

Week 25

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

Yahweh, there is no one stronger than You. Please answer my prayers and continue to help me. Save me and all of Your children. (Psalm 60:5)

See It:

'Thus says the LORD, "Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool!" (Isaiah 66:1)

On It:

Yahweh, our God, doesn't just dwell in Heaven. ALL OF HEAVEN is His throne! And the whole earth is His stool. (Can you imagine God sitting in Heaven on a big throne with His feet up on earth!) He is in more than just Heaven, BUT it IS His home. There are actually three things the Bible refers to when it says 'Heaven': The first one is, you guessed it, God's home. And what does God's home look like? Well it is a perfect place that is pure and is filled with love and holiness and the presence of God. The second reference in the bible about Heaven is when it talks about the spiritual battleground for demons and angels. And the third time is the old-fashioned use of the term 'heavens' and it means the sky that you can see, including moon and stars at night and sun during the day, as well as clouds and birds and so on. So, the lesson for today is to tell you the goal of life! And the goal is to get to Heaven. And the only way to get to Heaven is through the Lord Jesus Christ. We repent, believe, and follow Jesus all the way to Heaven, dragging along as many people as possible along the way.

Live It: '14 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army.' Colonel Richard Munn made a list of 12 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army (based on Hebrews 7:16; and, we added two more!). These are the things about us as an Army that make us unbeatable! The first one is Salvationism as Muscular Piety, which means we are to have

a fighting spirit. We don't give up when things look hard, we trust God and keep fighting! Good on us!

Do It:

Try to worship God at five different times today.



In It:

Please help me to be courageous and to know that You are always within me, helping me and preparing me for Your plans.

Eat It:

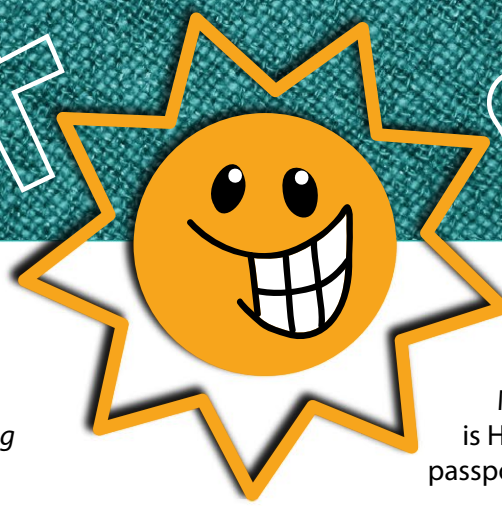
'He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.' (1 John 3:8) Memorize this verse this week.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 22, 2 Chronicles 18-19, & Colossians 4

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Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

I praise You, Yahweh! You are my God and the God of the whole world! You have been here from the beginning and will be here till the end. (Psalm 41:13)

Do It:

Make a passport showing that your country of citizenship is Heaven. Ask someone to help you if you don't know what a passport is.

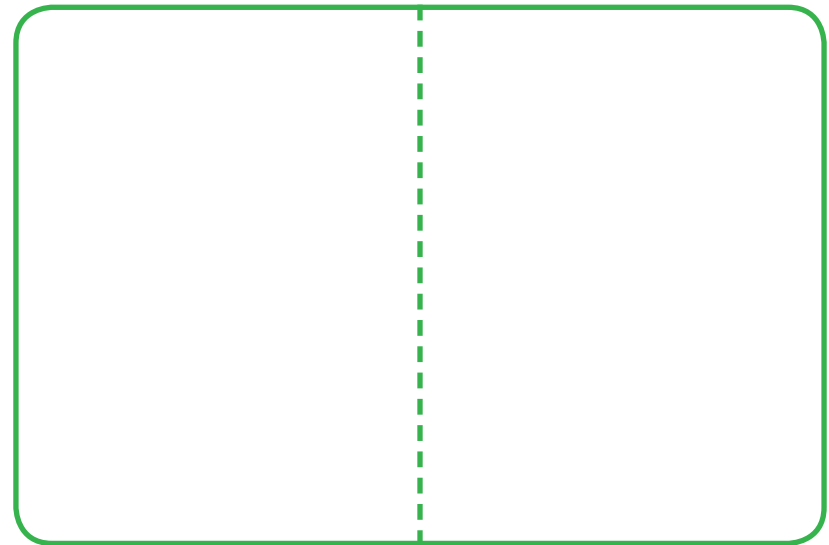
See It:

'Our citizenship, however, is in Heaven, and it is from there that we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus, the Messiah.' (Philippians 3:20)

On It:

So, once we repent, believe, and begin following Jesus, we change our citizenship. As far as the planet earth is concerned, we may be Bermudian or Canadian or Australian. But spiritually we changed over to become citizens of Heaven. If citizens of America are American, we guess you can call citizens of Heaven, Heavens. And as long as we remember that we are Heavens that changes the things we do on earth. Canadians are very interested in how Canada does economically and politically and socially. Canadians follow their Canadian sports teams to see how they do. They love and cheer all things Canadian. The same is true of Heavens. We are very interested in how Heaven goes spiritually, strategically, and in battle. Heavens follow our Heavenly representatives to see how they do (our reps are Christians who are preaching and fighting all over the world). Heavens are excited about all things that have to do with Heaven.

Live It: '14 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army.' The second principle is Evangelistic Passion, which means our mission is to get people saved. In Acts 20, Paul says 'I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears'. He is so desperate to win people to Jesus and that is the same attitude we must have as an Army.



In It:

Thank You so much that I am a one of Your Heavens!

Eat It:

1 John 3:8
'He who does what is sinful is of the devil.' Ouch! That is serious stuff. John is not messing around here. If you sin, you are of the devil. That is what he is saying. So, don't sin! But memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Kings 1-3, Psalm 82, & 1 Timothy 1

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Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

Even when I am sad and things are not going very well, I not give up and instead will put my hope in You and praise You. (Psalm 42:5)

See It:

'For the Lord Himself will come down from Heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so, we will be with the Lord forever.' (1 Thessalonians 4:16- 17)

On It:

Jesus is coming back! Yahoo. From where is He coming back? Heaven! And when He comes back, the devil and all the demons are going to get squashed. Haha! But what happens to the Heavenlies - those of us who are citizens of Heaven? Well, those Heavenlies who have already died are coming back to life and rising up to Heaven with Jesus (don't worry, it won't be scary... it will be cool!). And the rest of the Heavenlies, those who are still living on earth will catch their wave and go up to meet up with the Lord Jesus Christ in the air. And then? Heaven forever! Heaven helps us keep things in perspective. When we know that Heaven is waiting for us, we live life here on earth a little differently. And we can all get there if we repent and believe - and follow Jesus. Let's try to get someone to join us on that wave to Heaven, today! (there will be a new earth, too!)

Live It: '14 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army.'

The third principle is Compassion for People experiencing Poverty – We need to not just do good work and help others because we have been asked to. Jesus had compassion for poor and sad people around Him

because He loved them and didn't want them to be sad. We must have the same kind of heart as Jesus.

Do It:

Think of a few ways you live your life differently because of Heaven. You may need some help thinking about this answer.



In It:

Lord, I like it here on earth sometimes, but bring on Heaven! Thank You that You are going to come back here and squash the devil once and for all!

Eat It: 1 John 3:8

'The devil has been sinning from the beginning.' In other parts of the Bible, the devil is called the father of lies. It is what he does best. Don't be unaware of his schemes and tricks!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Kings 4-5, Psalm 83, & 1 Timothy 2

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Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to come now and praise You. You are my joy, and my happiness and my God! (Psalm 119)

See It:

'At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.' (Philippians 2:10)

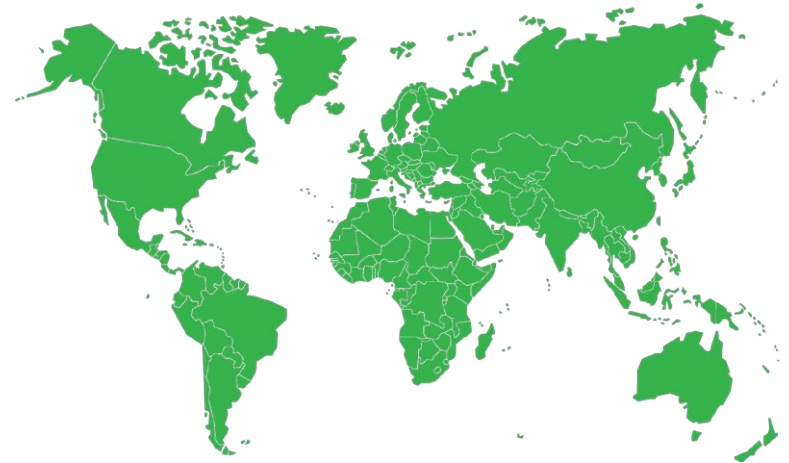
On It:

This verse shows that EVERYONE is bending the knee in worship! It doesn't matter if they are Christians or Buddhists or Hindus or communists or Muslims or cultists or atheists, or Maple Leaf supporters! EVERYONE bows to Jesus to submit to Him as Lord. But there is a wonderful idea called 'free will', which humans have. So, if we have free will, how is Jesus going to get everyone to kneel before Him? Well, many humans don't understand free will. Free will means this: Bend the knee now or bend the knee later. If you bend now, meaning that you believe in Jesus and follow Him, as a Christian, you go to Heaven. If you bend it later, on that last day of this verse, when you are forced to do it by the power of Yahweh, you will not be going to Heaven. Remember, you can't take your garbage with you to Heaven, so sins MUST be dealt with before hand. In a nutshell, free will is like this: discipline now, or punishment later. You choose to repent, and God disciplines you. If you don't choose His discipline now you have ultimately chosen punishment later. And that leads to hell.

Live It: '14 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army.' The fourth principle is Unwarranted Optimism! What does that mean? It means that even when things are looking really bad, and it doesn't look like you are going to win, you still hope and have faith that God will show up and do His thing. It means we never give up!

Do It:

Pick five countries and find out one thing The Salvation Army is doing there.



In It:

Pray for each one of the countries you looked up and try to pray for an Officer that is living there.

Eat It:

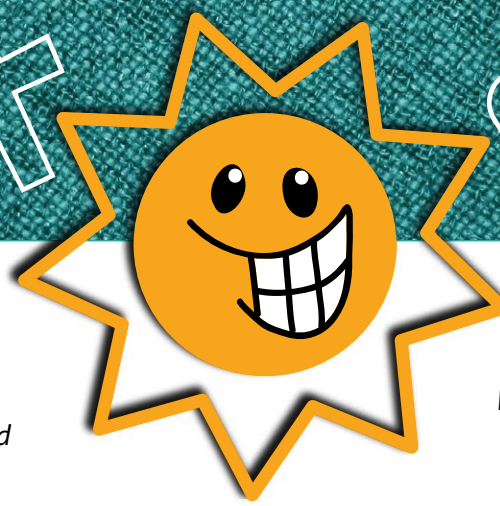
1 John 3:8
'The reason the Son of God appeared.' When we talk about 'reason' we talk about mission. One-way of describing Jesus' mission is to say what this verse says. That's one reason the verse is important for us to know.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Kings 6-7, 2 Chronicles 20, & 1 Timothy 3

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Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

I lift You high in praise, my God, O my King! And I'll bless Your name into eternity. I'll bless You every day, and keep it up from now to eternity. (Psalm 145:1-2)

See It:

'For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but instead He threw them into the lowest hell and imprisoned them in chains of deepest darkness, holding them for judgment.' (2 Peter 2:4)

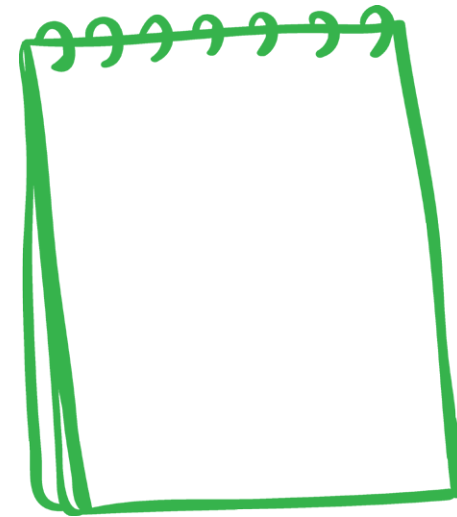
On It:

Heaven is only for perfect people. Once angels sinned, they couldn't stay. They rebelled against God and were thrown out into the lowest hell. They are stuck in darkness. And where is that? Well, it could be anywhere where sin is kept. Which means that if you have sinned against God on purpose (meaning you did something even though you knew He wouldn't want you to) it could be in you! 'Get out, rebellious angels!' So, if only perfect people can get into Heaven, how do we get in? Well, Jesus said that if it was up to us it would be impossible but if we depended on God, all things are possible! Hallelujahweh! Jesus = perfect = sins all gone = ticket to Heaven! So, let's depend on Jesus and get as many people as possible to depend on Him, too.

Live It: '14 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army.' The fifth principle is Spiritual Warfare. In Ephesians 6 it tells us that our struggle is not against flesh and blood. That means that our hardest times of battle won't be against people, they will be against satan and his evil plans to hurt people. So, we have to be ready, and prayed up so that we can crush the devil with one punch!

Do It:

Make a list of all the things you love about God.



In It:

Help me to depend on You. Help me to be the person that you want me to be and please show me any sin that keeps me from being holy.

Eat It:

1 John 3:8
'Destroy the devil's work.' Jesus came to destroy the devil's work. Four things: a. He can destroy sin in our lives, and the bit in us that wants to sin; b. it is why He came; c. He can do it in others, too; d. We must help Him. Now, memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Kings 8-9, 2 Chronicles 21, & 1 Timothy 4

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Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

You show me so much love and You make me look good! (Psalm 18:50)

See It: Luke 16:19-26

'There was a rich fellow who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in extravagance every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table... The time came when the beggar died, and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich fellow also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So, he called to him, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in so much pain in this fire." But Abraham replied, "Son, remember that in your lifetime you received lots of good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in pain. And besides all this, between us and you a great gap has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us."

On It:

There goes Jesus, talking about hell again (He talked about it more than anyone else in the Bible did!) and giving us a glimpse of what happens after we die. From His description hell sounds terrible! You don't want to go there, and neither does anyone else!

Live It: '14 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army.' The sixth principle is The Sacrament of the Ordinary. It's a long story, but we don't do the sacraments in The Salvation Army (we can explain that another time). We can remember Jesus and celebrate Him in lots of ways. Some of those ways are sharing a meal with people or just offering to pray with someone over a cup of soup in the street.

Do It:

Ask your parent if you can invite one of your unsaved friends to dinner.



In It:

Lord, I pray for my enemies today and all people who give me a hard time. Please either change their hearts or change their address.

Eat It: 1 John 3:8

Let's join Jesus in this great campaign to destroy the devil's work. There are all kinds of examples of his work, from sin in our lives to sin in our friends' lives to sickness and poverty and injustice and abuse and violence and crime. Let's destroy the devil's work. And, memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Kings 10, 2 Chronicles 22-23, & 1 Timothy 5

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Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

I will worship you and tell everyone how amazing You are. And I will teach as many people as I can about You. And then You will be praised forever and ever! (Psalm 45:17)

See It:

'I tell you that you are Peter, and it is on this rock that I will build My 'Called Out', and the powers of hell will not defeat it!' (Matthew 16:18)

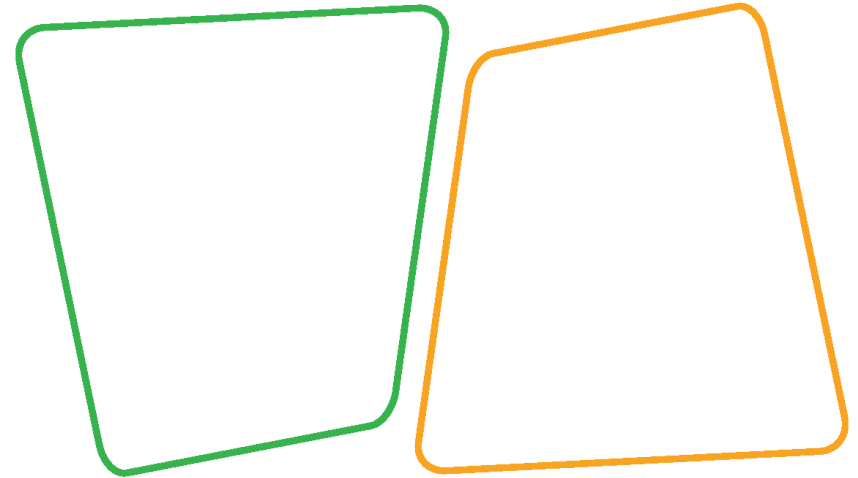
On It:

Hell is populated by a bunch of selfish ex-angels - now called demons - who are out to ruin eternity for everyone they can. And you know who they like to annoy the most? Christians! Why? Because we are headed to Heaven and they jealously hate us and the joy and love and peace we enjoy with the Lord Jesus Christ. Well, here Jesus is telling His disciples that the Truth of the Gospel, revealed to Peter, was so powerful that the powers of hell cannot destroy it! And so, all of us who hold on really tightly to that Truth - that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God, can't be destroyed by those annoying jealous demons. Haha! Stomp on a demon's head today by praising God!

Live It: '14 Principles towards the Power of an Indestructible Army.' The seventh principle is Egalitarian Warfighting. That means that we believe that both men and women are equal and can therefore have the same responsibilities. So, you could have a female General or a male General. This doesn't happen amongst many Christians and is very special to The Salvation Army.

Do It:

How many of the memory verses and doctrines can you recite by heart?



In It:

Thank You that You are more powerful than any evil thing. Protect me so that I can never be conquered!

Eat It:

'He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.' (1 John 3:8) Memorize this verse and tell five friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Kings 11-12, 2 Chronicles 24, & 1 Timothy 6