

# *The Beginning of the End*

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Day 1: God Still  
Speaks

Reading:  
Psalm 19:1-14

God has never stopped speaking to His creation. Through the heavens, His Word, and ultimately through Jesus, God reveals Himself to us. The question isn't whether God is speaking—it's whether we're listening. Like a parent calling to a distracted child, God desires our attention. Today, consider the ways God has been speaking to you: through creation's beauty, Scripture's truth, or the still small voice in prayer. Are you listening? Set aside time today to be still before God with your Bible open. Ask Him to speak clearly to your heart. Remember, whoever will listen will hear the speaking heaven. Your willingness to listen is the first step toward deeper intimacy with your Creator.

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Day 2: The Power of Prayer

Reading:  
Revelation 8:1-4

Every prayer you've ever prayed matters to God. Like precious incense rising before His throne, your prayers are collected, valued, and remembered. The image of the golden censer filled with the prayers of the saints reminds us that God treasures our communication with Him. Whether you're praying for a sick pet or crying out in intense suffering, God hears. Your prayers for justice, mercy, and deliverance don't disappear into the void—they rise before the throne of the Almighty. Today, be encouraged that your prayers have eternal significance. Don't underestimate the power of calling out to your Heavenly Father. Spend time in prayer today, knowing that God values every word.

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Day 3: Warning with  
Love

Reading:  
2 Peter 3:8-15

A loving parent warns their children of danger—not to frighten them, but to protect them. God's warnings throughout Scripture, including Revelation's sobering prophecies, flow from His love. He doesn't want anyone to perish but desires all to come to repentance. The coming judgment isn't cause for glee but for lament and urgent witness. God delays His final judgment, showing patience, giving humanity more time to turn to Him. Today, reflect on God's mercy in warning us. Are there people in your life who need to hear about Jesus? God's warnings should move us to compassionate action, sharing the hope of salvation with those who don't yet know Christ.

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Day 4: Turning from Rebellion

Reading:  
Romans 1:18-25;  
Hebrews 1:1-4

Humanity's fundamental problem is rebellion against our holy Creator. We've exchanged the truth of God for lies, worshiping creation rather than the Creator. Yet God sent Jesus—the exact radiance of His glory—to rescue us from judgment. This is the ultimate expression of divine love: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Today is the day of salvation. If you've never surrendered your life to Jesus, turn from sin and self to Him. If you know Christ, examine your heart for areas of continued rebellion. Repentance isn't a one-time event but a daily turning back to God. Surrender afresh to Jesus today, asking Him to reveal any darkness in your heart.

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Day 5: Rejoice and  
Witness

Reading:  
Philippians 2:5-11;  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

As believers, we hold both lament and joy simultaneously. We grieve over those who don't know Christ while rejoicing in our own salvation. We're not appointed for God's wrath but for salvation through Jesus. This truth should fill us with gratitude and urgency. Every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord—but how much better to do so now in faith than later in judgment! Let your joy in Christ overflow into witness. Share the good news with those God has placed in your life. Pray for relatives and friends who need Jesus. Plant seeds that may bear fruit even during difficult times ahead. Your witness today matters for eternity.

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