

# Read the New Testament in a Year

(Daily Devotions with thought-starters and prayer)

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## November 24th. - 1 Peter 1:1-25.

Reflect: We have an inheritance that will never perish, spoil or fade. This security in the Gospel enables us to face the troubles of life with faith, courage, and hope. *Prayer: "Lord, when things are hard, make my faith shine even brighter. Amen."*

## November 25th. - 1 Peter 2:1-25.

Reflect: "A chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God." That's who we are in Christ! And that's the way we are called to live. *Prayer: "Lord Jesus, help me to "declare your praise" in all I do. Amen."*

## November 26th. - 1 Peter 3:1-22.

Reflect: Can people see the difference "the hope you have in you" makes in your life? And are you always ready to give your witness in a gentle and respectful way? *Prayer: "Lord Jesus, may all that I do and all that I say honour you. Amen."*

## November 27th. - 1 Peter 4:1-19.

Reflect: Love covers a multitude of sins. In other words, when you deeply love another, you are able to accept them despite their failings. This is Christ-like love! *Prayer: "Lord, help me to faithfully use my gifts in the service of others. Amen."*

## November 28th. - 1 Peter 5:1-14.

Reflect: God cares for us. We know that he can carry our burdens better than we can. So what are you waiting for? Cast all your anxiety on Jesus, our loving Saviour! *Prayer: "Lord Jesus, thank you for always being there when I need you! Amen."*

## November 29th. - 2 Peter 1:1-21.

Reflect: Do you want to be effective in your Christian life? What you need is faith; goodness; knowledge; self-control; perseverance; godliness; kindness; and love. *Prayer: "Lord, by your Spirit make all of these qualities grow in my life. Amen."*

## November 30th. - 2 Peter 2:1-22.

Reflect: We live in a world openly rebelling against the ways of God. Be warned, God's judgment is coming. So guard your faith and stay close to the Lord Jesus. *Prayer: "Lord, keep me from being drawn away from you. Amen."*

## November 1st. - Titus 2:1-15.

Reflect: Which piece of advice given here speaks to you the most? What needs to change in your life so you can become a better witness to the Good News about Jesus? *Prayer: "Lord Jesus, help me to live a self-controlled, upright and godly life. Amen."*

## November 2nd. - Titus 3:1-15.

Reflect: The heart of the Gospel is this: That God saved us not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy (grace). *Prayer: "Lord, thank you for your grace and the promise of eternal life. Amen."*

## November 3rd. - Philemon 1-25.

Reflect: What strikes you most about Paul's appeal to Philemon? Do you allow others to freely make their own choices in their dealings with you? *Prayer: "Lord Jesus, free me from the desire to control or manipulate others. Amen."*

## November 4th. - Hebrews 1:1-14.

Reflect: Jesus is the mouthpiece of God and is the "exact representation of God's being". To know Jesus is to know God for who he is (See John 14:6-7). *Prayer: "Lord Jesus, God incarnate, help me to trust in you always. Amen."*

## November 5th. - Hebrews 2:1-18.

Reflect: Jesus not only shares the Father's glory, he also shares our humanity. His suffering and death has brought us forgiveness and reconciliation with God. *Prayer: "Saviour, thank you that I can bring all my troubles to you. Amen."*

## November 6th. - Hebrews 3:1-19.

Reflect: We always need to keep our focus on Jesus! We daily need to repent and confess our sins to him and to sincerely trust in his forgiveness and his love for us. *Prayer: "Lord, help me to always keep my focus on you. Amen."*

## November 7th. - Hebrews 4:1-16.

Reflect: It is not enough to hear the Gospel, we need to believe it and to live by it. Jesus, our great high priest and bearer of God's grace, enables us to do precisely that. *Prayer: "Saviour, thank you that your mercy never fails! Amen."*

## November 8th. - Hebrews 5:1-14.

Reflect: God appointed Jesus to act as high priest. In other words, God was active through Christ to bring about the necessary sacrifice (and thus forgiveness) for sin. *Prayer: "Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus to be my saviour. Amen."*

**November 9th. - Hebrews 6:1-20.**

Reflect: Are the elementary teachings of Christianity clear to you? Are you ready to move on to maturity in your Christian walk? Maturity means service of others! *Prayer: "Lord Jesus, help me to know you, to trust in you and to serve you. Amen."*

**November 10th. - Hebrews 7:1-28.**

Reflect: Jesus' priesthood is not based on the law but on a better covenant (the Gospel). Jesus is our eternal high priest who always intercedes for us before God. *Prayer: "Lord, thank you that you meet all my needs. Amen."*

**November 11th. - Hebrews 8:1-13.**

Reflect: The old covenant of the Law was in itself good but could not save us because we sinners were unable to keep it! The new covenant saves sinners by forgiving them. *Prayer: "Lord Jesus, thank you for the "better promises" of the Gospel. Amen."*

**November 12th. - Hebrews 9:1-28.**

Reflect: The sacrifice Jesus our high priest offers for our forgiveness is himself (his blood). His sacrifice of the cross was sufficient to win forgiveness for ALL sin. *Prayer: "Lord Jesus, thank you that you were willing to die for me. Amen."*

**November 13th. - Hebrews 10:1-18.**

Reflect: Nothing else needs to be done to win us forgiveness. Christ has already done it all for us on the cross! Salvation comes by trusting in what Jesus has done for us. *Prayer: "Gracious Lord, thank you that you have won salvation for me. Amen."*

**November 14th. - Hebrews 10:19-39.**

Reflect: God is faithful. This makes our hope for salvation 100% sure. This confidence in Christ is to be treasured, shared and celebrated with others. *Prayer: "Lord Jesus, use me to encourage others to grow in faith and love. Amen."*

**November 15th. - Hebrews 11:1-19.**

Reflect: Without faith in Jesus, we can neither approach God nor please him. Only faith in Jesus can bridge the gap between us and God. Salvation is by faith alone. *Prayer: "Lord, thank for all those who have encouraged my faith in you. Amen."*

**November 16th. - Hebrews 11:20-40.**

Reflect: The believers in the Old Testament were saved by their faith in the coming Messiah (Christ). We are saved by our faith in Christ, who has already come. *Prayer: "Lord, make me strong in faith too, especially in times of trouble. Amen."*

**November 17th. - Hebrews 12:1-29.**

Reflect: The writer to the Hebrews suggests that the hardships of life are part of God's fatherly discipline. Troubles can be a time of spiritual growth (in learning to trust in Jesus more). *Prayer: "Lord, sanctify me through and through and keep me faithful to you. Amen."*

**November 18th. - Hebrews 13:1-25.**

Reflect: Despite what the world says, money **can't** buy happiness! A life of contentment grows out of our trust that God will faithfully take care of us in all situations. *Prayer: "Lord Jesus, you are my helper; I will not be afraid. Amen."*

**November 19th. - James 1:1-27.**

Reflect: What a great word of encouragement: "Ask God, who gives generously to all". The God we worship is generous in his love, forgiveness, and blessings! *Prayer: "Lord, help me to always be confident about your goodness to me. Amen."*

**November 20th. - James 2:1-26.**

Reflect: Faith shows itself in how you act. Faith is much more than intellectual knowledge, it is a relationship of trust towards Jesus, which bears the fruit of love. *Prayer: "Lord, fill my heart with faith and my life with love. Amen."*

**November 21st. - James 3:1-18.**

Reflect: Wisdom, like faith, is shown to be genuine by the wise actions that accompany it. Living by God's wisdom produces loving relationships with others. *Prayer: "Lord God, make me wise, humble, and loving. Amen."*

**November 22nd. - James 4:1-17.**

Reflect: The only solution to our sinful egotism is to humble ourselves before God. Submitting ourselves to God and his saving will brings true joy in this life and the next. *Prayer: "Heavenly Father, by your grace teach me humility and trust. Amen."*

**November 23rd. James 5:1-20.**

Reflect: The healing we need most of all is forgiveness. For Christians to remain spiritually healthy, we have to confess our sins to each other and pray for one another. *Prayer: "Lord, in your mercy, keep me and those I love spiritually healthy. Amen."*