

Scripture Readings

*The Old Testament Scripture reading is received from **Jeremiah** chapter **17** verses **5-8**, which can be found on page **935** in the **old testament** of your pew bible.*

⁵These are the words of the Lord:

A curse on the man who trusts in man and leans for support on human kind, while his heart is far from the Lord! He shall be like a juniper in the desert; when good comes he shall not see it. He shall dwell among the rocks in the wilderness, in a salt land where no man can live. Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and rests his confidence upon him. He shall be like a tree planted by the waterside, that stretches its roots along the stream. When the heat comes it has nothing to fear; its spreading foliage stays green. In a year of drought it feels no care, and does not cease to bear fruit.

*The New Testament Scripture reading is received from **Matthew** chapter **6** verses **19-33**, which can be found on page **9** in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

¹⁹Do not store up for yourselves treasure on earth, where it grows rusty and moth-eaten, and thieves break in to steal it. Store up treasure in heaven, where there is no moth and no rust to spoil it, no thieves to break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eyes are sound, you will have light for your whole body; if the eyes are bad, your whole body will be in darkness. If then the only light you have is darkness, the darkness is doubly dark.

'No servant can be the slave of two masters; for either he will hate the first and love the second, or he will be devoted to the first and think nothing of the second. You

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cannot serve God and money. 'Therefore I bid you put away anxious thoughts about food and drink to keep you alive, and clothes to cover your body. Surely life is more than food, the body more than clothes. Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow and reap and store in barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. You are worth more than the birds! Is there a man of you who by anxious thought can add a foot to his height? And why be anxious about clothes? Consider how the lilies grow in the fields; they do not work, they do not spin; and yet, I tell you, even Solomon in all his splendour was not attired like one of these. But if that is how God clothes the grass in the fields, which is there today, and tomorrow is thrown on the stove, will he not all the more clothe you? How little faith you have! No, do not ask anxiously, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What shall we wear?" All these are things for the heathen to run after, not for you, because your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. Set your mind on God's kingdom and his justice before everything else, and all the rest will come to you as well. So do not be anxious about tomorrow; tomorrow will look after itself. Each day has troubles enough of its own.

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