

Sunday, May 15, 2022

## Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

*A good teacher is like a candle — it consumes itself  
to light the way for others. — Mustafa Kemal Atatürk*

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Today, it's Teachers' Day in Mexico. *Dia del Maestro* is celebrated across Mexico as a special day when educators are honored and praised.

Teachers, teachers' aides and staff are treated to gifts of presents, cards, poetry and artwork. Choirs and theater productions laud teachers, showing their appreciation in the performances they offer. Some schools or universities might throw parties, or host dinners in honor of the teachers, instructors and professors of the institution.

It's a great idea. Although it is not a federal holiday, it is an official observance and very popular.

In my conversations with former high school classmates, I discovered that without exception we all remember at least one remarkable teacher who inspired us with her or his knowledge of the subject matter or creative way in which it was taught.

The Bible honors and respects good and honest teachers. The role of teachers is so important that Scripture counsels that not everyone should aspire to be a teacher (see James 3:1). The book of Proverbs commends those who have the wisdom to listen to their teachers.

Perhaps the greatest lesson we can learn from teachers is to never stop learning! Education is a lifelong enterprise which, if successful, is never completed!

I know that is a paradox. But then the truly educated realize that the more you learn, the more you comprehend how much you don't yet know or understand.

Most of us are of an age when we're not young enough to have all the answers. But we're probably old enough to know that we could have avoided some lessons from the school of hard knocks and the university of experience had we been more attentive to the greatest source of knowledge called the Bible.

Those who understand that wisdom comes from the Lord are wise indeed!

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Wise and all-knowing God, thank you for my teachers and especially those who knew how to reach me. Thank you also for the wisdom of your written word, which has been my lifelong guide. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday:** Luke 22-24  
**Monday:** 2 Samuel 9-12  
**Tuesday:** 2 Samuel 13-15  
**Wednesday:** 2 Samuel 16-18  
**Thursday:** 2 Samuel 19-21  
**Friday:** 2 Samuel 22-24  
**Saturday:** Psalms 49-51

## Verse to Remember

*The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

—Psalm 51:17

## The Peril of Plurals

Tobias Schmidt is an international student from Hamburg, Germany. He is having trouble learning the plural forms of nouns in English. Can you help him? This study sheet is from his "English as a Second Language" class. What are the plural forms of the following nouns?

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| 1. beau _____       | 11. crisis _____     |
| 2. hypothesis _____ | 12. leaf _____       |
| 3. alumnus _____    | 13. potato _____     |
| 4. scarf _____      | 14. fish _____       |
| 5. sheep _____      | 15. attorney _____   |
| 6. salmon _____     | 16. philosophy _____ |
| 7. son-in-law _____ | 17. church _____     |
| 8. mouse _____      | 18. wife _____       |
| 9. ax _____         | 19. deer _____       |
| 10. goose _____     | 20. moose _____      |

### ANSWERS:

1. beaux or beaus
2. hypotheses
3. alumni
4. scarves or scarfs
5. sheep
6. salmon/s
7. sons-in-law
8. mice
9. axes
10. geese
11. crises
12. leaves
13. potatoes
14. fish
- (species=fishes)
15. attorneys
16. philosophies
17. churches
18. wives
19. deer
20. moose

