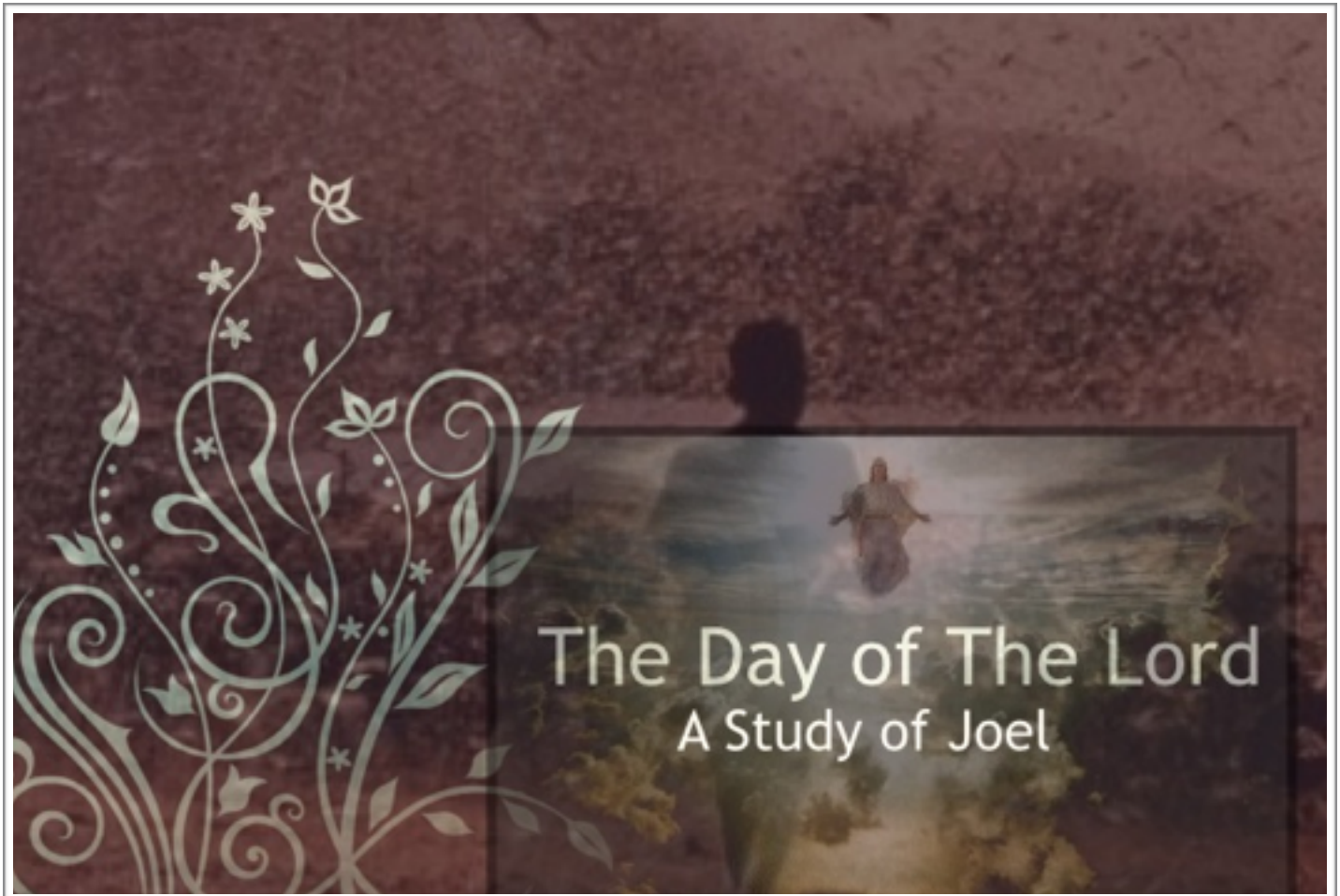


A Call for Repentance

“The word of the Lord that came to Joel, the son of Pethuel.” Joel 1:1



Awake and Arise

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Introduction

Sometimes God allows hard times, sometimes He sends it. Always, always He uses it.

You are invited to a mystery.

An opportunity to delve deeper into the realms of God. To see the world, the peoples, the past and the future as He sees. “The Lord Is God” the name Joel proclaims. In this book you will see God’s power, His plan unfolding from the beginning to the end, and His “intense desire for intimacy with all His people,” as the Quest Bible states. Come. Let Him reveal more of Himself to you through this little but mighty book.

Joel is considered a ‘minor’ prophet, only because of the length of his message. Joel prophesied the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, and he gave us a window to the events of the end of the world.

Joel is poetry, mystery, prophecy; a blending of ancient troubles and future images. From a farm report in a dusty, obscure field to the gathering of the most powerful armies of the nations, Joel gives us a glimpse into how the God of time sees events. Repeatedly, we are promised the coming of ‘The Day of the Lord’--a time when God will openly intervene in the world’s affairs. These coming times are terrifying, awe-inspiring, and incredibly exciting to consider depending on your perspective. Ultimately, they give you a picture of how much He loves you, a deeper gratitude for that love, a trust in that love, and hope. A hope that will carry you through anything.

Behold, He Is Coming
With The Clouds, And
Every Eye Will See Him,
Even Those Who Pierced
Him, And All Tribes Of
The Earth Will Wail On
Account Of Him. Even
So.

Amen.

Revelation 1:7

Week 1 - The LORD is God!

Memory Verse:

“Worthy are You, our LORD and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.” Revelation 4:11

Welcome to our brief study on the book of Joel. This first week we will lay the foundation for the Bible study by examining the big picture who, what, when, where, why of Joel. We will be introducing some Old Testament concepts to help lay the groundwork. We are thankful for you and pray that as you study God’s Word your spiritual eyes would SEE something new and glorious. We pray that through the knowledge of the Good News spoken in the Bible and by the power of the Holy Spirit we would each be changed even more into the image of Christ. We hope your world will be shook up, turned upside down, and around to the glory of God!

Day 1: The LORD is GOD!

The name Joel means “Jehovah is GOD”. The LORD IS GOD! Names were very important in Old Testament time and Joel’s parents very likely were God-fearing worshippers. Joel’s father’s name was Pethuel which means “vision of God.” Throughout this prophetic, poetic, and historical writing Joel’s vision of God proclaimed and reminded the people that “The LORD is GOD”! The LORD is God and He alone is worthy of all of our praise. We see the ALMIGHTY God reigning over nature and the nations. He is the all- powerful, all-knowing, and ever-present One who is in total control of all things. The LORD is GOD! There is none like Him. He holds all things together and He will bring to completion in Revelation what He began in Genesis.

As we begin today, take a moment right now to pray. Ask God to quiet your soul so you can hear His whispers...

“Cease striving and know that I AM God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” Psalm 46:10

“Know that the LORD, He is God. It is He who made us and we are His.” Psalm 100:3

Before we read Joel, let’s take a big picture view of the major events in the Old Testament that lead us to this three-chapter book in the Bible.

In the beginning...

- ☀ **Creation** - God created all things and created man in His image so that we could have relationship and life in HIM. The first man and woman, Adam and Eve, lived together in perfect relationship with God. They were cared for by God and given dominion over the land and animals. All was good and there was perfect peace. (Genesis 1-2)

- ☀ **The Fall** - Sin entered the world through Adam and Eve by their disobedience as they doubted God’s goodness and were deceived by Satan. From that point forward all of creation and mankind has been cursed and each human is born with a sin nature. (Genesis 3; Romans 3) It doesn’t take long before we see a pattern develop in which *man sins, man has consequences, and then God redeems*. Man was so evil and wicked in the days of Noah, a righteous man who walked with God, that God sent a flood as judgment to wipe out all of the wicked mankind. Noah’s family alone was rescued along with a male and female of each of the animal species. (Genesis 6-10) Remember the pattern - *man disobeys, man faces consequences, God rescues*. In Genesis 11 we see the human race gathered in Babel and trying to make a name for themselves. People sinned in their hearts and as a consequence God confused their languages. They were therefore scattered across the known region, separated by language barriers. We see God’s plan of redemption brewing as He calls a man named Abram (changed to Abraham).

- ☀ **God’s Covenant with Abraham**- God’s plan to rescue and redeem the world from sin continues as He calls Abraham. Abraham goes forth in obedience and leaves his homeland to go to an unknown land. (Genesis 12) God makes a covenant with Abraham (a sign of this

covenant was male circumcision) and promises to bless him and all nations through him (the promise of the Messiah). God promised to Abraham his descendants would be more numerous than all the stars in the sky. By faith Abraham obeyed and by faith Abraham trusted God for a child to fulfill this promise even though they were old. Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel, is the father of the 12 tribes of Israel. Jacob has a son named Joseph and through a long series of tragic events Joseph is rescued and put second in command next to the Pharaoh in Egypt. A drought comes and Jacob (Israel) and his whole family comes to reside in Egypt. (Genesis 12-50)

☀ **The Exodus and Redemption** - Through time Joseph is forgotten and the Hebrew people, Israel, are enslaved and treated harshly for 400 years. God hears the cries of the people and remembers His covenant with Abraham. God continues His rescue plan and calls a man named Moses to lead His people out of slavery and into the “promise land”. Through a series of courageous obedience and scary plagues God sends the final blow to Pharaoh so he will release the captives. The angel of death is sent and every first born is killed unless their door post is covered with the blood of a perfect lamb. All of those who obeyed God were saved. We see the first Passover which foreshadows the greatest Passover. Christ’s blood sprinkled on our hearts covers and redeems us from the wrath of God! God rescues the people from slavery and makes them His very own nation named Israel. They are to be set apart from the world, a city on a hill that shines forth the light and truth of God.

☀ **Moses/ Ten Commandments** - In the wilderness, God makes a covenant with Moses and this Nation giving them the 10 Commandments. In Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy one can see in detail God’s law, order, and guidelines for His holy nation. The law reveals our sinfulness and points to our need for a Savior. Blood sacrifices were made to atone for sin in addition, repentance and contrite hearts brought restoration into relationship with the Holy God.

We see the pattern continue in which *man sins, man has consequences, and God redeems*. The rescued people of God continue to complain and grumble and ultimately they refuse to trust and obey God. As a consequence they are left in the desert for 40 years! After Moses dies, a courageous warrior and faithful worshiper of God named Joshua is called up and arises to lead the Nation into the promised land. God’s favor and sovereign plans grant them victory after victory.

☀ **The Judges, The Kings, The Prophets** - Over time the people forgot God and did what was right in their own eyes. God sent Judges, Prophets, and even the godly Kings to proclaim

His truth, law, and to keep His order. There is a long line of Judges that ends with Samuel who is also a Prophet. God calls Samuel to appoint a King for Israel. God was their KING, but the people were not satisfied and were crying out for a King to reign over them. They rejected God in their hearts as King. They grumbled as they looked around at the other nations who had Kings. They did not see their blessings and how they were set apart, holy, and beautifully different than the other Nations. The people of God desired what they didn't have instead of being thankful for what they did have and for who they were. ***Sound familiar? Remember Adam and Eve? Does this sound like us sometimes too?***

The first King appointed was King Saul. He did not honor God and was disobedient and was soon replaced by King David who is said to be a man after God's own heart. King David is the line which the Messiah would come through as prophesied throughout the Bible. Throughout the Old Testament we see Kings who lead the people into sin and destruction and Kings who honored God and were blessed. The Kings were suppose to rule on God's behalf and the prophets were called to keep the King's power in check, reminding and showing them that God is the true King.

As you read through the Bible you can see the pattern, ***the people sin***, God judges and ***consequences come***, and through repentance ***God redeems***.

This leads us to the book of Joel. Joel was a prophet chosen by God to deliver a special message to the chosen people of God. No King is mentioned in Joel, scholars believe that it is either because the King was King Joash (835-796BC), a child King at this time, or the time was at the end of Israel's reigning Kings in the 300 BC's. Either way, the message's value does not change.

Joel's message was a warning of coming judgement from God on His people. If the people did not repent and return to Him with all their hearts devastating consequences would take place. It is not clear what specific sins the people had committed but we can gather that their priorities were out of order. ***What about us today?*** The people then had gotten off track somewhere along the line and needed to be reminded of who they were as God's holy, chosen, and beloved people. Let's examine and be reminded of the calling we have in Christ as God's holy, chosen, and beloved people as well...

- 1) Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (**Bonus -read Deuteronomy 5 and 6**). What is our number one priority and purpose to be? Give examples of what we are to do with God's Word?

- 2) How did Jesus sum up the Ten Commandments and the law in Matthew 22:37-40? Any other verses come to mind? Examine your heart. Are you loving God well? How do you know?

- 3) How well do you love your enemy? Remember that all people are created in the image of God and that our true enemy is Satan (John 10:10).

- 4) Read Matthew 5: 43-48. How can you, by God's power, genuinely love the difficult people in your life? How can you love those who seem to be your enemy? Pray and ask God to show you where you need to obey this command.

Day 2: The Valley of Decision

**Let the nations stir themselves up
and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat;
for there I will sit to judge
all the surrounding nations. Joel 3:12**

One of the place mentioned in the book of Joel is the Valley of Jehoshaphat. The term itself means “Adonai judges”. The concept is that it is a valley of decision. According to Jewish tradition, the Valley of Jehoshaphat is that part of the Kidron Valley lying between the Temple Mount and the Mount of Olives ¹. The Temple Mount is where the temple was built in Jerusalem, a most holy place. It is the place that Jesus refers to when he said he would destroy it and rebuild it in three days (see John 2:19). The Mount of Olives has always been an important feature in Jerusalem's landscape. From the 3rd millennium B.C. until the present, this 2900-foot hill has served as one of the main burial grounds for the city ². At the bottom of the hill you can find the garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed and was arrested (John 18). The term, "Valley of Jehoshaphat" is a term that acquired its name from King Jehoshaphat, an ancient King of Judah. (Bonus read all of 2 Chronicles 20)

1) Read 2 Chronicles 20:1-4

What is going on? What is the king calling for?

2) Read 2 Chronicles 20: 13-19

What is promised to them? What is the king's response?

¹ bibleplaces.com

² bibleplaces.com

3) Read 2 Chronicles 20: 20-24

Did the Israelites have to fight? What lesson can you take home? What will be your choice next time you find yourself in a valley of decision?

Day 3: Read Joel 1-3: The Day of The LORD

“The day of the LORD” is a main theme in the book of Joel. We see this phrase in the Old Testament written about 19 times and 4 times in the New Testament. Joel contains the most of these phrases with “the day of the LORD” written out 5 times in its short three chapters. So, what exactly is this “day of the LORD”?

The day of the Lord is a day of darkness and terrible judgement. This phrase can refer to temporal events in which one nation destroys another in battle or it can refer to the ultimate “day of the LORD” in which God draws all the nations to the valley of decision where He sits as the righteous judge. It is the final judgment day in which recompense is given and the end of the world. This final Armageddon day is described throughout the Bible as a terrible dark day in which life as we know it is wiped out.

Prophecies in the Old Testament can sometimes be difficult to interpret. One way to think of them is like a far off mountain range. As one approaches the mountain range he notices that what looked like one mountain is actually two. There is one mountain in front of the other with a valley separating the two. In relation to prophecies, a prophet’s message could on one hand relate to the present day battles but also there may be a valley of time before the second end-time prophecy.

In Joel we see there are both warnings for immediate danger and visions of the end time judgment day when God would bring all nations to the valley of decision to reward or punish for everyone’s deeds.

Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, Cruel, with fury and burning anger, To make the land a desolation; And He will exterminate its sinners from it. For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not flash forth their light; The sun will be dark when it rises And the moon will not shed its light. Thus I will punish the world for its evil And the wicked for their iniquity; I will also put an end to the arrogance of the proud And abase the haughtiness of the ruthless. Isaiah 13:9-11

- 1) Read Joel 1-3. As you read through Joel underline or highlight each time you see the phrase “the day of the LORD”.

- 2) What stuck out to you? What other verses in the Bible can you find referring to “the day of the LORD”?

- 3) Pray and ask God to do a new thing in you and a new thing in the lives of those He puts on your heart to pray for. Today commit to studying and reading the Bible daily and praying for those God has put in your life that do not KNOW HIM yet.

Day 4: Repentance

Teshuvah means return or repentance in Hebrew. The traditional 40-day repentance period starts in Elul (Jewish summer month that correspond to August or September) and finishes with Yom Kippur. According to Jewish tradition the month of Elul represents the time that Moses spent on Mount Sinai to get the second set of tablets. He returned 40 days later.

The term Teshuvah or repentance means a turning back to God. It is a practical turning away from evil and turning toward the good. It is never too late to turn back to God (see Exodus 34:6). Even though sin is bad, it is difficult to give up sinful activities. The process is therefore both painful and healing (see Psalm 119:71).

The process is painful and a lifelong commitment but it is the only way to have reconciliation with God and complete fellowship with Jesus. We must recognize sin as sin, confess, cease from the sin, show remorse for the sin and resolve to live in a new way (see Ephesians 4:30).

1) Read Joel 1-3. Circle words, ideas, and phrases that have to do with repentance and the call to seek and return to God.

2) Read 2 Chronicles 7:11-22

What stuck out to you? Do you see any parallel between this passage and the prophecy of Joel? What are God's warnings? What do we need to do to be blessed and see His presence?

3) Commit yourself during this study to "humble yourself", "pray and seek His face" and turn from sin. It is a decision you will NEVER regret.

Day 5: Choose this day whom you will serve

Joshua has his own book in the Bible. He is an Old Testament hero and a person whose example we should follow. We encounter Joshua for the first time in Exodus 17 as the Israelites are fighting King Amalek. You can read about this battle in Exodus 17:8-16. He becomes the one in charge after Moses dies and is the hero that takes the Israelites in to the promise land. Joshua 1:9 might have been one of your memory verses: “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

1) Read Joshua 1:1-9

How many times does God command Joshua to be strong and courageous? What promise is He making to Joshua? What is He asking of Joshua?

2) One of the songs you might have sung in children church is “Joshua fought the battle of Jericho”. What happened before that battle is a great example of whose leadership Joshua was following. Read Joshua 5:13-15.

What does Joshua ask the “man”? What is the “man’s” answer? What is Joshua’s response? What does that tell you about his character?

3) Choose this day whom you will serve. Make a commitment. Write it down. Tell it to your accountability partner. And pray first, pray last, pray always, pray without ceasing. (1 Thess. 5:17)

Prepare the Way of the Lord

“I am the voice of one calling in the desert, ‘make straight the way for the Lord.’”

John the Baptist prepared the way for the first coming of Jesus Christ the Messiah. He called the people of God to repent and be baptized to prepare their hearts for the kingdom of God that was coming and in their midst.

Jesus also preached peace and repentance calling His followers to baptism. He commanded His followers to make disciples to the end of the earth! (Matt 28:18-20)

We then see the disciples starting with Peter in Acts 2 :38-39 proclaiming this call through out the book of Acts and the New Testament.

Today we can prepare the way for the second coming as we prepare our own hearts by continually repentance and humble adoration of God. As we proclaim him through our words and deeds we can help others in Preparing their hearts as well.

Each week you will have an opportunity to do so.



Prepare your heart by reading and meditating on Psalm 23. Psalm 23 is much more a song for life than for death. Let the commands and truths of this psalm bring you peace.

How else can you prepare your heart for His return?

How can you better Prepare others? Who can you pray for today?

Prayer: Almighty God, Worthy are you to receive all honor and glory in my life. When I look to you, follow, and trust you - I shall not want. If I have wandered from You God, please put my feet back on a firm foundation. Open my eyes to your truth and my ears to what You want me to hear. May You be glorified in me, in my home, family, and in this Nation! Come Lord Jesus. Amen.

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME.” Rev 4:8

Week 2 - Locusts, repentance and a promise from the Lord

Memory Verse

“Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”) And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon. Revelation 16:15-16

Your head might still be spinning from last week’s reading. There was a lot of information covered and a lot of reading. The foundation had to be laid in order to fully appreciate the treasures in the book of Joel. Do take the time to go over your notes and refer to them as often as you need. I hope that you are ready to dig in this week. Locusts invasion, blowing of the Shofar and a God who never holds back forgiveness.

Prepare yourself each day this week by quieting your soul. Breathe out and breathe in. “Be still and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10



A desert locust swarm can be 460 square miles (1,200 square kilometers) in size and pack between 40 and 80 million locusts into less than half a square mile (one square kilometer).

Each locust can eat its weight in plants each day, so a swarm of such size would eat 423 million pounds (192 million kilograms) of plants every day.

From National Geographic

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Day one - News Flash Alert: Locusts are coming!

1) Read Joel 1:1-12

Joel is addressing specific people and giving them specific warnings. Elders and citizens are the first ones to be addressed. Why? If you had important troubling news, who would you talk to first? The people he is addressing would know the story of Exodus 10:1-20. Read it for yourself and write down everything you notice about the locusts. Based on Joel 1:4 will anything be left?

2) The drunkards represent more than just the people who enjoy too much wine. Wine dulls the senses and as a result a person is less sensitive to sin (Proverbs 20:1). As a whole the drunkards represent all the people who are letting their lives be ruled by worldly pleasures and sin. Read Joel 1:6-7. What pronoun is used? Why is that significant? All that we are, all that we have belongs to God and He can do with it whatever He chooses to. Vineyards and fig trees were signs of prosperity in Israel (see Isaiah 36:16). What message is God sending?

3) Read Joel 1:8-13. The third warning is to the farmers. Grains, fruits and herds are destroyed. The destruction goes beyond the simple lack of food. It will affect the offerings and their future and well being for a long time. The grief is very intense. What does Joel compare it to in verse 8?

Day 2 - Consecrate a fast!

1) Read Joel 1:13-20

The fourth warning is for the priests. Who are the priests? They are the descendants of Aaron, Levites set aside for the purpose of working in the temple and interceding for the Israelites (Exodus 28:1, 28:38). They were the ones bringing forward the sin offerings. The priests were there to stand in the gap between the people and God. As a holy priesthood (1 Peter 2:5) it is our job today to stand in the gap.

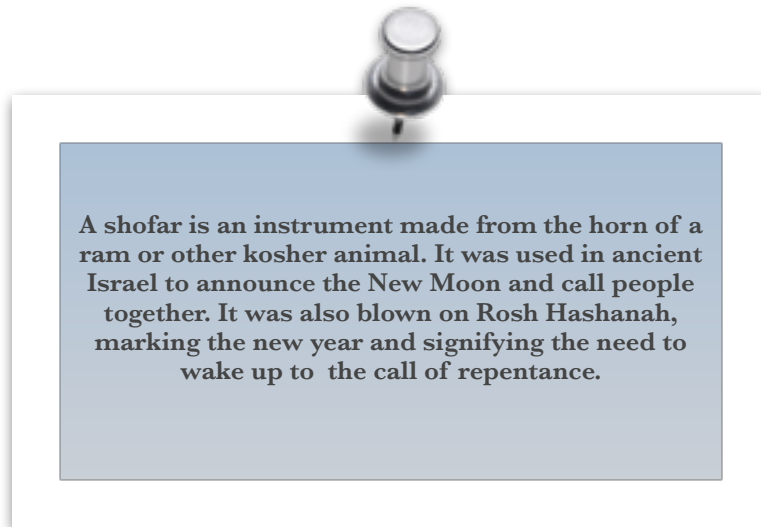
2) Skim through Leviticus 1-4. What was to be offered as a sin offering? From your reading so far is there any sin offering left in the land? According to Joel 1:14 what is left to do?

“God mitigates Ahab's punishment because he fasted and humbled himself (I Kings 21:27–29). King David fasted in the hope that "the Lord will be gracious to me and the boy will live. But now that he is dead why should I fast?" (II Sam. 12:22–23). Many other passages also indicate the use of fasting as a means of winning divine forgiveness (e.g., Ps. 35:13; 69:11; Ezra 10:6), implying that fasting is basically an act of penance, a ritual expression of remorse, submission, and supplication.”³

3) Have you ever fasted? What happens when you fast? How does that bring you closer to God?

³ jewishvirtuallibrary.org

Day 3 - Blow the shofar in Zion!



1) Read Joel 2:1-17

The day of the Lord is being announced by the Shofar. Read through your notes from week one about the day of the Lord to refresh your memory.

Joel is using strong words to describe the calamity coming to the land. Jot down some of the description he uses.

2) Read Revelation 9:1-10 and write down all the similarities. God has control over everything. The destruction picture here is not only complete but also terrifying.

“The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.” Job 1:21.

Meditate on that truth.

Day 4 - Return to the Lord!

1) Read Joel 2:12-17

Return to the Lord! No matter how dark the times are, it is NEVER too late to return to God. What does this passage tell you about God's character?

2) Genesis 22 shows us the faith that Abraham had when he was asked to offer his only son Isaac as a sacrifice. He went willingly and knew that God would provide. At the last minute God offers a ram for the sacrifice. (Bonus: read the story in Genesis 22). The ram was caught by its horn. The ram serves as a reminder of Abraham's willing sacrifice. The curved horn symbolizes how a human heart, in true repentance, bends before God.⁴ We will be caught in sin and iniquities and as New Testament believers, we have the perfect Lamb that took our place. Let us remember to continue to bend our hearts toward God in true repentance. Take the time to do a "heart inventory" and write down anything that is not bent toward God.

⁴ Leo Rosten

Day 5 - The Lord had pity.....

1) Read Joel 2:18-27.

What promises does God offer His people? According to verse 27 what is the ultimate purpose of the calamities and destruction?

2) Re-read Joel 1:1 - Joel 2:27

Reflect on what you have learned this week and write down any new insights you have about this passage.

Prepare the Way of the Lord



It is not hard for us to picture the complete destruction forecasted in Joel. Locusts have not invaded our land but natural disasters (tornadoes, hurricanes, fire, flood) are a common sight on national television. I am not suggesting here that God sends those on purpose. I just want you to grasp the long term effects of such disasters.

Read Psalm 126. God will always provide and take care of us. The Bible tells us over and over again how He is gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love. 2 Peter 3:9 tells us that God does not want anybody to perish.

Write down your blessings this week. Understand that everything you have and everything you are is a gift from God. Once you are done with your inventory, give everything back to Him. Hold nothing back. Bend your heart towards God and see His blessings pour in your life.

Prayer: "The Lord gives and the Lord takes away".
Lord, I want to truly know that truth and I want my life to be fully devoted to you. Give me the strength and wisdom to face each day proclaiming "blessed be the name of the Lord" regardless of my circumstances.

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME." Rev 4:8

Week 3 - Call upon the Lord and be saved!

Memory Verse:

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure” - for fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

Revelation 19:6b-8

This week we will examine the second half of Joel and discover what the LORD revealed to Joel about end times and the ultimate “Great Day of the LORD”. The Old Testament language may be difficult to understand, but keep seeking diligently and you will find glorious treasures that will change the course of your life.



(Note:) In the Hebrew Bible, Joel 2: 28-32 is a chapter all to itself.

Day 1 - The Last Days

We saw last week in Joel 2:23 that the LORD poured down abundant rains to restore the parched and broken land. These rains brought restoration, abundant life, and produced a great harvest. Today we will examine the “spiritual rain” He pours out on His people. This outpouring of His Spirit brings spiritual restoration, abundant life, and an even greater harvest!

Read Joel 2:28-32

1) Before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes, what is said to take place according to verse 28-29? Why is this so significant?

2) What did Jesus say concerning the Holy Spirit? (John 7:37-39, John 14:16-17, Acts 1:4-5). Read Acts 2 and see Joel’s prophecy along with the Words of Jesus fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. What happened? Note the promise and the harvest in Acts 2:39,41.

3) What does it mean to prophesy? Do you do this? How do you think our Nation would transform if every professing Christian was *filled* with the Holy Spirit? (Remember Acts 1:8? Look it up and write it down!)

BONUS QUESTION

4) Read Galatians 5:22-23. What evidence of the Holy Spirit should shine forth in our lives? What other passages or words can you find that describe followers of Christ? (Remember the new life in Ephesians 4:17-32 and Colossians 3:12-17?) If a proclaiming Christian does not bear any fruit, what all could that possibly mean? (Ephesians 4:30, 1 Thess. 5:19, Matt. 7:21)

Day 2 - Call upon the LORD and be saved!

“The last days” began with the ministry of Christ (Hebrews 1:2) and the outpouring of His Holy Spirit (Acts 2:17). The last days will progress with terrible acts of nature and will find its grand finale with Armageddon day which is the final “day of the LORD”. Though the final day of judgment will be a day of wrath and destruction for those apart from CHRIST, we can cling to and act on the promise that everyone who calls on HIS name in these days will be saved!

Read Joel 2:28-30

- 1) Read Joel 2:30-32. What unmistakable natural phenomenas are signs that signal the LORD’s imminent return? These same signs are spoken of by Jesus in Matthew 24:29-35 and by Peter in Acts 2:19-20.

- 2) What other passages can you find throughout the Bible that describe the last days? Here are a few to start with - Isaiah 13:10, 34:4; and Rev 6:12-13. What do you think all of these signs mean? How can unbelievers be saved? (Joel 2:32)

- 3) Meditate on Romans 10:9-17. Take some time to “be still and know...” *Psalm 46*. In light of the truths concerning God’s coming wrath and judgment, how should this effect our hearts concerning local and world missions? Do your “feet” bring the gospel of peace to others? Are you ready? (Eph. 6:15)

“No event in Joel’s time answers this prophetic section (Joel 2:28-30). It has its initial fulfillment on the Day of Pentecost when the outpouring of the Spirit began “the last days.” Joel’s prophecy will culminate with the coming again of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, and the subsequent end of this world. We are now living in these prolonged last days. The rising crescendo of violence and war that characterizes contemporary history should be understood as the beckoning of God for men to call upon Him and be saved.”⁵

Day 3 - The Valley of Decision

On Judgement Day portrayed in Joel 3 we see a terrifying and stark contrast between those with CHRIST and those without CHRIST. In verses 3:1-17 we see the Nations being judged.

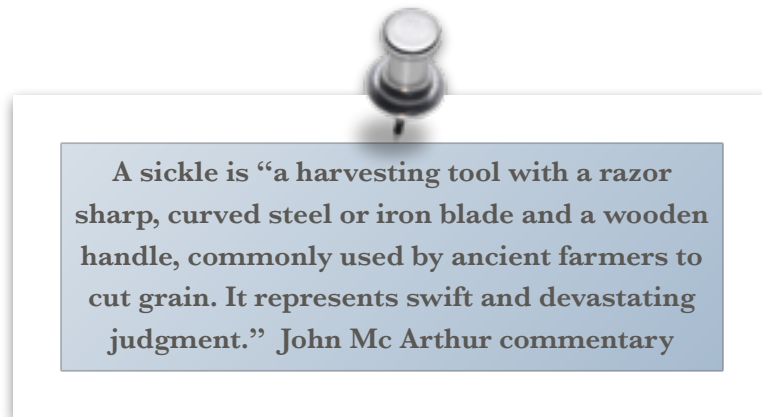
Read Joel 3:1-17

1) Why must God judge the nations? (Joel 3:1-3) Where must God gather the nations in “those days”? What does the name of this place mean?

2) What specific complaints against Tyre, Sidon, and Philistia are listed? (Joel 3:4-8) Do these evils still continue today?

⁵ Jack Hayford, “Twelve Voices of Truth”, 51

3) What is being “proclaimed” in verse 9 and what is to be expected on “the day of the Lord”? (Joel 3:9-15) Which harvest is ripe (vs 13)? Compare this with Revelation 14:14-16.



4) Read Matthew 13:24-30 and Matthew 25:31-46 to learn what Jesus said in reference to the final harvest and judgment of souls. What sticks out? In Revelation 14 we saw the tares being reaped and the goats separated from the sheep.

“Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” Matthew 13:30

5) What will the LORD be for His people and what will they know? (Joel 3:16-17)

“The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.” Psalm 34:22

“...Then you will know that I am the LORD; those who wait for me shall not be put to shame.” Isaiah 49:21

Day 4 -After that day: Blessing poured out

In verses 3:1-17 we saw the Nations being judged and today in 3:18-21 we see glorious blessing poured out on God’s people and CHRIST’s millennial Kingdom on earth.

Read Joel 3:18-21

- 1) After the battle of Armageddon and judgment day how is everything changed?
Where does the LORD dwell? Where is the Holy City? (vs 17)

How is the land restored? (vs 18)

How are the people cleansed? (20-21a)

2) The book of Joel begins with destruction from invading locust yet ends with the triumphant reign of the King of Kings restoring to perfection His land and His people. The LORD restores and redeems what the locust have eaten (Joel 2:25)! We are awaiting His glorious Kingdom, but as we wait we can walk in victory. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are healed, made whole, and equipped for Kingdom service. In your own life, have you seen God’s work of restoration? Have you fully surrendered and turned to God your whole heart? No matter what “locust” you have faced in your past - the locust of sin, the locust of the world’s influence, or the locust of Satan’s deceptive traps - God is able to redeem, restore and bring beauty from ashes (Isaiah 61:3). Take time to seek His face today and

pour out your heart to God. Trust Him and He will renew your strength. (Isaiah 40:31)

“Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!” Psalm 105:4

3) In the final line of Joel, we see the glorious picture of the Lord dwelling in the midst of His people (Joel 3:21b). Spend some time in praise today. Praise God for His goodness for He is a God who desires to dwell among His people. Praise Him for His great love for He came down and made a way for sinful people to dwell with a holy glorious God. Write out your praise and thanksgiving below:

Day 5 - Look over Joel 1-3 one last time.

Did God reveal something new to you? Did the Holy Spirit put something on your heart? Write down below some things you learned and that you do not want to forget.

Prepare the Way of the Lord



Read and meditate on Psalm 24. How can you prepare your heart for HIS return?

How can you prepare the way for others? Who can you *pray* for today? What can you *do* today?

Prayer: Almighty God, Give us clean hands and pure hearts as we humbly bow down in total surrender to You. I surrender all. Give me an undivided heart that loves you first. Please reveal to me anything I need to obey this day:

_____.

Teach me your ways that I would walk in them. Grant me boldness, wisdom, love, and courage as I walk in the righteous deeds that you have prepared for me. To your name be the glory in our lives! Come Lord Jesus. Amen.


“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME.” Rev 4:8

Week 4 - What is God saying to the churches today?

“...turn to me and be saved all the ends of the earth!...To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall confess to God.” Isaiah 45:22-23

“As I live says the LORD, every knee shall bow to me and every tongue shall confess to God” So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.” Romans 14:11,12

This week we will read through Revelations 1-3 to examine what God has spoken to the 7 Churches. Before we examine each church, we will read and examine Revelation 1.



Note: John was writing to real churches, so let's remember the context of this scripture and apply the truths and principles gleaned to our lives.

Day One - Read Revelation 1

1) Who are the 7 Seven Churches (Rev 1:11)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

2) Read Revelation 1:12-20.

What do we learn from the Vision of the Son of Man?

3) Do your best to look up what these images possibly symbolize. (Fill in the blanks)

- ◆ How many gold lamp stands? _____
- ◆ Who stood in the midst of the lampstands? _____
- ◆ Clothed with _____
- ◆ Hairs of his head were _____
- ◆ His eyes were like _____
- ◆ His feet were like _____
- ◆ His voice was like _____
- ◆ In His right hand _____
- ◆ From His mouth came _____
- ◆ His face was like _____
- ◆ In response to this vision, John _____

But He said, “Fear not, I am the first and the last and the living one. I died and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”

- ◆ What do the 7 stars represent? _____
- ◆ What do the 7 lamp stands represent? _____

**“HE WHO HAS AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS TO THE CHURCHES.”
REVELATION 2:3**

Day Two: To the church in Ephesus - Read Revelation 2:1-7

For whom is this message given?

From whom does the message come? How is the Son of Man described (from Rev 1:12-20) and what does it mean?

What are the Saints from this church doing that is praiseworthy?

What did God have against this church? Where does this church need to be corrected/re-adjusted?

What happens if the people of this church do not repent and obey?

What happens to the ones who conquer?

Does this church remind you of any churches in our modern day world? What truths and principles can we apply to our lives and churches from this passage?

What do you hear the Spirit saying?

To the church in Smyrna - Read Revelation 2:8-11

For whom is this message given?

From whom does the message come? How is the Son of Man described (from Rev 1:12-20) and what does it mean?

What are the Saints from this church doing that is praiseworthy?

What is the warning?

What did God have against this church? Where does this church need to be corrected/re-adjusted?

What happens to the ones who conquer?

Does this church remind you of any churches in our modern day world? What truths and principles can we apply to our lives and churches from this passage?

What do you hear the Spirit saying?

Day 3: To the church in Pergamum - Read Revelation 2:12-17

For whom is this message given?

From whom does this message come? How is the Son of Man described (from Rev 1:12-20) and what does it mean?

What are the Saints from this church doing that is praiseworthy?

What is the warning?

What did God have against this church? Where does this church need to be corrected/re-adjusted?

What happens to the ones who conquer?

Does this church remind you of any churches in our modern day world? What truths and principles can we apply to our lives and churches from this passage?

What do you hear the Spirit saying?

To the church in Thyatira - Read Revelation 2:18-29

For whom is this message given?

From whom does this message come? How is the Son of Man described (from Rev 1:12-20) and what does it mean?

What are the Saints from this church doing that is praiseworthy?

What is the warning?

What did God have against this church? Where does this church need to be corrected/re-adjusted?

What happens to the ones who conquer?

Does this church remind you of any churches in our modern day world? What truths and principles can we apply to our lives and churches from this passage?

What do you hear the Spirit saying?

Day 4: To the church in Sardis - Read Revelation 3:1-6

For whom is this message given?

From whom does this message come? How is the Son of Man described (from Rev 1:12-20) and what does it mean?

What are the Saints from this church doing that is praiseworthy?

What is the warning?

What did God have against this church? Where does this church need to be corrected/re-adjusted?

What happens to the ones who conquer?

Does this church remind you of any churches in our modern day world? What truths and principles can we apply to our lives and churches from this passage?

What do you hear the Spirit saying?

To the church in Philadelphia - Read Revelation 3:7-13

For whom is this message given?

From whom does this message come? How is the Son of Man described (from Rev 1:12-20) and what does it mean?

What are the Saints from this church doing that is praiseworthy?

What is the warning?

What did God have against this church? Where does this church need to be corrected/re-adjusted?

What happens to the ones who conquer?

Does this church remind you of any churches in our modern day world? What truths and principles can we apply to our lives and churches from this passage?

What do you hear the Spirit saying?

Day 5: To the church in Laodicea - Read Revelation 3:14-22

For whom is this message given?

From whom does this message come? How is the Son of Man described (from Rev 1:12-20) and what does it mean?

What are the Saints from this church doing that is praiseworthy?

What is the warning?

What did God have against this church? Where does this church need to be corrected/re-adjusted?

What happens to the ones who conquer?

Does this church remind you of any churches in our modern day world? What truths and principles can we apply to our lives and churches from this passage?

What do you hear the Spirit saying?

“And Behold, I Am Coming
Soon...Behold, I Am Coming Soon,
Bringing My Recompense With Me, To
Repay Each One For What He Has Done.
I Am The Alpha And The Omega, The
First And The Last, The Beginning And
The End.” 14 “Blessed Are Those Who
Wash Their Robes, So That They May
Have The Right To The Tree Of Life And
That They May Enter The City By The
Gates.”

The Spirit And The Bride Say, “‘Come.’
And Let The One Who Hears Say,
‘Come.’ And Let The One Who Is Thirsty
Come; Let The One Who Desires Take
The Water Of Life Without Price.”

“He Who Testifies To These Things Says,
“Surely I Am Coming Soon.” Amen.
Come, Lord Jesus!”

The Grace Of The Lord Jesus Be With
You All.
Amen.

Revelation 22

Appendix: National Day of Prayer

Around the world and especially in our very Nation, we see the battles of good and evil raging. We, as a nation are too often filled with pride, selfish ambition, materialism, greed, envy, and all types of evil and idolatry. We live in a day and culture where often evil is called good and good evil. Too often, we Christians follow the world and would rather our ears be tickled and entertained than to adhere to the great calling and purpose we have been given.

We are in need of a wake up call. Sound the trumpets! Rally the troops! Put on sack cloth and, like Ezra, pour out your heart to intercede in prayer for this nation. Will you answer the call? Will you join us? It begins with me. It begins with you.

May 1st is our nation's "National Day of Prayer". This day was originally declared by George Washington for the people of our fledgling nation to humble themselves before the Almighty God in prayer, fasting, and in seeking His will and ways. It is a day set aside to meditate on His goodness. A day to give thanks and to praise His name! The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has blessed us with grand providence and provision! Ask the thousands, if not millions, who have fled to this nation in search of freedom and in hopes of finding refuge, my own ancestors included. God, in His grace, allowed this Nation to rise into a world power. It was a place of freedom and hope for millions of people fleeing persecution or hardships. God, in His sovereignty, has protected her and poured out his blessings on her. Sadly, like the Israelites, we Christians have fallen in love with the gifts instead of the giver. We can be fickle people and prone to leave the God we claim to love. Will you join us in "rending your hearts and not your garments" this May 1st? Will you join us in interceding for the individuals of this Nation? As you ponder your own whole hearted devotion to the LORD GOD who is worthy of all praise, take time to also reflect on the plight of our Nation. Take a minute to read President Ronald Reagan's 1983 address below and join us in prayer. Choose this day whom you will serve.

JANUARY 27, 1983 - BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

PRAYER IS THE MAINSPRING OF THE AMERICAN SPIRIT, A FUNDAMENTAL TENET OF OUR PEOPLE SINCE BEFORE THE REPUBLIC WAS FOUNDED. A YEAR BEFORE THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, IN 1775, THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS PROCLAIMED THE FIRST NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AS THE INITIAL POSITIVE ACTION THEY ASKED OF EVERY COLONIST.

TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO IN 1783, THE TREATY OF PARIS OFFICIALLY ENDED THE LONG, WEARY REVOLUTIONARY WAR DURING WHICH A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER HAD BEEN PROCLAIMED EVERY SPRING FOR EIGHT YEARS. WHEN PEACE CAME, THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER WAS FORGOTTEN. FOR ALMOST HALF A CENTURY, AS THE NATION GREW IN POWER AND WEALTH, WE PUT ASIDE THIS DEEPEST EXPRESSION OF AMERICAN BELIEF -- OUR NATIONAL DEPENDENCE ON THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD. IT TOOK THE TRAGEDY OF THE CIVIL WAR TO RESTORE A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER. AS ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID, "INTOXICATED WITH UNBROKEN SUCCESS, WE HAVE BECOME TOO SELF-SUFFICIENT TO FEEL THE NECESSITY OF REDEEMING AND PRESERVING GRACE, TOO PROUD TO PRAY TO THE GOD THAT MADE US."

REVIVED AS AN ANNUAL OBSERVANCE BY CONGRESS IN 1952, THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER HAS BECOME A GREAT UNIFYING FORCE FOR OUR CITIZENS WHO COME FROM ALL THE GREAT RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD. PRAYER UNITES PEOPLE. THIS COMMON EXPRESSION OF REVERENCE HEALS AND BRINGS US TOGETHER AS A NATION, AND WE PRAY IT MAY ONE DAY BRING RENEWED RESPECT FOR GOD TO ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.

FROM GENERAL WASHINGTON'S STRUGGLE AT VALLEY FORGE TO THE PRESENT, THIS NATION HAS FERVENTLY SOUGHT AND RECEIVED DIVINE GUIDANCE AS IT PURSUED THE COURSE OF HISTORY. THIS OCCASION PROVIDES OUR NATION WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER RECOGNIZE THE SOURCE OF OUR BLESSINGS, AND TO SEEK HIS HELP FOR THE CHALLENGES WE FACE TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1983, NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER. I CALL UPON EVERY CITIZEN OF THIS GREAT NATION TO GATHER TOGETHER ON THAT DAY IN HOMES AND PLACES OF WORSHIP TO PRAY, EACH AFTER HIS OR HER OWN MANNER, FOR UNITY OF THE HEARTS OF ALL MANKIND.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND THIS 27TH DAY OF JAN., IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE, AND OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTH.

RONALD REAGAN

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Prayer:

To the Almighty Sovereign LORD,

There is none like You. Forgive us our sins and transgression and make us willing to forgive and love others, especially when it's difficult. Grant us the strength, humility, and courage to do your will. Set our hearts on fire with love and passion for your great name! Turn our affections from anything and everything that is outside of your will. You alone are worthy of our hearts devotion.

We pray for a revival to spread throughout the nation and world by leading the church to repentance by your mercy and grace. Deliver us from temptation and save us from the enemy. May we be a generation that is found faithful and true in your eyes. A people full of LIFE, full of JOY, full of HOPE, full of LOVE, full of POWER, and full of YOU. You are our God and we are your people. Come LORD JESUS, Come! To your name be all the glory. Amen

Appendix: Do Something

To every decision in our daily life we can simply ask ourselves,
“Does this honor God and bring Him glory?”

Do the work He has given you with joy and gratitude, keeping your eyes fixed on Christ. Be faithful as you wait for His return. Behold, He is coming, so prepare your heart, prepare others, and be ready!

- Spend time with and nurture your own families and homes
- Reach out to the widows in your family and community
- Serve with gladness at your church doing your part
- Remember the poor, orphans, and widows
- Check out your Local foster Care and adoption agencies
- Support those who foster and adopt children

Some good organizations to learn about:
World Vision - www.worldvision.org
Compassion International - www.compassion.com
International Justice Mission - www.ijm.org
Samaritan Purse - www.samaritanpurse.org
Voice of the Martyrs - www.persucution.com

An Excellent Wife Who Can Find?
She Is Far More Precious Than Jewels.
The Heart Of Her Husband Trusts In Her,
And He Will Have No Lack Of Gain.
She Does Him Good, And Not Harm,
All The Days Of Her Life.

She Opens Her Hand To The Poor
And Reaches Out Her Hands To The Needy.

Strength And Dignity Are Her Clothing,
And She Laughs At The Time To Come.
She Opens Her Mouth With Wisdom,
And The Teaching Of Kindness Is On Her
Tongue.

She Looks Well To The Ways Of Her
Household
And Does Not Eat The Bread Of Idleness.
Her Children Rise Up And Call Her Blessed;
Her Husband Also, And He Praises Her:
“Many Women Have Done Excellently,
But You Surpass Them All.”
Charm Is Deceitful, And Beauty Is Vain,
But A Woman Who Fears The Lord Is To Be
Praised.
Proverbs 31

Appendix Verses to meditate on



Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless. Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. James 1:21-27

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. Isaiah 1:16-17

“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’

If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. And the Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in. “If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day,

and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” Isaiah 58:6-14

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me. Matthew 16:24

And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”
Luke 10:27

Appendix: Pray Psalm 99 with me today!

The Lord reigns,
let the nations tremble;
He sits enthroned between the cherubim,
let the earth shake.

Hallelujah! There is not a military on this earth that can't be brought to their knees before the one true God, even with just an earthquake. How marvelous to be trusting in You Lord. As people rattle their sabers and shake their fists, hurting the innocent and spreading fear, we look up. Up and up, to the God of the heavenly armies. The One who holds the whole earth in His hands. May others see our confidence in You and nothing else.

Great is the Lord in Zion;
He is exalted over all the nations.
Let them praise Your great and awesome name--
He is holy.

Holy, holy, holy are You our Lord God Almighty. No injustice. No bribery. No spun story. No great coverup or masking lies. No corruption. No selfish acts. You are everything pure, everything true, everything good. Unfailing love. The power of the universe, and beyond, restrained to ever-patient love.

The King is mighty, He loves justice--
you have established equity;
in Jacob You have done what is just and right.
Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His footstool
He is holy.

Your footstool is the Milky Way. Distances we can't travel, You fill. Absolute power that is absolutely uncorrupted. Lord, we cry for justice and truth, yet this world continually fails. Even for our soldiers, our country's intentions, we can't control how we are perceived. But You are always just and right.

Moses and Aaron were among His priests,
Samuel was among those who called on His name;
they called on the Lord and He answered them.
He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;
they kept His statutes and the decrees He gave them.

And now, God, You have seen fit to make us all Your holy priesthood. Thank You for answering us when we call. Thank You for speaking to us. Thank You for forgiving us when we don't keep Your statutes. And Lord, make us miserable if we don't this week. Turn our hearts to You. Give us a love for Your Word, our bread of life.

And we pray for our leaders: for wisdom, patience, courage.
We pray for our chaplains and pastors and spiritual leaders: for integrity, boldness, that they would be used mightily, that they would love You more than attention.

Lord our God, You answered them;
You were to Israel a forgiving God,
Though You punished their misdeeds.
Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His holy mountain,
for the Lord our God is holy.

So much of this world threatens to overwhelm us, works to lull us to sleep or at least get us off course. We have so much spiritual ADD. Remind us to worship today. Make our eyes see all there is to be grateful for. For You are worthy, so worthy of our praise.

Thank You for being with us through the daily-ness. We pray for continued healing from surgeries, car accidents, illnesses. Please continue to heal broken hearts, and hold them in Your hand. Help us with wisdom and intentionality in raising children. Help us to be meaningful in our conversations with the lost world. Thank You for Your provision--may we not get too comfortable or hungry.

And please protect our soldiers. Be with them in the dark valleys. May their just causes succeed.

We need You Lord
We love You
Amen

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Who we are

Scriptura Bellatores

(Scripture Warriors)

We are women who have been rescued, saved, and set free by the truth, love, mercy, and grace of God and Jesus Christ our Savior. We have seen and experienced different trials and darkness in our lives. We remember who we were before God rescued us forever changing our lives. Our hearts are full of gratitude, awe, love, and worship for our King Jesus! It is now our passion to share His love and truth and to shine His life giving Light in this dark and dying world. In His Word one finds Life. May He give us eyes to see and minds to comprehend the marvelous truth He has for us!

“ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.”
2 Timothy 3:16⁶

“I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God. Ezekiel 11:19-20

“ Teach me your ways, O LORD, that I may live according to your truth! Grant me purity of heart, so that I may honor you.” Psalm 86:11

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