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## Yearly Bible Reading Schedule

- Sunday: Exodus 28-29
- Monday: Exodus 30-32
- Tuesday: Exodus 33-35
- Wednesday: Exodus 36-38
- Thursday: Exodus 39-40
- Friday: Leviticus 1-4
- Saturday: Leviticus 5-7

## Bible Reading Questions

1. What was engraved on the plate that Aaron wore on his forehead?
2. What happened to those who profaned the Sabbath?
3. Why were people afraid to come close to Moses in Exodus 34?
4. How many types of sacrifices are talked about in the book of Leviticus?
5. What was the point of the different sacrifices?



Oh Look at that ...  
 Noah's Invite has an RSVP

**“You shall take with you seven each of every clean animal, and male and his female; two each of animals that are unclean, a male and his female; also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth.”**

~ Genesis 7:2-3

**“God created man in His own image, says the Bible; philosophers reverse the process: they create God in theirs.”**

~ Georg C. Lichtenberg

# Discovering Truth

*Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk and live in Your truth” - Psalm 86:11*

## Start Strong

Often, how you start has a lot to do with how you will finish. Many sport teams have started out so poorly at the beginning of the season, that they lost any chances of being in the playoffs. Runners who start poorly, often, cannot finish well. We are at the beginning of the new year and each of us wants to finish well-not just at the end of the year, but at the end of life. But how we start often sets patterns and habits for how we will finish. This is a GREAT time to start the year strong spiritually. Starting some great spiritual habits today can carry you through this year and the rest of your life. It has been said that the Bible that is falling apart, most likely belongs to a person whose life is not falling apart. Consider these few suggestions on Starting Strong:

**Attend As Much As You Can.** Church services are valuable for helping us keep the right perspective in life. They offer a wonderful occasion to praise God. We connect with our church family the more we are around each other. How’s your attendance? Could it be better? Try starting stronger this year. Having two Sunday services a week, and one Wednesday evening service, there are 156 opportunities to worship God and be with your brethren this coming year. That means over 100 opportunities to pray and sing with your church family. What a wonderful blessing and privilege! Of these 156 services, how many do you plan on attending this year? How many did you attend last year? Once a week? (52 out of 156 – that’s only a third). Ten percent is only 15 services. Do you know? Would you like to know?

**Make Some Definite Spiritual Goals.** Often the only way we can really bring about change is by setting some specific goals and then keep up with them. Would you like to learn how to lead singing? There are wonderful folks here who will teach you. Would you like to teach a class or give a sermon? How about teaching a home Bible study? How about memorizing a verse a week? How about reading some helpful spiritual books? There are a number of great things that can be goals for you this year. *“If you always do what you have done, then you will get what you always have gotten.”* Do more. Push yourself. Get out of your comfort zone. Pray “big prayers.” Expect big results. Make this year “the year of the Lord.”

~ Roger Shouse - New Albany, IN

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### Our Services

#### Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am  
 Worship: 10:45 am  
 Evening: 5:00 pm

#### Wednesday

Bible Class: 7:00 pm

### Our Elders:

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## 2013 Theme: “Seek and Save”

“For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost”  
 – Lk. 19:10



# Is Baptism Necessary?

Scripture Reading: Acts 19:1-5

## ❖ Three Scriptures People Use To Refute Baptism

- Ephesians 2:8-9
  - Grace – \_\_\_\_\_ from God
  - World view – “our works do not earn us \_\_\_\_\_.”
- 1 Corinthians 1:14, 17
  - Biblical view – “Faith without works is \_\_\_\_\_” – James 2:26
  - World view – “Baptism is not necessary if even Paul was \_\_\_\_\_ he didn’t do it”
  - Biblical view – the problem in Corinth was \_\_\_\_\_, not baptism be unnecessary (1 Cor. 1:12-13)
    - In fact, Paul came to teach and if God gave the proper increase, baptism would then take place (1 Cor. 3:4-7)
- John 6:40, 47
  - World view – “Just accept Jesus in your \_\_\_\_\_”
  - Biblical view
    - “He who believes in me and is baptized will be saved” – Mark 16:16
    - “Go into all the nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit” – Matt. 28:19
- ❖ **Is Baptism Necessary?**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ makes the issue very clear and simple
    - John 3:5; Mark 16:16
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ made the very clear and simple
    - Acts 2:38

This Morning’s Sermon:

## Is Baptism Necessary?

Kevin Harrington

This Evening’s Sermon:

## Devotional

Kevin Harrington

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## Daily Spark #24

Exodus 20:16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”



Just what is “bearing false witness” supposed to entail? It seems as though it might have been originally intended to prohibit lying in a court of law. For the ancient Hebrews, anyone caught lying during their testimony could be forced to submit to whatever punishment would have been imposed upon the accused, even including death. It must be remembered that the legal system of the time didn’t include a position of official state prosecutor. Anyone coming forward to accuse someone of a crime and “bear witness” against them served as prosecutor for the people. So when someone wanted to “bear witness” against someone’s crime, they had to do so with complete honesty. And this is what I think is at the true heart of the ninth commandment: honesty.

We’ve already looked at how people should treat their God (commands 1-4), and we’ve looked at how people should treat their families (command 5), and now we are looking at how to treat other people (commands 6-10). We’ve looked at killing, purity, theft of property, and now honesty. It seems to me that God had a plan for all His commands. They all are touching on how to treat one another and how to get along. Remember these people were living together in the desert for 40 years, they were going to go on a military campaign together, and eventually live in the Promised Land together. God is clearly showing them how to treat one another while they are together.

Honesty goes a long way. We are to be honest in all aspects of life. We are to be honest with money and time. We are to be honest in story telling. We are to be honest when we talk about God. Honesty is a key aspect to being a Christian. But we aren’t just honest to the people we like, we are to be honest to our neighbor. A lawyer in the New Testament asked Jesus who our neighbor is and Jesus demonstrated that everyone is our neighbor. We can’t play favorites. God loves everyone and so should we.

Have you been dishonest in any of your dealings lately? Have you stretched the truth? You didn’t technically lie, but you didn’t really tell the truth either? What if God lied to us? What if He told us there is a heaven and we can be with Him one day, but it’s not really true? Good thing for us, we know God is telling the truth. But imagine your thoughts, feelings, and emotions if you found out God had lied to us. Now, imagine what people feel when they find out we lie to them. I suggest if you’ve been dishonest lately, you make it right. God wants us to be honest in everything we do, and with anyone we come in contact with.

Sometimes the truth hurts. But most of the time we need to hear it. God has given us truth. Jesus said that He is the way, the truth, and the life. Jesus is truth. How awesome is it that God sent us the truth? How do we know there is heaven? Jesus. How do we know God wants us to be with Him? Jesus. How do you know we will be forgiven of our sins? Jesus.

Lying is a problem with many people. We tell big lies and even small little white lies. Have you been dishonest lately? Correct it. At some point in your day today, if you catch yourself wanting to lie or stretch the truth, say a prayer to God. Ask Him for the strength to tell the truth. Ask Him for the boldness to be honest in everything you do. Ask Him for forgiveness.

You wouldn’t want God to lie to you, so why would we lie to other people?

~ Kevin

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