



Joel: God's Promised Spirit

December 6, 2020

Joel 2:12-13, 28-29

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

Steadfast God, you never abandoned your people when they were at their lowest. Hold your promises before our eyes that they might shine brighter than any darkness which threatens to overcome us, for the sake of your son Jesus. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. (Joel 2:28)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Israel had strayed and was exiled. But God was not done with her yet. God promised the Holy Spirit, which would bring dreams and visions of a life far better than this.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What is the most tempting Christmas present you desire to buy for someone? What would happen if you spent that money on someone in need instead?

Do you think people have visions as in Joel's day? What might those visions look like today? What might they be trying to say?

For the littles: What is the wisest thing an older person has said to you?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you visions of God's kingdom on earth. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Make a list of all the things you think you need to do to prepare for Christmas. Add to your list activities or events that give you the opportunity to love God, your neighbor, or yourself. For every love activity you add, remove something less important from your list. See how your holidays are transformed as love activities dominate your season.



Go Deeper: Visit clergystuff.com/daily-devotions.

Monday: *End of Babylonian Captivity*, Ezra 1:1-11

Tuesday: *Lament over the Ruined Country*, Joel 1:1-12

Wednesday: *Call to Repentance and God's Response*, Joel 1:13-20

Thursday: *Dedication of the Temple*, Ezra 6:13-22

Friday: *Ezra Restores Torah as Law*, Nehemiah 8:1-12

Saturday: *Dedication of Jerusalem's Wall*, Nehemiah 12:27-47