



January 10-16, 2016
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Psalm 46; I Peter 3:14-15

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*Monday, Jan. 11 – **I John 4:7-21*** [In the midst of this great passage on the love of God John says (v.18) that there is no fear in love. Rather, perfect love casts out fear. The more Christians allow the love of Christ to grip and fill their lives the less ground fear has in their hearts.]

*Tuesday, Jan. 12 - **Isaiah 8:11-17*** [Isaiah prophesied to rebellious Judah. It was a time when there was threat of war and being conquered. But God tells Isaiah not to fear what others fear. Instead, fear God alone and trust in Him. That is good advice for believers in all ages.]

*Wednesday, Jan. 13 – **Luke 12:1-12*** [Jesus tells His followers not to fear those who can kill us. Rather, fear the One (God) who all people stand before on the Day of Judgment. Yet, by trusting in the Lord, we will find that God cares for us more than we can imagine.]

*Thursday, Jan. 14 – **Psalm 34*** [This passage reminds us that the Lord delivers us from all our fears (v.4) when we fear Him alone (v.7). It is a clear call to follow Christ not just as Savior, but as Lord.]

*Friday, Jan. 15 - **Matthew 6:25-34*** [In this pivotal section of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us we need not worry (fear) about the details of our lives. Rather, we are called to seek God's kingdom and righteousness and He will take care of all that we need. What a great promise!]

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