

Daily Prayer Guide

Sunday—please pray for our volunteer markers. Some have not been well recently. All need the sustaining power of God that they might continue in their ministry to help our students.

Monday—give thanks for the happy fellowship and encouraging ministry at the Emmaus conference.

Tuesday—please pray that the new courses being written and produced will be of real help in meeting the problems that we face.

Wednesday—just consider how wonderful it is that Jesus has been working on your behalf today in the throne room of God!

Thursday—give thanks for the generous support we receive that enables this work to continue.

Friday—please pray for our 3-year students that they will have the motivation to continue.

Saturday—give thanks for the prison chaplains who actively encourage our prison students to study the Word of God.



Have you visited our facebook page to keep up to date with recent changes and hear about the latest news at Emmaus?



Have you browsed our website—all the latest courses are available, as well as some online exclusives and other helpful study material that is all free to use? Or you can send in answers to our printed courses via the website and save on postage!

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“By His breath the skies became fair; His hand pierced the gliding serpent. And these are but the outer fringe of His works; how faint the whisper we hear of Him! Who then can understand the thunder of His power?” Job 26: 13—14

Like me, you will probably have been shocked by the pictures and reports on the news about the devastation caused by hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Whole Islands devastated, vast areas of land submerged, lives lost and communities broken, perhaps beyond repair. I have found myself wondering where you would start in trying to return to normality after being subject to the awesome power of nature. Then I was reminded of these verses in the book of Job. Having encountered at first hand the problems of life, Job had cause to know what he was talking about. He understood how God could very well influence the forces of nature. But he knew too that it was but the faintest whisper we hear of God. In the mighty power of nature, God is not shouting at the top of His voice, but whispering into this world the message that we are not invincible—we are but dust.

There was a time when God raised His voice—at the graveside of Lazarus:

“When He had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” John 11:43

All would know that here was a man who held the power over life and death itself. Here was a man who was invincible. In our self-obsessed society it is sobering to be reminded of the realities of life. In this world where we make our plans and want to be in control of our lives, we need to realise that, for all our medical and scientific advances, our time here is short and our hold upon life fragile.

There was another time when Jesus raised His voice—on the cross:

“Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.” When He had said this, He breathed His last.” Luke 23:46

His work upon the cross was complete. He could with confidence commend His spirit into the hands of His Father, knowing with certainty that there could not be a safer pair of hands throughout the universe. In this certainty lies our security—the work was done and our sins had received the full judgement of God. In wonderful grace, we can now live in the power of new life in Christ by accepting Jesus as Saviour. We can also learn from the example of the Lord Jesus and recognise that there is no safer pair of hands into which to commend ourselves—body, soul and spirit. He alone has power to keep us in this world and for the next.

In arrogance and futility, mankind may continue to pretend that we can exert full control over our own destinies. In quietness and confidence we, who know the Lord Jesus as Saviour, can live in the certainty that we are kept by the One whose whisper is louder than our imagining, and whose shout brings life!

3 year Bible study course

Back in July last year, we were very pleased to commence a 3 year study programme for students who wanted to systematically study every book in the Bible as well as several character studies, doctrinal studies and topics. Although to keep to schedule this meant completing one course every two weeks, the programme remains student led and each one can progress as time allows.

However, we have just finished the first year and were happy to present William MacDonald's New Testament Commentary to those who had completed the first year of study!

The programme is ongoing and if you think you would like to enrol then please do get in touch and commence your journey on this study course—the first year of study remains free for 2017.

We are delighted to share the thoughts of two of our students:

“To commit to a 3 year study seemed quite daunting, but I am finding the courses very helpful and rewarding, and I am keen to complete a book and move on to the next one. The courses are very comprehensive, explaining clearly, not only the meaning of the Scripture being studied, but also the historical and geographical importance attached.”

Chris

“Back in 2016, I saw a 3 year EBS course advertised. I was really interested in doing it but thought I would never ever have the time. At the time I was “weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care”. Eventually I put pen to paper and now have just completed my first year. I am so hooked on doing the studying that my Bible and Emmaus Bible Study course go everywhere with me!

The courses are so helpful and informative and make the Bible a lot easier to understand and come alive. Answering the questions really makes you think and challenge your life.

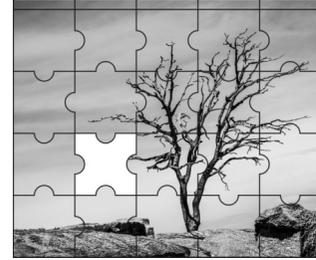
I would encourage anybody of any age and background to start studying God's word now with the help of EBS courses. The tutors give their time willingly to mark the exam papers and encourage when encouragement is needed.

I feel really blessed to have the opportunity to commend the EBS study courses to you all.”

Christine

New for Autumn 2017

Death and Bereavement



It is perhaps stating the obvious to remark that in our world today death is very much a part of life. That may be through personal involvement or the much larger loss of life around the world. We need, then, to ask, “Why is death such an integral part of life?” is it merely a part of an evolutionary process which results in the survival of the fittest?

It is important that our views on this matter are formed by a biblical view rather than current political correctness. In this study, we will look at what the Bible teaches as to the place of death in this world.

Growing Old

The fear of what is to come is the inspiration for many to maintain the status quo and carry on living. And yet it is hardly an inspirational thought!

In this study we get a Christian view on growing old and it opens to us the possibility of being an active, profitable development of our relationship with the One who gives life to all mankind. We cannot generally choose the circumstances of life, good or bad, but we can all choose how we respond to them.



Peter—the man

Tradition says that Mark's Gospel is essentially Peter's reminiscences. His first-hand memories of the Lord served him well.

But what about Peter's life – this man of Galilee who, for three years, walked with the Son of God? We know the facts, but do we know the man?

For a deeper understanding of the apostle himself, we need to acquaint ourselves with first century life in the land of Israel. We need to be aware of the character of

the people and the hopes and fears of the nation where Peter lived out his own hopes and fears alongside his family and friends. And above all, where he experienced the life-transforming love and leadership of another man of Galilee – Jesus of Nazareth, Messiah, Saviour, the Son of God.



EMMAUS CONFERENCE

For three days, from the 25th—27th September a group of 40 of us enjoyed time together in the beautiful Derbyshire countryside and were well looked after at the Hayes Christian Conference Centre. As well as hearing encouraging reports of the Lord's work around the country and the world, we were challenged by some excellent Bible teaching on Abraham, Obadiah, meeting temptation and events from the Gospels. There was time to hear how Emmaus courses are being used in prison and around the country. It is always good to be able to put faces and names together!