examples can you give that illustrate these aspects of God? How does the psalmist say that we should respond?

Sunday

Psalm 96:7-13

What responses to God's majesty are invited in these verses? Meditate on these phrases as you prepare your heart to worship the Lord today.