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## THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

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*Daily Devotion at Zion + June 2021 AD + **Pentecost Season***

### **For June (and July and August): Daily Readings**

As recently noted in *The Shepherd's Voice*, weekly issues of this devotional guide will pause during the summer months as new material is written for the fall and winter. For June, July, and August, you will receive one issue at the start of the month with readings for the next four weeks. This pamphlet provides you with the June readings. A few notes on reading the Scriptures:

Scripture is unlike any other book. These words are the words of God; they bear the Holy Spirit Himself (John 3:34), and with Him comes Christ, and with Christ, the Father (Matthew 10:40). You encounter God Himself in the Bible. It is therefore central to a personal relationship with God. If and when you read it, approach it with prayer, asking God to open the pages to you, and your heart to the page. Also: you don't *have* to read all the readings, every day. Take a piece at a time, as you feel moved.

Finally, some have noted that the weekly readings can include books not found in most Bibles, such as Wisdom or Ecclesiasticus. It's rare, but these readings come from the *Apocrypha*, books contained in the Bible by some churches (the Eastern Orthodox, for example). Martin Luther recommended them for daily reading. You may access these online, in Bibles containing the apocrypha, or in *For All the Saints*, a four-volume devotional set that contains all the readings. For more information on that devotional set, please contact the church office.

### **About the Cover Art**

*What books is he reading? With his flip-flops nearby, a young man sits on the beach in this drawing by D. B. Clemons, simply entitled "Guy Reading." The book he holds has a familiar look to it: a dark, soft cover, similar to what one may find on a Bible. We can almost feel the summer sun that beats down upon him, and yet perhaps the greater light comes from what he reads, his body curved over the text as if in prayer. What will you read this summer? What text will enlighten you? Perhaps you'll read a Gospel, or the Psalms, or a book about Scripture—the possibilities abound!*

### Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost 2 (June 6)

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| <b>S</b> Deuteronomy 4:1-9<br>Revelation 7:1-4, 9-17<br>Matthew 12:33-45      | <b>Th</b> Deuteronomy 4:32-40<br>2 Corinthians 3:1-18<br>Luke 16:1-9                        |
| <b>M</b> Deuteronomy 4:9-14<br>2 Corinthians 1:1-11<br>Luke 14:25-35          | <b>F</b> Deuteronomy 5:1-22<br>2 Corinthians 4:1-12<br>Luke 16:10-18                        |
| <b>T</b> Deuteronomy 4:15-24<br>2 Corinthians 1:12-22<br>Luke 15:1-10         | <b>Sa</b> Deuteronomy 5:22-33<br>2 Corinthians 4:13-5:10<br>Luke 16:19-31                   |
| <b>W</b> Deuteronomy 4:25-31<br>2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17<br>Luke 15:1-2, 11-32 | <i>These readings correspond to pages 70-104 in Volume II of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i> |

### Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost 3 (June 13)

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| <b>S</b> Deuteronomy 11:1-12<br>Revelation 10:1-11<br>Matthew 13:44-58  | <b>Th</b> Deuteronomy 16:18-20;<br>17:14-20<br>2 Corinthians 8:1-16<br>Luke 18:1-8           |
| <b>M</b> Deuteronomy 11:13-19<br>2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2<br>Luke 17:1-10 | <b>F</b> Deuteronomy 26:1-11<br>2 Corinthians 8:16-24<br>Luke 18:9-14                        |
| <b>T</b> Deuteronomy 12:1-12<br>2 Corinthians 6:3-7:1<br>Luke 17:11-19  | <b>Sa</b> Deuteronomy 29:2-15<br>2 Corinthians 9:1-15<br>Luke 18:15-30                       |
| <b>W</b> Deuteronomy 13:1-11<br>2 Corinthians 7:2-16<br>Luke 17:20-37   | <i>These readings correspond to pages 104-134 in Volume II of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i> |

### Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost 4 (June 20)

<b>S</b> Deuteronomy 29:16-29 Revelation 12:1-12 Matthew 15:29-39	<b>Th</b> Ecclesiasticus 44:19-45:5 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 Luke 19:28-40
<b>M</b> Deuteronomy 30:1-10 2 Corinthians 10:1-18 Luke 18:31-43	<b>F</b> Ecclesiasticus 45:6-16 2 Corinthians 12:11-21 Luke 19:41-48
<b>T</b> Deuteronomy 30:11-20 2 Corinthians 11:1-21a Luke 19:1-10	<b>Sa</b> Ecclesiasticus 46:1-10 2 Corinthians 13:1-14 Luke 20:1-8
<b>W</b> Deuteronomy 31:30-32:14 2 Corinthians 11:21b-33 Luke 19:11-27	<i>These readings correspond to pages 135-167 in Volume II of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i>

### Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost 5 (June 27)

<b>S</b> Ecclesiasticus 46:11-20 Revelation 15:1-8 Matthew 18:1-14	<b>Th</b> 1 Samuel 2:27-36 Acts 2:22-36 Luke 20:41-21:4
<b>M</b> 1 Samuel 1:1-20 Acts 1:1-14 Luke 20:9-19	<b>F</b> 1 Samuel 3:1-21 Acts 2:37-47 Luke 21:5-19
<b>T</b> 1 Samuel 1:21-2:11 Acts 1:15-26 Luke 20:19-26	<b>Sa</b> 1 Samuel 4:1b-11 Acts 4:32-5:11 Luke 21:20-28
<b>W</b> 1 Samuel 2:12-26 Acts 2:1-21 Luke 20:27-40	<i>These readings correspond to pages 167-203 in Volume II of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i>