



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

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

Day By Day

Perhaps you know the song. Do you also know the verse?

*Day by day, Thy mercies, Lord attend me,
O what comfort in this hope to rest!*

Those words, or variations thereof, come to us from Carolina Sandell, sometimes called the “Swedish Fanny Crosby.” They open a hymn favored by many people, *Day By Day*, in which Sandell speaks of God’s unerring and steady provision (His *providence*), every day. Sandell drew her inspiration, as with all good hymns, from Scripture itself.

“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning” (Lam. 3:22-23a). “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble” (Matt. 6:34). Our Lord’s promise and call are clear: each day is its own gift, and I’ll give you what you need for that day.

It may not always be what we’d choose for ourselves, but what joy not to live by our own choice, but the choice of God who forgives sins and raises the dead! In Jesus, He comes to us in utter mercy and kindness. Emboldened by such grace, we learn to live as the path of devotion teaches us: day by day, not worrying about tomorrow, taking what comes and goes with the sun.

About the Cover Art

The Schedelsche Weltchronik, hailing from Nuremberg, Germany, in 1493 A.D., contain woodcuts by Michael Wolgemut illustrating the worldview or “cosmology” of the Bible. In this colorful print, he shows us the seven days of creation and what God created on each day. One concentric circle encompasses each thing made on each of the days, all of the days embraced by God, His heavenly court, and the four winds. The overall vision is one of complete and intelligent order, governed by a ever-present king, in which the days provide a well-structure home for God’s creation.

Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost 15 (September 5)

S 2 Samuel 24:1-2, 10-25 Galatians 3:23-4:7 John 8:12-20	Th 1 Kings 3:16-28 Acts 27:27-44 Mark 4:12-26
M 1 Kings 1:1-31 Acts 26:1-23 Mark 13:14-27	F 1 Kings 5:1-6:1, 7 Acts 28:1-16 Mark 14:27-42
T 1 Kings 1:32-2:4, 46b Acts 26:24-27:8 Mark 13:28-37	Sa 1 Kings 7:51-8:21 Acts 28:17-31 Mark 14:43-52
W 1 Kings 3:1-15 Acts 27:9-26 Mark 14:1-11	<i>These readings correspond to pages 773– 813 in Vol- ume II of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i>

Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost 16 (September 12)

S 1 Kings 8:22-40 1 Timothy 4:7b-16 John 8:47-59	Th 1 Kings 11:1-13 James 3:13-4:12 Mark 15:12-21
M 2 Chronicles 6:32-7:7 James 2:1-13 Mark 14:53-65	F 1 Kings 11:26-43 James 4:13-5:6 Mark 15:22-32
T 1 Kings 8:65-9:9 James 2:14-26 Mark 14:66-72	Sa 1 Kings 12:1-20 James 5:7-20 Mark 15:33-39
W 1 Kings 9:24-10:13 James 3:1-12 Mark 15:1-11	<i>These readings correspond to pages 813-847 in Volume II of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i>

Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost 17 (September 19)

S	1 Kings 12:21-33 Acts 4:18-31 John 10:31-42	Th	1 Kings 18:1-19 Philippians 2:12-30 Matthew 2:13-23
M	1 Kings 13:1-10 Philippians 1:1-11 Mark 15:40-47	F	1 Kings 18:20-40 Philippians 3:1-16 Matthew 3:1-12
T	1 Kings 16:23-34 Philippians 1:12-30 Mark 16:1-20	Sa	1 Kings 18:41-19:8 Philippians 3:17-4:7 Matthew 3:13-17
W	1 Kings 17:1-24 Philippians 2:1-11 Matthew 2:1-12		<i>These readings correspond to pages 847-881 in Volume II of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i>

Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost 18 (September 26)

S	1 Kings 19:8-21 Acts 5:34-42 John 11:45-57	Th	1 Kings 22:29-45 1 Corinthians 2:14-3:15 Matthew 5:1-10
M	1 Kings 21:1-16 1 Corinthians 1:1-19 Matthew 4:1-11	F	2 Kings 1:2-17 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:11-16
T	1 Kings 21:17-29 1 Corinthians 1:20-31 Matthew 4:12-17	Sa	2 Kings 2:1-18 1 Corinthians 4:1-7 Matthew 5:17-20
W	1 Kings 22:1-28 1 Corinthians 2:1-13 Matthew 4:18-25		<i>These readings correspond to pages 882-914 in Volume II of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i>