

# Lesson 9 | October 30, 2022

## The Matchless Savior

**Study Text:** Hebrews 2:5 through 4:13

**Central Truth:** Jesus Christ is Savior and Lord.

**Key Verse: Colossians 1:17–18**

He [Christ] is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence (KJV).

**He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything (NLT).**

### Learning Objectives

- Students should appreciate the significance of Christ humbling himself to come into this world.
- Students should respond to their position as children of God, saved through Christ with faith and worship.
- Students should look to God for rest and hope amid the trials and struggles of this life.

### Introducing the Study

**Say:** In our busy world, few things challenge us more than stopping, quieting ourselves, and resting in the Lord. Yet God invites us to find rest and peace in Him, a rest that is only possible because we serve an omnipotent Savior who walks with us every step of our lives.

**Who doesn't like a Sunday nap? Well, this is only a type of rest for the body. What about rest for the soul and spirit?**

### Opening Activity—Rest

*Ask.* How do you define the word rest, and what are some ways you enjoy rest? Invite students to share ideas of how they enjoy rest. Emphasize that rest can mean a

**Say:** We tend to think of rest as inactivity. So it may seem contradictory that the pursuit of spiritual rest involves action—or, more specifically, response to Christ. The spiritual rest found in Christ involves seeking Him and trusting Him. As we do so, we grow in our understanding of the everlasting rest that awaits us in heaven. There we will forever enjoy peace and contentment in God's presence. (Share your highlights from the following text.)

**To me, the kind of rest our lesson presents is having peace and security and doing nothing to gain it. Having eternal life and not doing anything to earn it.**

Here is another thought I have. Those who have gone on before us and have entered into the Lord's presence, they no longer need faith. They see God face-to-face. They don't have to trust God to see them through, they are there. One day we will each enter into that type of spiritual rest. So, Christian, what did we have to do to be saved? Nothing but believe in the one and only Son of God is our Savior. He died for our sins and made us right in His Father's sight.

Towards the end of our lesson we will discuss Hebrews 4:10. When we have ceased from trying to take actions to make ourselves right in God's sight and trust only in Christ to makes us right, we are resting from our spiritual work. We can only have this type of rest through the mercy and grace of the Living God.

The writer of Hebrews was concerned about his audience of Jewish converts to Christianity—concerns that had to do with their confidence. **He knew his readers were tempted to place their trust in Judaism, with its emphasis on Moses and angels, rather than in Christ. He sought to show his readers that they needed to place their confidence firmly in the Lord. Only in Him could they find the hope they needed to rest in the Lord amid severe trials.**

This a good message for us today. Christians tend to try and add actions to gain points with God. Our everlasting destination depends upon where (or, more specifically, in whom) we place our confidence. We must put our hope and trust in Christ, for everlasting life is found only in Him.

## **Part 1—Author of Our Salvation Made Lower Than the Angels**

Hebrews 2:9

**[Heb 2:9 NKJV] 9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.**

**Say:** Do you ever struggle with worry about the future? There are many uncertainties in our world, and if we focus on ourselves, we can feel quite powerless. Hebrews 2:9, and the verses following, offer real comfort in a tumultuous and uncertain world. (Share your highlights from the following text.)

**Hebrews 2:9 follows a passage (verses 5–8) where the writer cites Psalm 8:4–6. This psalm describes the subjection of the world under humanity, and is a reminder of Genesis 1:26–30. It also recounts both the greatness and the insignificance of humanity. So, while God gave Adam and all humanity—**

**dominion or authority over the rest of creation, humanity itself is powerless and small in comparison to the great God even though we are a race that, of itself, would seem to be of little concern to God.**

[Psa 8:4-6 NLT] 4 what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? 5 Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. 6 You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority—

[Gen 1:26-30 NLT] 26 Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground." 27 So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground." 29 Then God said, "Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. 30 And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground--everything that has life." And that is what happened.

Verse 9, then, injects vital understanding into verses 5–8 (and also Psalm 8:4–6). Humanity is greatly limited in exercising dominion over the rest of creation. We are subject to “thorns and thistles” (Genesis 3:18). **Humanity toils in working, chafes at the struggles of life, and suffers through conflict, injustice, and the many consequences of sin. But this is only temporary. The subjection of creation is ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who came into this world to live out this earthly life, and then to bring redemption to all who believe.**

Notice the progression in Hebrews 2:9. Jesus “for a little while was given a position ‘a little lower than the angels’ ” (NLT)—a reference to humanity. He took on human flesh to dwell among us, and in doing so He embraced the position of a lowly servant (John 1:14; Philippians 2:7). Then He suffered death, the final enemy of human life (see 1 Corinthians 15:26), and He suffered it for the sake of humanity: “Jesus tasted death for everyone” (Hebrews 2:9, NLT). But because of that death, Jesus is now “crowned with glory and honor” (NLT). He is seated in the place of supremacy that the Psalmist foretold. This, then, is a scene of redemption. By God’s grace, Christ made atonement for our sins. He delivered humanity from the stain and toil and pain—and ultimately death—brought about by the Fall. And so, while humanity and all creation now continues to suffer under the effects of sin (see Romans 8:18–25), **Christ has made the way for all who would believe in Him to look forward to everlasting life in the new creation (see 2 Peter 3:13).**

[Rom 8:18-25 NLT] 18 Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. **19 For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. 20 Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, 21 the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. 22 For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. 24 We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. 25 But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.)**

[2Pe 3:13 NLT] **13 But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness.**

### **Resource Packet Item 1: Christ Is Exalted**

Distribute the work sheet and instruct students to complete it individually or in groups. Then, discuss their responses in class.

#### ***Discuss***

? What are some ways that living in a world suffering under the consequences of sin impacts your life?

? What does it mean to you to know that Jesus took on human flesh and lived in this world in order to save you?

## **Perfect Through Suffering**

Hebrews 2:0–18

[Heb 2:10-18 NKJV] **10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom [are] all things and by whom [are] all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified [are] all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12 saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You." 13 And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me." 14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime**

**subject to bondage. 16 For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. 17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like [His] brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things [pertaining] to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.**

**Say:** Think of a time when you suffered for a good cause. For example, maybe you denied yourself to help someone you love who faced a desperate situation. Some among us have suffered personally to protect the nation or to defend the community. Yet our sacrifice cannot be compared to that of Christ, who came to earth as Son of God and gave himself for us. (Share your highlights from the following text.)

**Having restored humankind's lost dominion over creation, Jesus also restored humanity's intimate relationship with the Father. Hebrews 2:10 refers to Jesus as the believers' "captain" of salvation (KJV). That term points to a leader who opens the way for others to follow. The verse shows Jesus leading His followers to the benefits of salvation God has made available, and to the dominion described in the previous verses. Jesus offers people the assurance of a glorious future.**

**Verse 10 further says that Jesus was made "perfect through sufferings," which at first glance seems odd. We must keep in mind that the word "perfect" means complete. Simply put, perfection or completion resulted from Christ's suffering. There is no reference here to moral perfection, for Jesus was always perfect. Jesus completed His mission on earth by sharing the human experience and dying on the cross for the sins of humankind. Because of His death and subsequent resurrection, believers possess a future assurance as well as a present salvation.**

**Verses 11–12 also picture Jesus' identification with humanity, stating that believers in Christ are members of God's family. Then verse 13 uses Isaiah 8:17–18 to further picture the intimacy with God that Jesus brings to believers. He makes a personal relationship with the Father possible, and we can be confident that our relationship with God will last throughout this life and eternity.**

**Jesus Christ, God the Son, came to rescue us from sin. We are mere humans; we needed the Son of God to intervene. And so, Jesus' death accomplished two things (Hebrews 2:14–15). He broke the power death had on humanity. This statement can seem confusing, given that God controls issues of life and death (see Luke 12:5). But death entered the world through the sin of Adam and, ever since, Satan has operated within the realm of death—the realm of sinful, fallen humanity.**

**Second, Jesus' sacrifice frees people from slavery to the fear of death. Such fear has always troubled humanity. But through faith in Christ, we are no longer**

subject to the sting of death (see 1 Corinthians 15:54–57). For every believer, death means entry into everlasting life. And so, while death will cause sorrow for believers, our sorrow is tempered with the hope of heaven (1 Thessalonians 4:13–14).

### **Resource Packet Item 2: Freedom From Slavery to Sin**

Distribute the work sheet and instruct students to complete it individually or in groups. Then, discuss their responses in class.

Hebrews 2:16–18 moves to picturing Christ as a faithful High Priest. First, the passage notes that Christ did not come as an angel, but as a human being like His “brothers and sisters” (verse 17, NLT). He was a descendant of Abraham and was like every person, except without sin. Thus Jesus could serve as our High Priest (verse 17). And by experiencing the common human problem of temptation, He could empathize with those who are tempted to sin (verse 18); He could understand the struggles of being human, yet could transcend the problems of sin because He remained pure.

Yet Jesus helps not only by empathizing with people, but also by having made atonement to take away their sins (verse 17). Acting as both priest and sacrifice, Jesus offered himself as the all-sufficient sacrifice to atone for the sins of all people. Having walked this earth as a human being, Jesus knows what it means to be tempted. He can help us when we face enticements to sin. He is our merciful and faithful High Priest, so we can trust Him for today and for eternity.

#### ***Discuss***

? How does it make you feel to know that Jesus was tempted, just as you are tempted, yet He did not sin?

? In what ways can our view of others (even our enemies) change as we recall that Jesus suffered for them, just as He suffered for us??

## **Part 2—Greater Than Moses**

### **Jesus: Messenger and High Priest**

Hebrews 3:1

**[Heb 3:1 NKJV] 1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,**

**Say:** Hebrews is especially important for the Christian because it gives us an especially wide and complete view of why Jesus came to earth. In Hebrews 3:1, He is described

as Messenger, or Apostle, and High Priest. (Share your highlights from the following text.)

**The expression “holy brethren” (Hebrews 3:1, KJV) only appears here in the New Testament.** Such a phrase combines a term of relationship with one of consecration. Clearly, the author cherished the people to whom he wrote, and also identified them as set apart for service to God, having been called by God. There is a tenderness, a spiritual compassion, present in his words to these Christians. Also, the phrase “wherefore” (KJV; “and so,” NLT) connects this section with what has just been said. Because Jesus took on flesh and endured struggles while remaining sinless, we can better appreciate His ministry as both Apostle/Messenger and High Priest.

**Continuing in verse 1, the author called the people to “consider” (KJV; “think carefully about,” NLT) the “Apostle,” Jesus Christ. This designation refers to the sense that the Father sent Him to earth to accomplish His purpose. The fundamental idea here is one of mission.**

Furthermore, identifying Jesus as High Priest highlights the sacrificial nature of His mission. **Although Jesus is the Son of God, glorious and lifted up above all of His creation, He became man—the God-Man—entirely divine and entirely human. Yet He is also identified simply as “Jesus.” It is a human name, to be combined with His position as Messiah and identity as God. These Jewish Christians, like their ancestors, had waited for the promise, generation after generation. Now, even amid their struggles, they could rejoice in the reality that Christ had come.**

### ***Discuss***

? How might your relationship with other believers be impacted if you made a point of seeing them as “holy brethren”?

? Why is it important to recognize both the humanity and divinity of Christ??

## **Jesus Deserves the Glory**

Hebrews 3:2–6

**[Heb 3:2-6 NKJV] 2 who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also [was faithful] in all His house. 3 For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. 4 For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things [is] God. 5 And Moses indeed [was] faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those**

**things which would be spoken [afterward], 6 but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.**

**Say:** Have you ever struggled to understand a basic teaching of the Bible? Many times our life experiences can make it harder to understand certain facts in Scripture. For example, people who didn't have an abundance of parental love growing up can struggle with what it means to call God our loving Heavenly Father. The Jewish Christians also had struggles, as seen in Hebrews 3. (Share your highlights from the following text.)

**Through the course of the first two chapters, the writer of Hebrews has developed the argument that Jesus is supreme—His greatness is unmatched. Formerly, the comparison was to angels and prophets. Now the writer turns to Moses, noting that Jesus deserves even greater honor than he (Hebrews 3:2–3). Christians today may struggle to understand why this is so emphasized. So we must keep in mind that within the Jewish mindset, there was no greater man than Moses, no one more worthy of honor. It is worth noting, then, that the writer does not in any way criticize or downplay Moses. Rather, he points out that while Moses was a great leader, entrusted with “God’s entire house” (verse 2, NLT; a reference to the people of Israel), Jesus is far greater because He is the one who “builds the house” (verse 3, NLT). And yet, He is also far more than that: “The one who built everything is God” (verse 4, NLT).**

**And so, having established the superiority of Jesus above even the one deemed by those original readers to be the greatest man who ever lived, the writer moved on to talk about the great virtues of Moses. He was “certainly faithful in God’s house as a servant” (verse 5, NLT). Yet he was indeed only a servant in His house, in contrast to Jesus, who is “in charge of God’s entire house” (verse 6, NLT).**

**At this point the writer moved to an essential point within this description: When speaking of the Jews here, he had in view the people of God, not as a historical race but as God’s people. In the Old Testament, this is Israel; in the New Testament, it comes to include all who call upon the name of the Lord. And we, together, are God’s house, a means through which He carries out His promises. This is why we, like those Jewish Christians of the first century, can “keep our courage and remain confident in our hope in Christ” (verse 6, NLT).**

### ***Discuss***

? Moses was a great man of God, worthy of honor, yet God was careful to instruct His people not to hold Moses in too high a regard. To what extent must Christians be careful of elevating certain people? What specific kinds of people are we most apt to honor beyond what is appropriate?

? In what ways does the Church, as the people of God, show itself to be God’s House?



## Part 3—Giver of Rest

### Don't Turn Away

Hebrews 3:12 through 4:3

**[Heb 3:12-19 NKJV] 12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; 13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, 15 while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." 16 For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, [was it] not all who came out of Egypt, [led] by Moses? 17 Now with whom was He angry forty years? [Was it] not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? 19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.**

**[Heb 4:1-3 NKJV] 1 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. 2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard [it]. 3 For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: "So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest,' " although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.**

**Say:** In Hebrews 3:7–11, the writer recounts how Old Testament Israel hardened their hearts against the Lord in the wilderness, despite being blessed by miracles. Their example would serve as a warning and a challenge to Christians—then and now—that they resist the urge to turn away, and instead stay true to God. (Share your highlights from the following text.)

**Hebrews 3:12 identifies what lies at the root of the danger stated in verses 7–11: an evil and unbelieving heart. Such unbelief results in “turning you away from the living God” (verse 12, NLT). The phrase “turning away” is forceful, conveying a sense of rebellion against God. Thus, unbelief entails a rejection of God and, as a result, a rejection of Jesus Christ as the means to reconciliation with God.**

Yet as sobering and dangerous as this warning is, the antidote to unbelief includes the communion or fellowship of believers. “You must warn each other every day,” the writer said in verse 13 (NLT), a reminder that every believer is vulnerable, young or old, mature or new in the faith. Christians need each other. The writer confirms this in the use of plural pronouns: “If we are faithful . . . as when we first believed” (verse 14, NLT). Through mutual support and love, God’s people can avoid the disaster of unbelief that took place in the wilderness (verses 15–19).

Instead, they can find strength in the hope of God’s promised rest (4:1–3). Note the somber tone to the writer’s words in warning, “We ought to tremble with fear that some of you might fail to experience it” (verse 1, NLT). In troubled times, complacency or apathy leads to lack of faith. But in Christ, we can believe until the end.

### **Resource Packet Item 3: Dangerous Departure**

Distribute the case study and have students complete it in groups. Then discuss their responses to the questions as a class.

#### ***Discuss***

? What are some reasons that Christians might be tempted toward unbelief, or adopting wrong spiritual beliefs?

? What role can (or should) the church play in helping Christians overcome unbelief, or even in avoiding the disaster of falling prey to deceptive beliefs??

## **Find Rest in the Lord**

Hebrews 4:9–11

**[Heb 4:9-11 NKJV] 9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. 10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God [did] from His. 11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.**

**Say:** What do you think of when you hear the word rest? For many, their minds go to a hammock, a fishing boat, or a very comfortable chair. While these are good things, the kind of rest described in Hebrews 4 is different and far greater. (Share your highlights from the following text.)

**Clearly, the rest mentioned by the writer in Hebrews 4:9 referred to something more than Israel’s entry into Canaan. Through the course of the Old Testament,**

they had times of peace and prosperity, yet they had not enjoyed the rest spoken of here (see Psalm 95:7–11; also, Hebrews 4:8 refers to the conquest of Canaan as not achieving such rest). In view here is sabbath rest but of another kind.

Verse 10 offers insight: “All who have entered into God’s rest have rested from their labors, just as God did after creating the world” (NLT). **This is a spiritual rest, akin to Christ’s promise in Matthew 11:28–30. When we are saved, we find blessed release from seeking salvation in our own works—our own futile attempts to please God—and can rest in the salvation brought about through Christ (see Ephesians 2:8–9). As we come to grasp the rest found in God’s grace, we can experience a restful peace in this life even as we look forward to eternal rest in heaven.**

### ***Discuss***

? In what ways has your salvation brought rest into your life?

? What is the practical difference between resting and not resting in God’s grace?

## **What Is God Saying to Us?**

**Say:** When it comes to God’s rest, two choices stand before us. We can labor to win God’s approval and accomplish nothing. Or we can rest in God’s grace and enjoy the peace that comes through spiritual rest. We must place our faith in Christ and trust in God’s grace. Otherwise we will find ourselves filled with frustration and doubt as we seek to please God in our own strength.

## **Living It Out**

### **Ministry in Action**

- Pray for opportunities to share Christ with someone in search of spiritual truth.
- Be sensitive to fellow Christians who are struggling in their faith, then find ways to encourage them.
- Pray that God will help you take the initiative to seek out the help of fellow believers when you struggle with doubt or disbelief in your life.

## **Daily Bible Readings**

### **Monday:**

See His Salvation.  
Exodus 14:13–22

**[Exo 14:13-22 NKJV] 13 And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. 14 "The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." 15 And the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. 16 "But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry [ground] through the midst of the sea. 17 "And I indeed will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall**

follow them. So I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, his chariots, and his horsemen. 18 "Then the Egyptians shall know that I [am] the LORD, when I have gained honor for Myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen." 19 And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them. 20 So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness [to the one], and it gave light by night [to the other], so that the one did not come near the other all that night. 21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go [back] by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry [land], and the waters were divided. 22 So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry [ground], and the waters [were] a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

#### **Tuesday:**

Rejoice in His Salvation.

1 Samuel 2:1–10

[1Sa 2:1-10 NKJV] 1 And Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the LORD; My horn is exalted in the LORD. I smile at my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation. 2 "No one is holy like the LORD, For [there is] none besides You, Nor [is there] any rock like our God. 3 "Talk no more so very proudly; Let no arrogance come from your mouth, For the LORD [is] the God of knowledge; And by Him actions are weighed. 4 "The bows of the mighty men [are] broken, And those who stumbled are girded with strength. 5 [Those who were] full have hired themselves out for bread, And the hungry have ceased [to hunger]. Even the barren has borne seven, And she who has many children has become feeble. 6 "The LORD kills and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and brings up. 7 The LORD makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up. 8 He raises the poor from the dust [And] lifts the beggar from the ash heap, To set [them] among princes And make them inherit the throne of glory. "For the pillars of the earth [are] the LORD's, And He has set the world upon them. 9 He will guard the feet of His saints, But the wicked shall be silent in darkness. "For by strength no man shall prevail. 10 The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken in pieces; From heaven He will thunder against them. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth. "He will give strength to His king, And exalt the horn of His anointed."

#### **Wednesday:**

Ask for Salvation.

Psalm 35:1–10

[Psa 35:1-10 NKJV] 1 [A Psalm] of David. Plead [my cause], O LORD, with those who strive with me; Fight against those who fight against me. 2 Take hold of shield and buckler, And stand up for my help. 3 Also draw out the spear, And stop those who pursue me. Say to my soul, "I [am] your salvation." 4 Let those be put to shame and brought to dishonor Who seek after my life; Let those be turned back and brought to confusion Who plot my hurt. 5 Let them be like chaff before

the wind, And let the angel of the LORD chase [them]. 6 Let their way be dark and slippery, And let the angel of the LORD pursue them. 7 For without cause they have hidden their net for me [in] a pit, [Which] they have dug without cause for my life. 8 Let destruction come upon him unexpectedly, And let his net that he has hidden catch himself; Into that very destruction let him fall. 9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD; It shall rejoice in His salvation. 10 All my bones shall say, "LORD, who [is] like You, Delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, Yes, the poor and the needy from him who plunders him?"

**Thursday:**

Let Him Find You.  
Matthew 18:10–14

[Mat 18:10-14 NKJV] 10 "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. 11 "For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. 12 "What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? 13 "And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that [sheep] than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. 14 "Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

**Friday:**

Walk Through the Door.  
John 10:7–10

[Jhn 10:7-10 NKJV] 7 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 "All who [ever] came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have [it] more abundantly.

**Saturday:**

Worship the Savior.  
Revelation 19:1–8

[Rev 19:1-8 NKJV] 1 After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power [belong] to the Lord our God! 2 "For true and righteous [are] His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants [shed] by her." 3 Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!" 4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!" 5 Then a voice came from the throne,

saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!" 6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! 7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.