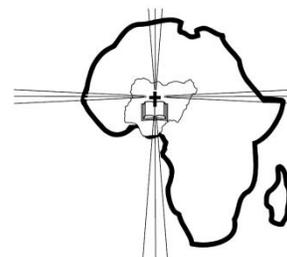


DAILY LINK WITH GOD 2015

A Daily Devotional Guide from the EYN (Church of the Brethren in Nigeria)



EYN leaders in Nigeria believe prayer is one of the most important ways to support the Nigerian people and the Church. These daily devotions were written by EYN members and published by the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria. Reading them daily is a powerful way we can be in solidarity and connect with our brothers and sisters caught in this crisis. EYN's daily devotional for 2015 will be posted a week at a time on the blog site www.brethren.org/nigeriablog, appearing mid-week for the following week. More information about the crisis can be found at www.brethren.org/nigeriacrisis.

JANUARY

Text: Deuteronomy 1- 4

Focus: The correct view of God

Brief Introduction

In this new month of the New Year, the Lord is directing our attention to having a correct view of Him. When we understand God wrongly, we will definitely get every other thing wrong. In the first four Chapters of Deuteronomy "Second Law" we trust to see God correctly, as we look through the summary of Israel's journey from Sinai to the borders of the Promised Land and the section of the Law. We pray and trust the Lord, through the Holy Spirit, to open the Scriptures to us and our spiritual eyes to behold Him correctly as it was the wonderful experience of the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-32).

January 18th Sunday 2015

Text: Deuteronomy 1:43

Topic: Listening Ear

Our passage today, depicts what has been a problem for humans right from the Garden of Eden. God gave us two ears each to listen more and more to Him. The people of God suffered defeat simply because they turned deaf ears to God. God speaks to our conscience through His Spirit, when we read His Word and through teachers and preachers He has given us. It is sad that God always speaks but people most times turn deaf ears to Him. The evidence that we have truly listened will always reflect in our actions.

Lesson: *If we will only listen, God's will can be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

Prayer: *Dear Lord, give me a listening ear. Amen.*

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January 19th Monday 2015

Text: Deuteronomy 1:45 – 46

Topic: Consequences of Rebellion

As part of the narration of their journey, Moses presents us with the consequences that always follow the sin of rebellion. At first, Israel suffered defeat in the hands of the Ammonites when they engaged in a battle without God's permission. The sin of rebellion makes us vulnerable to the enemy. Secondly, they called unto the Lord, but He turned a deaf ear to them. The sin of rebellion causes the Lord not to attend to us in times of need. Thirdly, the people stayed unnecessarily for many days at Kadesh instead of making progress towards their destiny. It is frustrating to live and operate under closed heavens because nothing works and everything comes to a standstill.

***Lesson:** Rebellion against God brings setbacks in the lives of His people.*

***Prayer:** Dear Lord, take away the spirit of rebellion from your people.*

January 20th Tuesday 2015

Text: Deuteronomy 2:4 – 6

Topic: Caution on Grace and Privilege Abuse

"They will be afraid of you, but be very careful."

God's selection of Israel as His people was by grace and a privilege. The Lord said to the Israelites that the descendants of Esau would be afraid of them as they passed through their territory. Indeed the presence of God was with them. Therefore, they were to be very careful not to abuse that grace and take what God had not given them. Instead, they were to pay for whatever they would need in that territory. In Luke 3:14, John the Baptist said the same thing to the soldiers. Just because people were afraid of them, they should not abuse it and extort money from them.

***Lesson:** It is wrong as many do today, to abuse God given grace and privilege to enrich self.*

***Prayer:** Lord Jesus, help us handle grace and privilege with caution. Amen.*

January 21st Wednesday 2015

Text: Deuteronomy 2:14 - 15

Topic: Unbearable Opposition

The Lord swore that the generation of fighting people that disbelieved and rebelled against Him would not enter the Promised Land. The hand of the Lord was against them till they were completely eliminated. The worst and dangerous opposition is not the devil against a person, but when the Almighty God opposes them. The Lord said to Israel, "See now that I myself am He! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal and no one can deliver out of my hand" (Deuteronomy 32:39). No person can survive such an opposition. The good news is that, with the Lord there is grace and mercy for them that are of humble and penitent heart.

***Lesson:** To have life in abundance is to be at peace with God.*

***Prayer:** Father Lord, give me the heart to always make things right with you. Amen.*

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January 22nd Thursday 2015

Text: Deuteronomy 2:16 – 18

Topic: Destiny Saboteurs

When the Israelites rebelled against God at Kadesh, they were commanded to turn back towards the route to the Red Sea. The people wandered in the desert for thirty eight years (v. 14) because the Lord said that none among the rebellious generation would enter the land of promise. It was the very day that the last person of that generation died that the new generation was asked to move towards Canaan for possession. As long as there are ungodly people and unwholesome attitude in our lives we can never get to our destiny both here in this life and beyond.

Lesson: *Blessed is the man who does not walk in the council of the ungodly. Ps. 1:1*

Prayer: *Lord, help me identify and get rid of my destiny saboteurs. Amen.*

January 23rd Friday 2015

Text: Deuteronomy 2:19

Topic: Caution against Covetousness

In today's passage, the warning was about unlawful desire for another person's possession. As the people of Israel passed through the land of the Ammonites, they were cautioned not to make any attempt for the land, for it had been divinely given to the descendants of Lot. Instead, they were to set their eyes and hearts on the land promised to them by God. The temptation to set eyes on another person's divinely allocated possession has always been there with humans. As Christians we are to get it right, that God will only give us that which he has destined for us, even abundant life.

Lesson: *Covetousness blocks the way for our divinely allocated blessings.*

Prayer: *Help me Lord, to go after what is mine. Amen.*

January 24th Saturday 2015

Text: Deuteronomy 2:25

Topic: Godly Terrorism (Spiritual Warfare)

On their way to the Promised Land, the Lord put fear of His people in the other nations. Upon hearing the report, the Gentiles began to be afraid, simply because His people were of the Lord and His presence was among them. To combat ungodliness in a nation like ours, we need godly terrors (spiritual warriors) like Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego and Joshua of whom the Lord said, "No one will be able to stand up against you as long as you live" (Joshua 1:5). As Christians, we are expected to stand up to persons or systems that are ungodly in our nation, offices, places of business and neighborhoods.

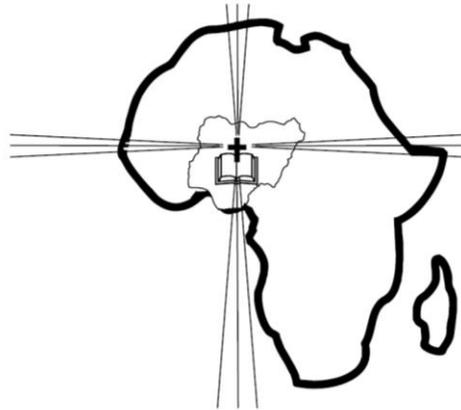
Lesson: *Our testimony and presence ought to combat evil.*

Prayer: *Help me Jesus, to live as a spiritual warrior against evil in my generation. Amen.*

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ABOUT THE DEVOTIONAL BOOK

Every church has the zeal for the spiritual growth of her members. That is why there are many spiritual devotional books in circulation. EYN (Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) has seen the need for her members to have a devotional book that will build them spiritually. It is for this reason that this daily devotional guide is published. This devotional material is called "Daily Link with God." The President encourages every EYN member to use Daily Link with God in order to build their family spiritually and mentally.

To achieve this, the 2015 Daily Link with God which is the fourth publication since the inception of the RPC is centered on "Knowing God and His full Purpose." The Committee realized that having dealt with the subject of worship in the previous years, knowing God and His full Purpose will be the sustaining force of the Church. In the midst of persecution, the killing of members, destruction of worship places as well as business places. The activities of the enemies of the Gospel and the Church of Jesus which has displaced hundreds of thousands of EYN members, it is obvious that what will keep the church from disappearance as the blood thirsty people could want is the knowledge of God and His full purpose which will in turn propel members to complete devotion and acceptable worship of Him.

The Church devotional guide is divided into twelve months January to December with general and monthly introduction to make it unique. There are daily readings for each day with some explanations, lessons and prayers. This is made easy for the reader as we already know the need of our church members and clergy. It is our desire and prayer that anyone that reads and concentrates on this devotional book would be linked to God and grows spiritually. By so doing it will enhance the church spiritually, morally and otherwise. Worthy of note is that the Daily Link with God is not meant to be limited only for the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria (Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria, EYN) but for every believer in Christ Jesus. As you study God's word daily, you will surely be blessed.