



Bible Readings

- **Genesis 45:1-15**
- **Psalm 85**
- **Ephesians 2:11-22**
- **John 2:1-11**

Key Verse

- **“But now in Christ Jesus you who were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” – Ephesians 2:13**

Church Almanac

- ADVENT
- LENT
- CHRISTMAS
- EASTER
- EPIPHANY
- PENTECOST

Lent Observation in Western Church Tradition

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			DAY 01 Ash Wed Feb 18	DAY 02 Feb 19	DAY 03 Feb 20	DAY 04 Feb 21
I Sunday Feb 22	DAY 05 Feb 23	DAY 06 Feb 24	DAY 07 Feb 25	DAY 08 Feb 26	DAY 09 Feb 27	DAY 10 Feb 28
II Sunday Mar 01	DAY 11 Mar 02	DAY 12 Mar 03	DAY 13 Mar 04	DAY 14 Mar 05	DAY 15 Mar 06	DAY 16 Mar 07
III Sunday Mar 08	DAY 17 Mar 09	DAY 18 Mar 10	DAY 19 Mar 11	DAY 20 Mar 12	DAY 21 Mar 13	DAY 22 Mar 14
IV Sunday Mar 15	DAY 23 Mar 16	DAY 24 Mar 17	DAY 25 Mar 18	DAY 26 Mar 19	DAY 27 Mar 20	DAY 28 Mar 21
V Sunday Mar 22	DAY 29 Mar 23	DAY 30 Mar 24	DAY 31 Mar 25	DAY 32 Mar 26	DAY 33 Mar 27	DAY 34 Mar 28
VI Sunday Mar 29	DAY 35 Mar 30	DAY 36 Mar 31	DAY 37 Apr 01	DAY 38 Maundy Thu Apr 02	DAY 39 Good Fri Apr 03	DAY 40 Holy Sat Apr 04
EASTER Apr 05						

Relevance of 40

- **It rained for 40 days and 40 nights when God wanted to cleanse the world and start over. (*Gen 7:12 KJV*)**
- **Noah waited another 40 days after it rained before he opened a window in the Ark. (*Gen 8:6 KJV*)**
- **Embalming required 40 days (although this was an Egyptian custom, the Egyptians recognized the period of 40 for the preparation of going into a new life, what they called the afterlife) (*Gen 50:3 KJV*)**
- **Moses was on the mountain with God for 40 days (TWICE) (*Exo 24:18 KJV*) (*Exo 34:28-29 KJV*) (*Deu 10:10 NIV*)**
- **Moses' face shone after the 40 days on the mountain. (*Exo 34:29 KJV*)**
- **It took the spies 40 days to search out the promised land and bring back fruit. (*Num 13:25 KJV*)**

Relevance of 40

- **The Israelites spent 40 years in the wilderness, one year for each day they explored the Promised Land. (*Exo 16:35 KJV*) (*Num 14:33-34 NIV*)**
- **Goliath came for forty days before being killed by David (*1 Sam 17:16 NLT*)**
- **Elijah strengthened by one angelic meal went forty days to Mount Horeb where the Lord passed by and he heard the voice of God. (*1 Ki 19:8 KJV*)**
- **Jonah warned the City of Nineveh they had 40 days until God would overthrow the city. The people repented in those 40 days and God spared the city. (*Jonah 3:4,10 KJV*)**

Relevance of 40

- Jesus fasted for 40 days in the wilderness
(*Mat 3:17 KJV*) (*Mat 4:1-2 KJV*)
- Jesus was seen on the earth 40 days after His
crucifixion (*Acts 1:3 NIV*)

*GOD MADE MAJOR CHANGES AND
TRANSFORMATIONS AFTER THE PERIOD
OF 40*

Reason for exempting Sundays

- “The wedding guests cannot fast as long as the bridegroom is with them.”

- *Matthew 9:14-16 & Mark 2:18-20*

I. Reconciliation is by Acceptance

- Genesis 45:1-15
- Story of Joseph, the rejected
- Pit – Prison – Palace
- Joseph accepted his brothers

- Even we have gone astray, JESUS accepts us whole-heartedly, if we realize and admit our mistakes

II. Reconciliation is by Obedience

- John 2:1-11
- Occurrence at the wedding at Cana
- Issue arose out of shortage
- It could have been a shame for the host family
- Servants are instructed just to obey Jesus

- For issues to be solved, just implicitly obey Jesus (Word of God) without reasoning or arguments

III. Reconciliation is by Redemption

- Ephesians 2:11-22
- Paul emphasizes Oneness in Christ
- Blood of Christ has brought us near to Him
- No longer strangers or aliens
- Citizens with the saints & members of the household of God
- By faith in Jesus, we are reconciled by redemption

IV. Reconciliation is a Meeting Point

- Psalm 85
- Psalmist desires for Restoration
- The formula :
Steadfast love + Faithfulness +
Righteousness + Peace = Restoration
(Reconciliation)

Lent is for Reconciliation



**RECONCILIATION
WITH OUR
SAVIOUR**



**RECONCILIATION
WITH OUR
FELLOW BEINGS**

Lent: A Time of Reconciliation

- 1. Reconciliation is by Acceptance
 - 2. Reconciliation is by Obedience
 - 3. Reconciliation is by Redemption
 - 4. Reconciliation is a Meeting Point
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- *Let the 40 days of lent be meaningful to us in making us more **HOLY** than we think we are now.*

Are we ready to be Reconciled?

