

Scripture Readings

*The first New Testament Scripture reading is received from **John chapter 15, verses 26-27 and chapter 16 verses 4b-15, which can be found on page 134 in the new testament of your pew bible...***

²⁶ ‘But when your Advocate has come, whom I will send you from the Father—the Spirit of truth that issues from the Father—he will bear witness to me. ²⁷ And you also are my witnesses, because you have been with me from the first.

⁴ I did not tell you this at first, because then I was with you; ⁵ but now I am going away to him who sent me. None of you asks me “Where are you going?” ⁶ Yet you are plunged into grief because of what I have told you. ⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is for your good that I am leaving you. If I do not go, your Advocate will not come, whereas if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will confute the world, and show where wrong and right and judgement lie. ⁹ He will convict them of wrong, by their refusal to believe in me; ¹⁰ he will convince them that right is on my side, by showing that I go to the Father when I pass from your sight; ¹¹ and he will convince them of divine judgement by showing that the Prince of this world stands condemned. ¹² ‘There is still much that I could say to you, but the burden would be too great for you now. ¹³ However, when he comes who is the Spirit of truth, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but will tell only what he hears; and he will

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make known to you the things that are coming. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for everything that he makes known to you he will draw from what is mine. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine, and that is why I said, “Everything that he makes known to you he will draw from what is mine.”

*The second New Testament Scripture reading is received from **Acts chapter 2, verses 1-21**, which can be found on page **148** in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

¹While the day of Pentecost was running its course they were all together in one place, ²when suddenly there came from the sky a noise like that of a strong driving wind, which filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³And there appeared to them tongues like flames of fire, dispersed among them and resting on each one. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them power of utterance. ⁵Now there were living in Jerusalem devout Jews drawn from every nation under heaven; ⁶and at this sound the crowd gathered, all bewildered because each one heard his own language spoken. ⁷They were amazed and in their astonishment exclaimed, ‘Why, they are all Galileans, are they not, these men who are speaking? ⁸How is it then that we hear them, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites; inhabitants of Mesopotamia, of Judaea and Cappadocia, of Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰of Phrygia and Pamphylia, of Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs,

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we hear them telling in our own tongues the great things God has done.’¹² And they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What can this mean?’¹³ Others said contemptuously, ‘They have been drinking!’¹⁴ But Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and addressed them: ‘Fellow Jews, and all you who live in Jerusalem, mark this and give me a hearing.¹⁵ These men are not drunk, as you imagine; for it is only nine in the morning.¹⁶ No, this is what the prophet spoke of: “God says,¹⁷ “This will happen in the last days: I will pour out upon everyone a portion of my spirit; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy; your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.¹⁸ Yes, I will endue even my slaves, both men and women, with a portion of my spirit, and they shall prophesy.¹⁹ And I will show portents in the sky above, and signs on the earth below—blood and fire and drifting smoke.²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before that great, resplendent day, the day of the Lord, shall come.²¹ And then, everyone who invokes the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

May the Lord God help us to apply this scripture in our lives.