

## Bible Reading for Week of April 7, 2024

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### **Monday, April 8 – 1 Peter 5**

In light of the reality of verse 8, why is being ignorant of the schemes and desires of the Evil One a sure recipe for disaster in our lives? How does the comment to “be watchful” and Peter’s earlier exhortation for elders to faithfully shepherd the flock of God work together? In what ways are you being watchful for the adversary in your own Christian life, in your marriage, in your family, in your relationships, etc.?

### **Tuesday, April 9 – Romans 4:13-25**

Meditate on verse 20 and 21. How often do you reflect on the promises of God? How does Abraham serve as an example of being fully convinced that God was able to do what He has promised, despite all appearances to the contrary? Read Ephesians 3:20-21. “Little God, little praise. Big God, big praise.” Explain.

### **Wednesday, April 10 – Isaiah 42:1-13**

Verse 3 describes how the Lord’s chosen Servant deals with His people. Reflect on a time in your life when you felt like a “bruised reed” or a “faintly burning wick.” How does this aspect of the character of the Lord bring you comfort? How can the character of the Lord’s Servant be demonstrated in our own lives when we are faced with other bruised reeds in our midst?

### **Thursday, April 11 – Matthew 5:17-20**

What does Jesus mean when He says He fulfills the law? Why can’t this mean, “Create a completely new law and get rid of the Old Testament law” (vs. 18-19)? The Lord gave all aspects of the Old Testament law (moral, civil, ceremonial) to draw His people to love Him with their whole heart. Which remains in the New Testament now that Christ has fulfilled the law (see vs. 21-48)?

### **Friday, April 12 – 1 John 2:3-11**

Here John impresses on us the two greatest commandments. Love God and love your brother. How is this an “old commandment”? Where in Leviticus do you here this? How is this a new command? How does the person and work of Jesus change the application of these commands? May the Spirit work in us a growing love for God and brother.

### **Saturday, April 13 – Leviticus 19:18-32**

Using the categories of our confession (WCF 19.3-4), which laws have a moral aspect that applies to us today? Realizing that Jesus has fulfilled the law, what do you learn from many of these commands that no longer apply directly to you?