Scripture Passages for the Week of January 25

Mon Jan 25 – Genesis 12:1-9
The Call of Abram

1 Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, 6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. 9 And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Tues Jan 26 – 1 Corinthians 7:17-24
The Life that the Lord Has Assigned

17 However that may be, let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God called you. This is my rule in all the churches. 18 Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. 19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing; but obeying the commandments of God is everything. 20 Let each of you remain in the condition in which you were called.

21 Were you a slave when called? Do not be concerned about it. Even if you can gain your freedom, make use of your present condition now more than ever. 22 For whoever was called in the Lord as a slave is a freed person belonging to the Lord, just as whoever was free when called is a slave of Christ. 23 You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of human masters. 24 In whatever condition you were called, brothers and sisters, there remain with God.
**Wed Jan 27 – Psalm 46**  
*God’s Defense of His City and People*  
*To the leader. Of the Korahites. According to Alamoth. A Song.*

1. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
2. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
3. though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*  
4. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.  
5. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.  
6. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.  
7. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*  
8. Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.  
9. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.  
10. “Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”  
11. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

**Thur Jan 28 – Proverbs 8:1-21**  
*The Gifts of Wisdom*  
8. Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?  
2. On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
3. beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
4. “To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

5 O simple ones, learn prudence;
    acquire intelligence, you who lack it.

6 Hear, for I will speak noble things,
    and from my lips will come what is right;

7 for my mouth will utter truth;
    wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

8 All the words of my mouth are righteous;
    there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.

9 They are all straight to one who understands
    and right to those who find knowledge.

10 Take my instruction instead of silver,
    and knowledge rather than choice gold;

11 for wisdom is better than jewels,
    and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

12 I, wisdom, live with prudence,[a]
    and I attain knowledge and discretion.

13 The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil.
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
    and perverted speech I hate.

14 I have good advice and sound wisdom;
    I have insight, I have strength.

15 By me kings reign,
    and rulers decree what is just;

16 by me rulers rule,
    and nobles, all who govern rightly.

17 I love those who love me,
    and those who seek me diligently find me.

18 Riches and honor are with me,
    enduring wealth and prosperity.

19 My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold,
    and my yield than choice silver.

20 I walk in the way of righteousness,
    along the paths of justice,

21 endowing with wealth those who love me,
    and filling their treasuries.
Fri Jan 29 – Psalm 111

Praise for God’s Wonderful Works
1 Praise the LORD!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

3 Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

4 He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

5 He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

8 They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.

Sat Jan 30 – Romans 15:1-21

Please Others, Not Yourselves

1 We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves.  

2 Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor.  

3 For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, “The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.”  

4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.  

5 May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The Gospel for Jews and Gentiles Alike
7 Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. 8 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, 9 and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;
10 and again he says,
“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;
11 and again,
“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;
12 and again Isaiah says,
“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Paul’s Reason for Writing So Boldly
14 I myself feel confident about you, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able to instruct one another. 15 Nevertheless on some points I have written to you rather boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God 16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. 17 In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to boast of my work for God. 18 For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to win obedience from the Gentiles, by word and deed, 19 by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and as far around as Illyricum I have fully proclaimed the good news of Christ. 20 Thus I make it my ambition to proclaim the good news, not where Christ has already been named, so that I do not build on someone else’s foundation, 21 but as it is written,

“Those who have never been told of him shall see,
and those who have never heard of him shall understand.”