

“TRUST IN JEHOVAH.”

—Psalm 115:11.

**I Trust In You
(2027 Year Text Song)
(Psalm 115:11)**

**1. Where would my life be, Jehovah,
Without you by my side?
Where else would I go, Jehovah?
Beneath your wings, I hide.
Life brings fears, pain, and tears;
You know I am dust.
But I know in your love I can trust.**

(CHORUS)

**You are my rock—you're ever true—
And I will always trust in you.
You are my shield, my shelter too;
With all my heart, I trust in you.
You have always helped me through.
Yes, in ev'rything I do, I trust in you.**

**2. When I talk to you, Jehovah,
Your strength and peace, I find.
When you talk to me, Jehovah,
You soothe my heart and mind.
Trials fall on us all
In these final days.
But I know in your arms I am safe.**

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(See also Ps. 18:2; 119:114.)

March 15-21, 2027: Keep Trusting in Jehovah's Support
Our Yeartext for 2027: "Trust in Jehovah."—Psalm 115:11.

We are inclined to trust someone whom we know well. For example, when we face difficult challenges, we may readily turn to a trusted friend for advice and support. Such a friend is like a safety net, ready to catch us if we fall.—Ecclesiastes 4:9,10.

Jehovah is our closest, most trusted Friend. No matter what challenges we face, we can turn to him for help, trusting in his guidance and support. In Psalm 115, God's people are urged three times to "trust in Jehovah." Why? Because "he is their help and their shield." (Psalm 115:9-11) Of course, we have to be willing to accept that help.

In this article, we will answer three questions: When do we especially need to trust in Jehovah? How does Jehovah support those who trust in him? And how can we show that we trust in Jehovah to help us deal with challenging circumstances?

When Do We Especially Need to Trust in Jehovah?

We especially need to rely on Jehovah when we face serious challenges. As we sense his help and support—sometimes in ways we did not expect—our trust in him deepens. (Ephesians 3:20) Let us consider an example.

In Jesus' day, Jairus, a presiding officer of a Jewish synagogue, went through a heart-wrenching experience. His 12 year old daughter was gravely ill and was expected to die. Jairus had likely heard that Jesus was empowered by God to perform miracles. So Jairus went looking for Jesus, trusting that he could heal the girl. (Mark 5:21-23) When they met, Jesus agreed to come to the home of Jairus. But along the way, Jesus got delayed when a very sick woman approached him and touched him in order to be healed. He felt compassion for the woman and told her: "Be healed from your grievous sickness." (Mark 5:24-34) In the meantime, Jairus' little girl died. His friends told him not to "bother the Teacher any longer." Jairus may have felt helpless, but Jesus said: "Have no fear, just **keep exercising faith**."—Mark 5:35, 36; see study note.

Jairus' faith—and no doubt his trust in God—was greatly strengthened by what happened next. Jesus brought the child back to life. As you can imagine, Jairus and his wife "were beside themselves with great ecstasy." (Mark 5:38-42) From that day on, whenever Jairus looked at his daughter, he would surely remember what Jehovah had done through Jesus.

How Does Jehovah Support Those Who Trust in Him?

Jehovah cares for his servants both as a group and as individuals. (Psalm 115:12-15) He promises to support us even when we are facing the "heat" of opposition. (**Read** Jeremiah 17:7, 8.) Jehovah can provide the help we need in any situation, as ancient and modern examples bear out.

Consider the experience of Abraham and Sarah. On more than one occasion, they needed physical protection. After leaving the fortified city of Ur, they lived in tents among people who did not worship Jehovah. That was dangerous at times, but Jehovah always proved to be a shield for his loyal ones. (Genesis 15:1) For example, when a severe famine struck, Abraham and Sarah journeyed to Egypt. Sarah was a very beautiful woman, and she came to the attention of the king there. He brought her into his house, intending to make her his wife. (Genesis 12:10-15) But Jehovah did not abandon faithful Abraham and Sarah. He stepped in and prevented Pharaoh from taking Sarah and making her his wife.—Genesis 12:16-20.

Consider a modern-day example that shows that Jehovah can help us to thrive spiritually despite any challenges we may face. When Vladimir, a brother from the country of Georgia, was 15 years old, a group of religious fanatics set fire to his family's home. The house burned to the ground. Vladimir's family felt devastated at the loss of their home, but they were grateful to be alive. Did this tragic event cause them to stop serving Jehovah? Not at all! "None of us gave up our pioneer service," Vladimir recalls. Jehovah used fellow believers to provide practical help and support to Vladimir and his family.

How Can We Show That We Trust in Jehovah's Support?

When we are planning for the future. Jehovah expects parents to care for their children. (2 Corinthians 12:14; 1 Timothy 5:8) Part of the parents' responsibility is to help their children make wise decisions. In view of worsening economic conditions, parents may wonder whether they should encourage their children to pursue a career in full-time service or to focus on getting a well-paying job. In some cultures, children are viewed as a means to provide financial support to their elderly parents. The parents' concerns for their children's welfare—and possibly for their own—are understandable. So how can parents demonstrate complete trust in Jehovah's support?

Note the example set by Isaac and Rebekah. They proved that they trusted in Jehovah when they urged their son Jacob to travel far away to find a wife among His worshippers. (Genesis 28:1-3,7) That decision reflected their concern for their son's spiritual well-being. Today, when parents show that they put spiritual things first, their children often develop similar faith and trust.—Matthew 6:33.

When we must wait for Jehovah to act. We may at times wonder why Jehovah has not intervened in a situation that is troubling us. Perhaps we have been the victim of an injustice. We know that Jehovah will remedy matters in time, but it is not always easy for us to wait on him. (Psalm 33:20) Consider an example.

After the death of King Ahaziah, his mother, Athaliah, destroyed most of the royal line and seized the throne by force. (2 Chronicles 22:10-12) That wicked woman's reign lasted for six dark years and was marked by violence and idolatry. (2 Chronicles 24:7) To many Israelites, it may have seemed as though Jehovah had abandoned his people. But Jehovah was perfectly aware of what Athaliah was doing. He knew that High Priest Jehoiada and his wife had hidden the only surviving heir to the throne—young Jehoash. In a dramatic turn of events, Athaliah was put to death and Jehoash was crowned as the rightful king. (2 Chronicles 23:1-3,8-15) What can we learn from this? When we wait on Jehovah to correct matters, we demonstrate our trust in his timing and in his way of doing things.—**Read** Micah 7:7.

Sergey and Mariya, a married couple in Russia, showed their trust in Jehovah's support when Sergey was imprisoned for five years for his faith. How did they cope with being apart for so long? "After over 20 years of marriage, we both ... felt like birds missing a wing," Mariya admits. But she adds: "Jehovah never left us alone to deal with our challenges. He showered me with love and care through our spiritual brothers and sisters. They were always there exactly when I needed them." Sergey drew strength from Jehovah by means of prayer. In fact, Sergey became known in the prison as a man of God. Their examples remind us that with Jehovah's support, we too can patiently endure any situation.—Colossians 1:11.

When we face seemingly insurmountable obstacles. At such times, we may feel powerless or overcome by fear. Perhaps we are dealing with a chronic illness, or our activities are limited by advancing age. If that is your situation, how can you show your complete trust in Jehovah?

Consider the example of young David. With confidence in Jehovah's support, David faced Goliath, the Philistine giant. Goliath saw himself as insurmountable, even taunting the battle line of Israel. (1 Samuel 17:10) But David put his full trust in Jehovah for support and help. So when approaching that giant, David did not say: 'I am coming against you with my sling and stones.' Rather, David said: "I am coming against you in the name of Jehovah of armies." (1 Samuel 17:37,45) Jehovah gave David the victory. With a single stone—and his full trust in Jehovah—David defeated the seemingly undefeatable Goliath. Like David, we may encounter challenges that seem insurmountable. But if we focus on doing what is within our power and if we trust in Jehovah for help and support, we may accomplish far more than we could ever imagine. (**Read** Psalm 37:5; Philippians 4:13) After all, who is more qualified to help us than "the Maker of heaven and earth"?—Psalm 115:15.

Consider the example of Paula, a sister in Canada, who served with her husband in the traveling work for over 25 years. She was born with a serious spinal condition that greatly limits her mobility. Her share in the ministry, however, is anything but limited. "I take advantage of different forms of service, such as telephone and informal witnessing," she says. "I try to make realistic plans and then leave the rest in Jehovah's hands, trusting that he will support me."—Psalm 143:8.

When our expectations have not been fulfilled. Trusting in Jehovah can help us stay balanced and realistic. For instance, we eagerly look forward to the day when Jehovah will end all suffering. (Revelation 21:4) Yet, as we grow older, we may find ourselves wondering, 'Will I live to see that day?' If we feel that way, note what we can learn from Simeon's example.

Simeon, a faithful aged man in Jerusalem, likely had great hopes when God's spirit revealed that before he died, he would see the Messiah. (Luke 2:25,26) When he saw the infant Jesus, though, Simeon must have realized that he would not live to see Jesus grow up and fulfill his role. But Simeon did not focus on what he would not see. He found peace and contentment in what he did see—some of God's promises coming true. (Isaiah 49:6; Luke 2:27-32) Similarly, if we focus on the prophecies being fulfilled in our day and do our best to serve Jehovah, we too can feel peace and contentment.—2 Peter 1:19.

Keep Strengthening Your Trust in Jehovah's Support

Jehovah has always been a helper and a shield to those who trust in him. (Psalm 28:7) But how can we sense that he is actively helping us? One way is by thinking about how Bible accounts relate to our personal experiences. When we do this, we can see how Jehovah has supported us, even in subtle ways, just as he supported his worshippers in ancient times. Such meditation reminds us that we are never alone and that we can overcome any trial as long as we act in harmony with our yeartext for 2027: "**Trust in Jehovah.**"—Psalm 115:11.

Build Your Trust in Jehovah as You Read the Bible

As you read a Bible account, take a moment to reflect on the following questions:

- What challenges or fears did the Bible character have to overcome?
- Can I relate to his or her circumstances?
- How did Jehovah help his faithful servant to navigate through difficult times?
- What does this account teach me about the way Jehovah can support and protect me?

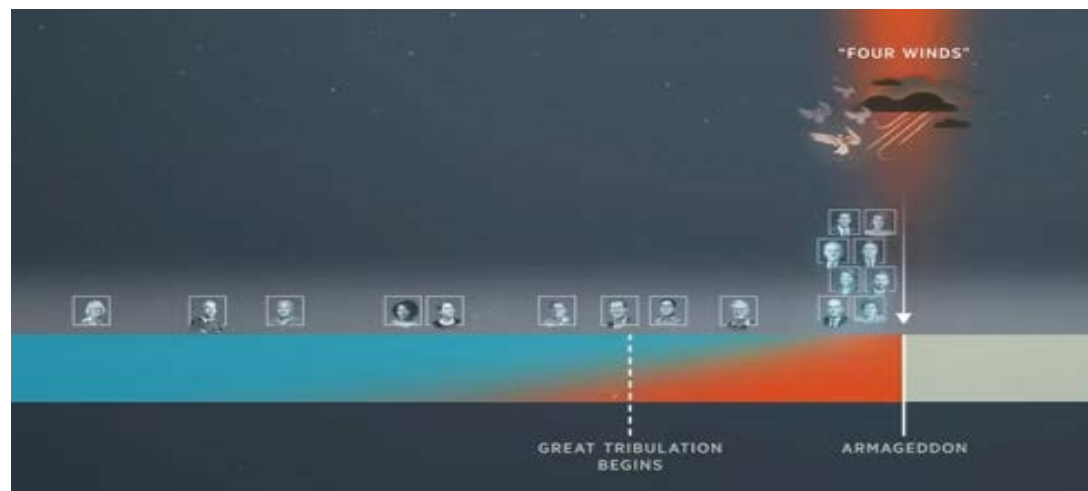
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January and February	The Watchtower No. 1 2023 Mental Health—Help From the Bible
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July and August	Awake! No. 1 2022 A World in Turmoil—How You Can Cope
September and October	The Watchtower No. 3 2021 A Secure Future—How Can You Find It?
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STEPS TO MAKING GOOD DECISIONS

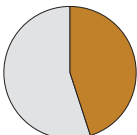
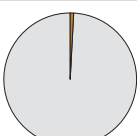
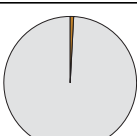
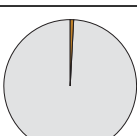
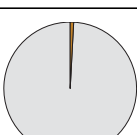
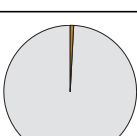
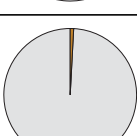
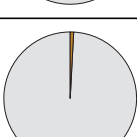
1. Study and meditate on God's Word.
2. Apply the things learned.
3. Yield to the influence of holy spirit.
4. Accept help from others.

How to Make Effective Return Visits

- Before leaving the initial call, make definite plans to return. Keep the appointment.—Mt 5:37
- Leave a question, based on your conversation, that you can answer next time
- Ask Jehovah to help make the interest grow
- Follow up in person or by letter, phone call, text message, or email
- Greet the person by name. Remind him why you have returned
- Be friendly and respectful. Try to relax
- Share an appealing Scriptural thought.—1Co 9:19-23
- Offer a Bible study at the earliest opportunity



Products Derived From Whole Blood

PRODUCT	WHAT PERCENTAGE OF WHOLE BLOOD IS IT?#	WHAT IS ITS MAIN FUNCTION?	WHAT IS ITS ORIGIN?
Plasma COMPONENT	 ABOUT 55%	Transports cells, nutrients, and wastes.	The liquid part of blood containing proteins that are mainly produced in the liver. About 92% of plasma is water.
Red Blood Cells COMPONENT	 ABOUT 45%	Transport oxygen to body tissues.	Produced in the bone marrow.
Albumin FRACTION	 ABOUT 2%	Helps keep fluid inside blood vessels. Transports important substances.	Produced in the liver. It is a plasma fraction.
Immunoglobulins FRACTION	 ABOUT 1%	Help fight infections.	Produced by immune cells in lymph nodes, spleen, and bone marrow. They are plasma fractions.
White Blood Cells COMPONENT	 LESS THAN 1%	Help fight infections.	Produced in the bone marrow.
Platelets COMPONENT	 LESS THAN 1%	Help blood to clot properly.	Produced in the bone marrow.
Clotting Factors FRACTION	 LESS THAN 1%	Help blood to clot properly.	They are plasma fractions. Some clotting factors can be manufactured without blood products.
Prothrombin Complex Concentrate (PCC)* FRACTION	 LESS THAN 1%	Helps blood to clot properly.	It is a plasma fraction.
Fibrinogen FRACTION	 LESS THAN 1%	Helps blood to clot properly.	It is a plasma fraction.
Cryoprecipitate* FRACTION	 LESS THAN 1%	Helps blood to clot properly.	It is a plasma fraction.
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:	What are the risks involved?		
	What other factors would you consider before making a decision?		

Whole blood is made up of about 80% water

* Does not naturally occur in blood in this form; therefore, the percentages are approximate



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Abidjan



ETHIOPIA,
Addis Ababa



FRANCE,
Saint-Denis (Réunion)



GHANA,
Accra



ZAMBIA,
Lusaka



SPAIN,
Las Palmas de Gran
Canaria



TÜRKIYE,
Istanbul



UNITED KINGDOM,
Cardiff



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Yerevan



AUSTRALIA,
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FRANCE,
Marseille



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Strasbourg



GREECE,
Athens



ITALY,
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2027

JESUS - THE WAY

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS



WE CAN
REMAIN LOYAL TO JEHOVAH
BECAUSE WE
DON'T GIVE UP!
WE CONTINUE TO
BE COURAGEOUS
SO THAT OUR
LOVE NEVER FAILS!
AND WE
ALWAYS REJOICE!
AND BECOME
POWERFUL BY FAITH
AS WE CONTINUE TO
PURSUE PEACE
AND NOW WE PRAYERFULLY
EXERCISE PATIENCE!
AND
DECLARE THE GOOD NEWS!
AND BE ZEALOUS FOR
PURE WORSHIP
And Receive
ETERNAL HAPPINESS
When you look towards
JESUS-THE WAY

"Trust in Jehovah." —Psalm 115:11.

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Mental Health—Help From the Bible

January 2027

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HOW TO GIVE ELDERS "EXTRAORDINARY CONSIDERATION" 1. Strengthen your spirituality 2. Pray for them 3. Support them 4. Express appreciation					1	2
3	4 Ezekiel 11-12	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Ezekiel 13-14	12	13	14	15	16
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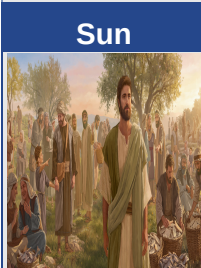
In fact, all those desiring to live with godly devotion in association with Christ Jesus will also be persecuted.—2 Tim. 3:12.

“Trust in Jehovah.” —Psalm 115:11.

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Mental Health—Help From the Bible

February 2027

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Ezekiel 19-20	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Ezekiel 21-22	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Ezekiel 23-24	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Ezekiel 25-26	23	24	25	26	27
28	     Will You Invite Them? The special public talk “A World Without Fear—Is It Possible?” will be given the week of March 8, 2027. Those who come will learn the answers to these timely questions: Why can we trust God’s promise to end fear? What can help us deal with fear now? Perhaps those who hear the special talk will be motivated to attend the Memorial. We sincerely hope that many who are “rightly disposed for everlasting life” will be among those who attend.—Acts 13:48.					

Moreover, without faith it is impossible to please God well, for whoever approaches God must believe that he is and that he becomes the rewarder of those earnestly seeking him.—Heb. 11:6.

Awake! No. 2 2020

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And he is a propitiatory sacrifice for our sins, yet not for ours only but also for the whole world's.—1 John 2:2.

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5 Questions About Suffering Answered

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And he died for all so that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died for them and was raised up.—2 Cor. 5:15.

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The Watchtower No. 1 2027
Tentative title: Who Are Jehovah's Witnesses?

May 2027

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2	3 Ezekiel 40-41	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Ezekiel 42-43	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Ezekiel 44-45	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Ezekiel 46-47	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Ezekiel 48	   				

UNITED STATES, Denver, May 28-30, 2027

God presented him as an offering for propitiation through faith in his blood. This was to demonstrate his own righteousness, because God in his forbearance was forgiving the sins that occurred in the past.—Rom. 3:25.

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Witnesses?

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June 2027						
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	6	7 Daniel 1-2	8	9	10	11
13	14 Daniel 3	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Daniel 4	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Daniel 5	29	30			

Armenia, Yerevan: June 11-13, 2027

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.—Rom. 3:23.

“Trust in Jehovah.” —Psalm 115:11.

Awake! No. 1 2022
A World in Turmoil
—How You Can Cope

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July 2027						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
But all things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of the reconciliation.—2 Cor. 5:18.				1	2	3
					 TÜRKİYE, İstanbul	 AUSTRALIA, Brisbane
4	5 Daniel 6	6	7	8	9	10
 TÜRKİYE, İstanbul					 SPAIN, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria	 ITALY, Bologna
11	12 Daniel 7-8	13	14	15	16	17
 SPAIN, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria					 ZAMBIA, Lusaka	 FRANCE, Saint-Denis (Réunion)
18	19 Daniel 9-10	20	21	22	23	24
 ZAMBIA, Lusaka					 UNITED KINGDOM, Cardiff	
25	26 Daniel 11-12	27	28	29	30	31
 UNITED KINGDOM, Cardiff						

Australia, Brisbane: July 2-4, 2027

Türkiye, Istanbul: July 2-4, 2027

Italy, Bologna: July 9-11, 2027

Moldova, Chisinau: July 9-11, 2027

Spain, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria: July 9-11, 2027

Réunion, Saint-Denis: July 16-18, 2027

Zambia, Lusaka: July 16-18, 2027

Wales, Cardiff: July 23-25, 2027

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Awake! No. 1 2022
A World in Turmoil—
How You Can Cope

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August 2027						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Hosea 1-3	3	4	5	6  GHANA, Accra  FRANCE, Strasbourg	7  GHANA, Accra  FRANCE, Strasbourg
8  GHANA, Accra  FRANCE, Strasbourg	9 Hosea 4-7	10	11	12	13  GREECE, Athens  UNITED KINGDOM, London	14  GREECE, Athens  UNITED KINGDOM, London
15  GREECE, Athens  UNITED KINGDOM, London	16 Hosea 8-10	17	18	19	20  UNITED STATES, Seattle  FRANCE, Marseille  CÔTE D'IVOIRE, Abidjan	21  UNITED STATES, Seattle  FRANCE, Marseille  CÔTE D'IVOIRE, Abidjan
22  UNITED STATES, Seattle  FRANCE, Marseille  CÔTE D'IVOIRE, Abidjan	23 Hosea 11-14	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Joel 1-3	31	By means of him we have the release by ransom through the blood of that one, yes, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his undeserved kindness.—Eph. 1:7.			

France, Strasbourg: August 6-8, 2027
Ghana, Accra: August 6-8, 2027
England, London: August 13-15, 2027

Greece, Athens: August 13-15, 2027
Côte d'Ivoire, Abidjan: August 20-22, 2027
France, Marseille: August 20-22, 2027

UNITED STATES, Seattle, August 20-22, 2027

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A Secure Future—
How Can You Find It?

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September 2027						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Amos 1-3	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Amos 4-6	14	15	16	17	18
						
19	20 Amos 7-9	21	22	23	24	25
						
26	27 Obadiah	28	29	30		

Korea, Seoul: September 17-19, 2027

But God, being rich in mercy, because of his great love with which he loved us, made us alive together with the Christ, even when we were dead in trespasses—by undeserved kindness you have been saved.—Eph. 2:4, 5.

“Trust in Jehovah.” —Psalm 115:11.

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A Secure Future—
How Can You Find It?

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October 2027

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Jonah 1-4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Micah 1-3	12	13	14	15	16
						
17	18 Micah 4-5	19	20	21	22	23
						
24	25 Micah 6-7	26	27	28	29	30
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Peru, Lima: October 15-17, 2027

Jesus looked at him and felt love for him and said, “One thing is missing about you: Go, sell what things you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come be my follower.” But he grew sad at the answer and went away grieved, for he had many possessions.—Mark 10:21, 22.

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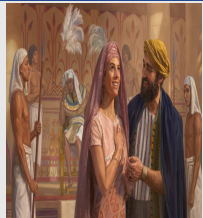
November 2027						
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	1 Nahum 1-3	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Habakkuk 1-3	9	10	11	12	13
	15 Zephaniah 1-3	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Haggai 1-2	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Zechariah 1-4	30				

Chile, Coquimbo: November 12-14, 2027

In no way are we giving any cause for stumbling, so that no fault may be found with our ministry.—2 Cor. 6:3.

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December 2027						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6 Zechariah 5-8	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13 Zechariah 9-11	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Zechariah 12-14	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Malachi 1-4	28	29	30	31
						

Ethiopia, Addis Ababa: December 10-12, 2027

But pay attention to yourselves that your hearts never become weighed down with overeating and heavy drinking and anxieties of life, and suddenly that day be instantly upon you.—Luke 21:34

They Failed to Train Their Conscience

Consider the following examples of individuals who served Jehovah, but because they developed such traits as covetousness, greed, pride, and selfishness, their conscience was not a reliable guide.

- The Israelites (Ps. 106:7, 13, 14)
- King Solomon (1 Ki. 11:1-10)
- King Uzziah (2 Chron. 26:3-19)
- Gehazi (2 Ki. 5:20-27)
- Judas Iscariot (John 12:2-7)
- Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-10)

Understanding the Boundaries of Your Conscience

- A Bible-trained conscience moves a Christian to avoid being self-righteous.—Eccl. 7:16.
- A Christian with a properly trained conscience would not judge himself too harshly because doing so could lead to excessive guilt and discouragement.—Ps. 38:4; 130:3, 4.
- The conscience is God's gift that we can use to guide ourselves, not to judge others.—Rom. 14:10-12; Jas. 4:12.
- Mature Christians respect the conscience of others and allow them to carry their own load.—Gal. 6:4, 5.
- Even when God's Word does not comment on a subject, our conscience will help us to make personal choices that please our God.—Eccl. 12:14.
- A properly trained conscience will help us to avoid stumbling others in the congregation.—Matt. 18:6; 1 Cor. 8:12, 13.

Remain Neutral From the Heart Prepare Now for Tests of Your Neutrality

Jesus said that speech and actions come from "out of the heart." (Matt. 15:19) He set the example for us. Because he was neutral at heart, he responded to a question about taxation without taking sides or showing disrespect for Roman rule.—Matt. 22:19-22.

We too should not take sides in political matters even in the privacy of our own thoughts. (Matt. 22:37) For example, we would not—in our heart—favor one candidate or political party over another even if one seems to support our interests or those of God's people.

Remaining neutral from the heart can be challenging, especially if we are repeatedly exposed to many reports of corruption, injustice, and mistreatment. How can we strengthen our determination to remain neutral from the heart? We can limit the time we spend reviewing news items about socially divisive issues. Instead, we can resolve to spend more time reading God's Word and meditating on it, as well as preaching the good news of his Kingdom. (Ps. 119:97; Matt. 24:14) By doing so, we will reinforce in our mind that Jehovah will really correct matters on earth at his appointed time.

Helpful Resources

- *Scriptures for Christian Living, "Governments"*
- *Enjoy Life Forever!* book, lesson 45, "What It Means to Be Neutral"
- October 2023 *Watchtower* study article entitled "Are You 'Ready to Obey'?"
- On jw.org, the video *Christian Neutrality—What It Means, What It Takes, and Why We Choose It*
- February 15, 2005, *Watchtower* article entitled "If You Are Impressed Into Service"
- On jw.org, the article "Why Don't Jehovah's Witnesses Go to War?"
- On jw.org, the article "Why Do Jehovah's Witnesses Maintain Political Neutrality?"
- On jw.org, the video *Bittersweet Return*



Three Tips to Help You Linger in Prayer

What a privilege we have to speak to Jehovah in prayer! Our loving God assures us that our prayers are “a pleasure to Him.” ([Prov. 15:8](#)) However, do you wish you could linger in prayer to Jehovah? That would be a commendable goal. Some of our prayers will need to be long enough for us to express our thoughts and feelings fully. ([Luke 6:12](#)) In this article, we will discuss three tips that can help you to linger in prayer. Your efforts will be worthwhile. Why? Because prayer is one of “the more important things” that help us draw closer to Jehovah.—[Phil. 1:10](#).

1 SET ASIDE TIME

Life is so busy. Realistically, our prayers will often be short, and there is nothing wrong with that. A prayer does not need to be lengthy to be meaningful. However, if you would like to linger in prayer, you will need to set aside time for it. **When** should that time be?

Choose a time when you are less likely to be distracted. For example, you could get up a little earlier in the morning or stay up later at night to pray. On some occasions, Jesus prayed early in the morning, and on other occasions, he did so late at night. ([Matt. 14:23](#); [Mark 1:35](#)) Another example is Hannah, the mother of the prophet Samuel. After she and her family had eaten a meal, Hannah prayed for a long time. ([1 Sam. 1:9, 12](#)) She chose a place where she would not be distracted.

2 THINK OF TOPICS IN ADVANCE

Now that you have set aside some time to linger in prayer, **what** will you pray about? Have you ever started praying and then forgotten what you wanted to talk to Jehovah about? Or have you found yourself in a rut, praying about the same things over and over again? That can happen to any one of us. What can help?

Think in advance of topics you would like to pray about. As you think of different topics, write them down. Then before you pray, look at your list to remind yourself of what you want to pray about. This will help you to make sure that you share with Jehovah everything that is on your mind and in your heart.—[Ps. 19:14](#).

3 CHOOSE THE RIGHT SETTING

In addition to scheduling time for prayer and for thinking about what to share with Jehovah, give thought to **where** you will pray. Choose a place where you will have privacy. Jesus did that. He often went to isolated places to pray. ([Luke 5:16](#))

Where might you find the right setting so that you can share your feelings with Jehovah?

You might choose a quiet place at home. For example, a sister named Keirsten says: “I sit by the window where I can see the moon and the stars. In this setting, I feel as though Jehovah were right there with me. This helps me to speak to him more freely.”

Or you may prefer to pray outdoors. A sister named Elizabeth says, “I enjoy lingering in prayer while walking outside.”

Whether you are indoors or outdoors, choosing the right setting will make your prayers to Jehovah even more enjoyable.

Do You Remember?

Have you carefully read this year's -2026 issues of *The Watchtower*?

How can we fight negative feelings?

We should maintain a good spiritual routine, prayerfully analyze our personal needs, and adapt our personal Bible study to those needs. By doing so, we can look to the future with confidence.—[w26.01, pp. 10-13](#).

When will the nations proclaim “peace and security”? (1 Thess. 5:3)

The proclamation may be made just before the destruction of false religion, or it may come after false religion is destroyed. We will have to wait and see what happens.—[w26.02, pp. 30-31](#).

What are some essentials to improve your art of teaching?

Try to understand the concerns of those whom you teach, direct them to God's Word and to Jehovah, and be a good listener.—[w26.03, pp. 3-6](#).

What will help us to have the right view of adversity?

We need to accept that adversities are unavoidable in this system. Jehovah may allow them, but trials can teach us to depend on him, not on ourselves.—[w26.04, pp. 14-16](#).

How does [Galatians 6:5](#) apply to decisions involving additional education?

Each one must carry his own load of responsibility, and in the case of minor children, parents will carry the load. Aspects to consider are one's motives, the schedule required, the length, the location, the financial cost, and the work prospects.—[w26.05, pp. 15-18](#).

How can we benefit from our field service group?

One benefit is that we can be shepherded by the appointed group overseer. In addition, we can gain emotional and practical benefits by forming friendships with those in our service group.—[w26.06, pp. 18-19](#).

Why can we be encouraged by the thought found at [Isaiah 38:17](#)?

That text depicts God as throwing our sins behind his back. If we commit sins but repentantly seek his forgiveness, he will put our sins behind him. He will no longer see them or bring them up again.—[w26.07, p. 11](#).

In Bible times, what things occurred at city gates?

Markets were nearby, so people gathered and conducted business near the gates. Judges held court, and God's representatives often presented his messages there.—[w26.08, p. 31](#).

[Psalm 91](#) promises what sort of protection for God's people?

[Psalm 91](#) promises that God will protect his people spiritually. It is also a promise that Jehovah will protect his people as a group from physical and emotional harm at the hands of their enemies. During the war of Armageddon, Jehovah will provide that protection for his people not just as a group but also as individuals.—[w26.09, pp. 3, 7](#).

How does considering the day's text benefit us?

Doing so helps us focus on Jehovah. It is a good use of our time, strengthening us to face the day's troubles and to remain faithful. It helps us progress spiritually and prepare for future assignments.—[w26.10, pp. 25-27](#).

Elders can imitate what characteristics of literal shepherds in Bible times?

A shepherd was *diligent* in feeding and in caring for his sheep. He was *dependable* in checking on them and was *brave* in protecting them.—[w26.11, p. 9](#).

Why did Jesus tell his apostles to buy a sword? ([Luke 22:36](#))

The night before his death, Jesus advised his apostles to carry a sword. He would use it as an object lesson to teach them that they were not to resort to violence when persecuted.—[w26.12, pp. 16-17](#).