



Devotional Reflections

For

November



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I am dedicating this eBook to my daughter, Margaret. I am especially thankful for her tireless confidence in me, as well as her constant encouragement. I thought this especially appropriate as the Psalms are so often used in sacred music, and she is an incredible pianist.

Thank-you, Margie.

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God Bless You,
Linda

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November 1

The Way of the Righteous



1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 1

When I was a girl (a long time ago - sigh), I remember thinking that Christians and non-Christians were so much alike, that one really could not tell the difference. Everyone dressed conservatively, you didn't hear the kids swear (well, at least not when the teacher was around), and life seemed to go on pretty smoothly. I realize that I was very naive but, although evil existed in our society at alarming rates, it was still pretty much "under the

table." Today, however, we live in the I'm OK, you're OK lifestyle, otherwise known as "live and let live."

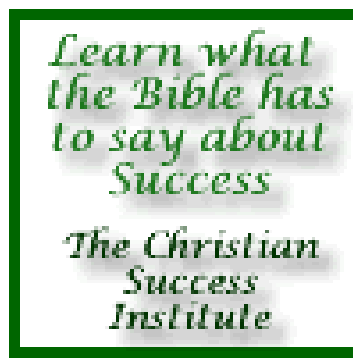
As Christians, it is easy to get pretty complacent about our Christian lives. *After all, I'm sure not as bad as almost everyone around me*, or so we think. That is where the problem lies. So often we do just like the non-Christians do in comparing ourselves to each other instead of comparing ourselves to God, and the pattern of perfection He has established in His Word.

We will never be able to perfectly obey God's Word until we join Him in Heaven, but we should be continually striving toward that end. Keeping that in mind, just look at what the Bible says about the Christian in Psalm 1.

Godly Christians do not listen to the counsel of non-Christians regarding who we are and where we came from; we do not walk in their lifestyles, and we do not sit around and talk about people behind their back.

I hope you got a little uncomfortable in reading that last paragraph. I know I did! It's not easy, is it? We know God is everywhere, but so often we live each day as though He is off visiting another planet or something. But look at verse 6. *The Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.*

Pray that God will help you today to take Jesus everywhere you go. Oh, I know He's already there -- but, put your hand in His, and think about Him being right there beside you all day. Observe how much harder it is to join in the revelry of the world around you.



November 2

God Will Prepare Your Heart



16 The LORD is King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.

17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

Psalm 10:16-18

- 1. The Lord is King**
- 2. God Will Prepare Your Heart**
- 3. Man of the Earth Will Oppress No More**

I could stop right there! Spiritual preparation does not mean we shine our shoes and put on our best clothes to go to church. There is nothing wrong with that as it shows the respect we have for God; however that is not really spiritual preparation. Psalm 10:16-18 shown above gives us a perfect picture of true spiritual preparation.

The Lord is King

You will never truly be prepared spiritually if you do not acknowledge that the Lord is King. There is no other! There is no higher law than God's law! No man, country, or people can rule over you above the authority of God, whether they acknowledge it or not. A nation may pass whatever laws they wish, but you as a true believer must take care to compare those laws with the Bible. You must obey God's laws above the laws of your country.

God Will Prepare Your Heart

Now that you understand your relationship to the Lord, and bow humbly before Him, He will prepare your heart. None of your own efforts or great talents can truly prepare you before God because . . .

. . . the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart. (1 Samuel 16:7)

If we truly understand who the Lord is, we can do nothing but fall on our faces before Him and praise His righteous and holy name.

Man of Earth Will Oppress No More

When God prepares the hearts of His children, they will no longer oppress others. It no longer matters how His children look to other people, how much power they have, or how rich they are.

The believer is a new man in Christ. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Go to God today and ask Him to prepare your heart; pray that your Christian life (all of your life) will be focused upon serving God. God will prepare your heart to come before Him and to serve Him all the days of your life!

November 3

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple



1 In the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?

2 For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.

3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

4 The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

5 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.

7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

Psalm 11

This Psalm asks a question in verses 1-3, answers the question in verses 4-6, and then gives us the glorious conclusion in verse 7.

The question: How can you tell me to "Flee as a bird to your mountain"? I see the wicked all around me, and they are conquering the righteous; they shoot at the righteous in secret. What can the righteous do?

The answer: *The Lord is in His holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven . . . the Lord tests the righteous, but the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates. Upon the wicked He will rain coals; fire and brimstone and a burning wind shall be the portion of their cup.*

Conclusion: *For the Lord is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright.*

This Psalm is so encouraging to Christians today. Think of the many times we view circumstances around us - whether they are personal or global, and we think, "How can God let this happen; where is God? So much wickedness goes on all around us, and it seems as though God is nowhere to be found.

Psalm 11 has the answer. God is always there, He sees everything, He tests the Christian, and he hates the wicked. The wicked will not go unpunished even though it seems as if they do. Can we understand that? No, we cannot; God is God, and we are not. *Who can know the mind of the Lord; who has ever been His counselor. For of Him and through Him and to Him be all things; to Him be the glory forever.*

You say, that is not an answer! Oh, but it is. What comfort to all of God's saints to know that God is always in control, nothing goes unnoticed by Him, and we can flee as a bird to God's mountain of peace because He loves His people. He takes care of us at all times.

Can I understand that? No, I will never understand the awesome love and power of God. He is in complete control of everything. Christianity is a religion of faith. Through faith we believe the trust in God and in His word. That doesn't mean we know and understand everything in it.

We love Him as a newborn loves his or her mother. My first grandchild was born yesterday (the most beautiful baby in the whole world!) She does not understand any of what is whirling around her, but she has complete trust in her mother. She's been living with and listening to her mother for several months and loves her completely. Is there any doubt that her mother and her father mean everything to her already, even though her knowledge of life is so minute.

Pray that God will give you complete trust and faith in as you go about your life today just as a newborn with complete, unwavering faith.



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November 4

How Excellent is Your Name



10 LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

2Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

7All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

8The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

9O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Psalm 8

What a glorious song of praise to God. Take some time and pray this Psalm to God. Reflect on it as you pray; think of the awesomeness of God, and all He does for us.

In our busy lives, we do not take the time to just pray a "praise prayer" to God. Take some time alone, and think of everything you can think of that God is and does for this world, for His saints, and even for you, personally.

I can never come to grips with understanding why God bothers with me! Who am I that God is mindful of me. I'm nothing before a Holy and Righteous God. Look at all God has done. Look at the majestic world and heavens He has created. Who am I compared to all of that?

For further reading, check out this [Who am I](#) devotion on this question on my devotional website, and also a [Who am I Poem](#).

Pray today that God would help you to think of the many ways God has blessed you, and then tell Him!



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November 5

The Hope of the Faithful



1 Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee;

3 But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.

4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.

5 The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

8 I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 16

Psalm 16 is such a wonderful Psalm of encouragement to the Christian. This is a praise Psalm to Christ, *looking to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.* Hebrews 12:2

This is another Psalm that would be a great prayer to God. We all have a tendency to dominate our thoughts with ourselves. How much better if our speech and thoughts were filled with faith and praise to Christ. We look to Christ as our Lord, our portion of our inheritance, the One who maintains our lot, Who gives us counsel, and Who is always at our right hand.

What are the results of having this attitude before us at all times? *My heart is glad, my glory rejoices, and my flesh will rest in hope.*

What do we know of God? *You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

Pray today that you will lift your heart in praise to God no matter what the day brings.



November 6

I Sought the Lord



1 I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

Psalm 34:1-7, 15-19 & 22

God knows our many weaknesses, and He understands how discouraged we can become. In Psalm after Psalm we are encouraged by the faithfulness of our God who never leaves us nor forsakes us. Look at verse 7: *The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them.*

The world loves riches and views those who have them as wise and powerful. But how can any be wise and powerful without the Lord? He may be powerful for a time, but soon another will take his place. *The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.* Psalm 34:15-16

Christians must become poor before they will be rich and weak before they will be strong. Our riches and our strength is in the Lord. Verse 6 tells us: *This poor man cried out and the Lord heard him.*

Pray today that you will be humble and poor before the Lord and seek His wisdom and riches.



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November 7

The Shadow of Your Wings



6 Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.

7 How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

9 For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

10 O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

Psalm 36:6-10

Take some time today to ponder the words of this Psalm. What does it mean to put your trust under the shadow of God's wings? I like to think of a child who has no thought or worry about having a place to stay or food to eat. He looks to his parents to provide for him. Yet, how often do we fret and stew and worry about not having enough money?

Romans 8:15 says this, *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, Abba, Father.* It is not natural for the believer to fear. Instead he should cry out to God saying Papa, Father! Abba is a word of endearment a child might use when speaking to their father. We are adopted by Christ and as such are sons of God!

Just ponder that awhile. God, the creator of heaven and earth, adopts us to be His children! I do not understand such a great and mighty God who would think to look upon such creatures of sin as we are. I can only fall down before God and thank Him.

Pray today that you would be surrounded by the comfort of God, your Father in every circumstance this day brings.



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November 8

He Set My Feet Upon a Rock



1 I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

4 Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

5 Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

Psalm 40:1-5

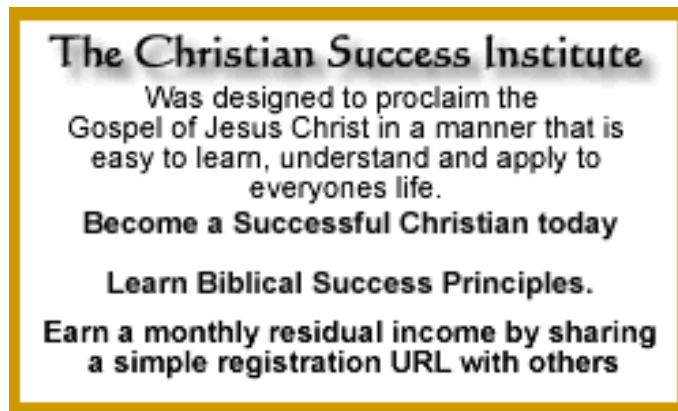
Have you every wondered why God doesn't take us to heaven the moment we become a Christian? Why must we stay so long in this world that is so full of envy, hatred, and strife?

Never forget that it is God alone who saves us, and that we are saved for a purpose! It is God who has *brought me up out of a horrible pit . . . and set my feet upon a rock, and established my steps.* The normal, natural Christian life is a life of praise and joy to God. Not just the showy kind of praise and joy, but it is a new song in our heart that produces a

peace and joy that becomes visible to all of those around us.

When peace and joy in spite of circumstances are evident in our life *many will see it and fear, and will trust in the Lord*. This does not mean we are happy, happy all the time; but rather, we have such a complete confidence and trust in God in all of our experiences in life, that we are filled with a deep inner peace.

Pray today that God will grant you complete confidence and trust in God that will be evident to all of those around you.



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November 9

Out of the Ivory Palaces



6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

8 All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

9 Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;

11 So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him.

Psalm 45:6-11

How interesting that this Psalm follows Psalm 44. Remember our theme yesterday: adoring God. Here we have an entire Psalm that does just that! Verses 6-9 use the picture of God as our King; He comes to us *out of the ivory palaces*.

Look how Psalm 45 begins: *My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.* Verse 1

Now there is something for us to do; write a composition of praise to God! Make it your own; use the personal experiences of your own life. We just cannot praise God enough; and yet we tend to do so little of it! What a mighty God we have; He sent His only Son to save a people for Himself by dying on the cross to pay for our sins! Do you understand that? I don't; and yet I constantly praise Him for it.

For what other things should we praise Him? How about the breathtaking world He has put us in; His power to keep this world in place and establish the balance of nature; the songs of the birds each morning singing their praises to Him; the miracle of a newborn, so helpless and in need; the joy of Christian marriage when the man and woman love each other with all of their hearts; or a prosperous nation and the comforts it brings to us (God made us prosperous, not mankind.) This just barely scratches the surface of all that God is and does for His children.

Pray today that God would fill you with a spirit of praise to Him as you go about the circumstances this day brings you.



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November 10

The Lord Most High is Awesome



1 O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

2 For the LORD most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.

3 He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.

4 He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.

5 God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

7 For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

8 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

9 The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted.

Psalm 47

The war is already over! Do you remember the story of the Japanese man found on a deserted island many years after the end of World War II. There he was, still defending the island for Japan; it was not easy for his rescuers to convince him that the war had been over for over a decade!

Do you know that we do the same thing? We live as those we are still in the midst of a war between good and evil; worse than that, most people do not even believe that such a war exists! That is not true of Satan. He knows that the war is already over; he knows he is already defeated. He sure does a good job of convincing us otherwise.

God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne. How would you live differently if you truly believed that and acted upon it? Remember those high school basketball days. Try to convince the cheerleaders that they have not already won even before the game begins! Before the first ball is tipped off, the cheers of victory have already begun.

Pray today for a victorious spirit as you live this day; God has already won!



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November 11

The Streams of God



4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

5 By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:

6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:

7 Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.

*11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.
12 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills
rejoice on every side.*

*13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over
with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.*

Psalm 65:4-13

David did not believe in “Mother Nature.” As a boy, David spent years out in the hills taking care of his father’s flocks. As a man, David spent many years in forests, caves, mountains, valleys, etc. when he was being pursued by Saul, and later by Abner, his son.

Because of David’s intimate knowledge of nature, he constantly praised God using examples from nature. He also, as in this Psalm, illustrated the power and strength of God by using examples from nature. Look at all that God does in Psalm 65: He cares for the land and waters it, He fills the streams with water for their crops, He softens the earth with showers to facilitate planting, He blesses the harvest with abundance of crops, He clothes even the desert and the hills, and the flocks and the valleys mantled with grain shout for joy and sing praise to God.

Did you think that man was the only being to praise God? The plants, animals, birds, rivers, mountains, i.e. everything on earth sings praises to God. Just as in Adam’s sin, not only was man cursed, but the whole earth was cursed as well. Just as Christians look forward to the time when Christ will return and take His saints with him to heaven, so all of nature looks forward to the time when God will create a new earth, perfect in every way.

Pray today that God would help you observe nature all around you as it sings praises to God; pray that you, too, will sing praises to God this day!



I Work from My Own Home!

You Can Too!

November 12

The Mighty One Has Spoken



1 The mighty God, even the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

16 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?

17 Seeing thou hatest instruction, and casteth my words behind thee.

18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.

19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.

20 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son.

21 These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.

Psalm 50:1-4 & 16-21

This is a very sobering Psalm and one we must take care to act upon. It describes the time to come which we will all experience. God will bring all of the souls of men together from heaven above and the earth beneath. No one will escape this courtroom. He is a just God; He will not be bought with money. The only payment He will receive is from those who have bowed the knee before Christ and cried out to Him for salvation. God then sees the righteousness of Christ when He gazes upon us.

There are only two classes of people in this courtroom; the Godly and the ungodly. He will gather His saints together with Him, but the ungodly will be sent to the eternal lake of fire. This is not a scare tactic, it simply is the truth!

Many today do not believe there is a God because, in spite of their great sin, they have never been struck by lightning or have been judged in any way. God's answer to them when they stand before Him is: *These things you have done, and I kept silent; you thought that I was altogether like you; but I will rebuke you, and set them in order before your eyes.*

Pray today that you will think seriously about the unbelievers around you and pray that God would bring about their salvation.



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November 13

God Sets the Lonely in Families



4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.

20 He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord belong the issues from death.

32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord; Selah:

33 To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old; lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds.

35 O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

Psalm 68:4-5, 19-20 & 32-35

What is God really like? What kind of a God do we have? Psalm 68:5 tells us that He is a father to the fatherless and a defender of widows. Verse 6 says He sets the lonely in families! (I like the way that is phrased.) He also leads forth the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land. He daily bears our burdens (19), and He is a God who saves (20). He rides the ancient skies above and thunders with a mighty voice (33); His power is in the skies.(34) God is awesome; the God of Israel gives power and strength to His people (35).

When I was a child I was afraid of thunder and lightning. One stormy night, however, my sister and I lay at the foot of our beds and watched the lightning strike again and again, and listened to the constant booming of the thunder. Right then, even as a small child, I knew I would never be afraid of thunder and lightning again, because as I watched the storms roll and twist, I knew that I was looking right at God's power being manifest in the storm! Every bolt of lightning was ordered by His command; every crack of thunder echoed His mighty voice. Here was something man could not do; he was helpless before the face of God.

Just think of what a mighty God we have! He rules over the skies and seas; He dwells among the mountain grandeur, and yet, He is never too busy to meet our needs. He is a father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, and he even sets the lonely in families! He rules the heavens and earth, and yet knows when a single hair falls from our heads.

Pray today that you would live this day in praise to such a Majestic and yet Personal God who is right there beside you no matter what you are doing.



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November 14

*Praise Be to God
Who Has Not Withheld
His Love From Me*



*1 Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:
2 Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious.
3 Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness
of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.
4 All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing
to thy name. Selah.
16 Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath
done for my soul.
17 I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.
18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:
19 But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my
prayer.*

20 Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

Psalm 66:1-4 & 16-20

Christians are truly blessed by God; just think of all the things God has done for you personally. David loves to think back and recount the many blessings God has bestowed upon his people.

As a matter of fact, in this Psalm David reminds us of the time when God turned the sea into dry land, so his children could cross the sea on foot. You remember the story, Pharaoh and his army were chasing the Israelites, when suddenly the Israelites had no place to go. The Red Sea was ahead of them and Pharaoh and his army were behind them. God caused a strong wind to blow upon the water until it stood up in a heap! The Israelites then crossed the sea on dry ground. Pharaoh and his army pursued the Israelites right into the dry ground of the sea. What did God do then? The wind ceased blowing and the sea stormed back upon Pharaoh and his army until all of the Egyptians were drowned in the sea.

I really appreciate David's defining the proper attitude before God, if we expect Him to answer our prayer. In verse 18 he says: *If I had cherished sin in my heart, the LORD would not have listened.* Do you remember this parable told by Christ in the New Testament? A ruler forgave his servant a huge debt; this same servant, however, refused to forgive a small debt to a man who owed him money, but instead cast him into prison and sold his wife and children to pay for the debt. The ruler was so furious; he threw the man into prison.

God is pure and holy, and when we approach Him, we must come before Him in purity and holiness. We do not have that purity within us, but we receive the purity of Christ when we fall down before Him in forgiveness. God then sees the purity of Christ instead of our sins, and answers our prayer.

Pray today that you would have a spirit of forgiveness toward any who have been evil to you, especially when you remember the great sin of your own which God has completely forgiven if you are a Child of God.



November 15

When I Am Old and Greyheaded



1 In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

3 Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.

16 I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

18 Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come.

19 Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee!

Psalm 71:1-3 & 16-29

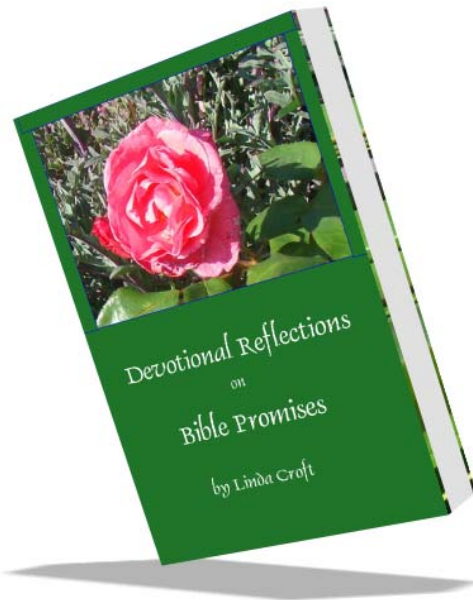
David is one of the few men in the Bible whose life story is told from the time he was a young boy until the time when he died in his old age. As one would expect he had times of great honor and joy, but also times of untold grief. Again in this Psalm David prays for

God's help in his old age when his enemies are all around him, but he continually sprinkles that prayer with praise to God.

What a testimony his life is to believers and unbelievers alike. The theme of this Psalm appears in verses 17 and 18. God taught David who He was while David was yet a youth. His entire life, youth to old age, has been spent in praising God and crying out to God for deliverance. He did not become complacent in his old age and forget God. Oh, he had times of great sin, but in the end we find him praising God at the end of his life for God's righteousness and power and still seeking God for deliverance.

Will it be easier to be a Christian when we reach old age? Troubles will be upon us until the end of our days here on earth, but if God is gracious to us we will be able to look back upon our lives and see His faithfulness to us even from the days of our youth. Remember, David is the one who said, *I have been young and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken nor His seed begging bread.*

Pray today that God will keep you faithful to Him until the end of your days here on earth.



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November 16

Our Destiny



8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

9 Thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars.

11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river.

12 Why hast thou then broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?

13 The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it.

14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

15 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself.

19 Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Psalm 80:8-15 & 19

The Psalmist paints a picture in this Psalm. Israel is a vine planted by God which grew and spread out to the Mediterranean Sea on one side and the Euphrates River on the other side. Soon however, the vine began to be broken down and destroyed; eventually it was burned with fire. Now what will Israel do? Will they pull themselves up by their bootstraps and get busy replanting the vine?

In our present day, we celebrate mankind. Nothing is too hard for us; nothing is impossible. Anything can be achieved if we just want it enough! Is that true? We Christians have been duped by the politically correct idea that we are in control of our own destiny.

The Psalmist knew the truth; if redemption was to come for Israel, it could only come by the hand of God. Does that mean we are just robots; it does not matter what we do because God will do as He pleases anyway? No way! God uses us to bring about His plans. He instills all of us, Christian and non-Christian alike with knowledge and abilities to use. Yes, we can make a difference; we must equip ourselves through education (and of course don't forget to equip yourself spiritually as well) and/or training so that we can be a part of the progress and development of our world.

You have a specific purpose established by God. You are responsible to develop that purpose through the abilities and opportunities God has given you. Everyone is important in God's plan whether you are the leader of a nation or a common laborer. All are useful in God's plan of advancing His kingdom in this world.

Pray today that you would seek your own destiny through prayer and then, through the innate abilities and help of God, train and use them for the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom here on earth.



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November 17

The Shadow of the Almighty



1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Psalm 91

Psalm 91 is one of my favorite Psalms. I've included it here in its entirety because I can't think of any verses that I would be willing to leave out.

Jim Elliot, a missionary who gave his life for the gospel, upon reading Psalm 91:1, stated, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." Since reading about him years ago Psalm 91:1 has become my life verse.

Read this entire Psalm and ponder it. Give yourself to Christ at an early age, and look at God's promise of protection and care throughout your whole life. What is there left to fear? Sickness or disease? He will cover you with His feathers. Falling in battle? A thousand may fall at your side, but He will protect you. No evil shall befall you because He will give His angels charge over you.

Does that mean that bad things never happen to Christians? No, of course not. For the Christian, even in the midst of bad times, you constantly feel the presence of God and His grace to bear you up under the affliction. And, after the final affliction of death, you have the great peace and joy that His angels will bear you up into heaven.

Pray today that you would dwell in the secret place of the Most High, and that you would abide under the shadow of the Almighty forever.



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November 18

A Cedar in Lebanon



1 It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, o Most High;

2 To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,

3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound.

4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

5 O LORD, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep.

6 A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.

7 When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever:

8 But thou, LORD, art most high for evermore.

12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

15 To shew that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

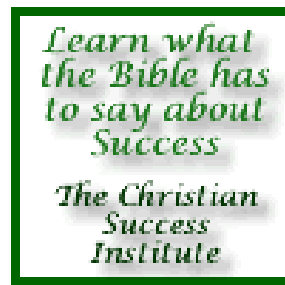
Psalm 92:1-8 & 12-15

Here it is again! Another great Psalm of encouragement for the Christian. Look at what God says about us; *We shall flourish like a palm tree, we'll grow like a cedar in Lebanon, we'll flourish in the courts of our God, and we'll still bear fruit in old age.*

God places a great barrier between the Christian and the non-Christian. This becomes really obvious when we ponder verses 12 to 15. Your heart just skips a beat when you think of all Christ does for you. The wicked, however, do not have a clue. God calls them senseless in verse 6 because they just do not understand what we see in the Bible, and they do not understand how much we love God. Our love for our Lord is greater than any other love we can experience on earth.

Thank God for His salvation. We are no better than the non-Christians; we are not saved because God just had to save us because we were so good. It is only the grace of God that has opened our eyes to see and accept the salvation Christ has provided for us.

Pray today in thankfulness for the salvation God has granted to you, and pray also that all those around you would come to Christ as well.



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November 19

Honey from the Rock



8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;

9 There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

10 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.

12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.

13 Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways!

14 I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.

15 The haters of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever.

16 He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

Psalm 81:8-16

Do you remember awhile ago when it was popular to put up signs along the highway and in the cities that were messages from God? Something like,

How are you today?
God

I'm not sure how effective the signs were or were not; I do not even know what their purpose was. We do not have to take a drive to read what God is telling us, because the Bible not only tells about God, it often quotes God. Psalm 81:13-16 is one of those passages.

As parents it is sometimes necessary to discipline our children. While we really do not like disciplining them, we do know that it is our job to prepare our children to become successful law abiding citizens. Without discipline they would never learn how to submit to authority. We would much rather give them gifts and special treats.

Here in Psalm 81 God talks as a father would to His children.

It is plain to see that He longs for us to be obedient to Him so He could protect us from any evil. He, however, knows our hearts. He knows if we truly love Him or are just pretending to love Him. To the true saints (Christians) He would feed us with the finest of food that would fully satisfy us.

My goal in raising my children has been to teach them to fear and obey God. They can fool me, but they cannot ever fool God. I know that one day they will go out into the world. If all they have done is to learn to obey their parents, how will they make the transition to obeying God? So, from an early age I talk with them about loving and fearing God by showing obedience to Him (which also means obedience to their parents).

Pray today that you possess true faith in God, for you may hide from other people, but God knows your heart.



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November 20

The Lamb's Book of Light



1 His foundation is in the holy mountains.

2 The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

3 Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah.

4 I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there.

5 And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.

6 The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah.

7 As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in thee.

Psalm 87

This Psalm is a very interesting song praising the city of Zion. Zion here is represented as the birthplace of all true believers. As such, the Lord loves the gates of Zion. As a matter of fact, people from Babylon, Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia who become believers are said to have been born in Zion.

We are then told that the Lord keeps a register of all of the people born in Zion. Is not that a remarkable thing? When you become a Christian God records your name in His

register in Zion. God knows His true saints and never forgets who they are. Later in the Bible we are told that our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, which is another name for this register. All those whose names are written in the Lamb's (Christ's) Book of Life will be admitted into the kingdom of heaven.

Let us join with the people in this Psalm and praise God for the glorious city of Zion where our names are written down. Once our names are there, no one can remove them; Satan can never pull our names out of God's Book of Life.

Pray today that you will go about this day remembering that, as a Christian, your name is recorded in God's register



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November 21

*Your Youth is Renewed
Like the Eagle's*



1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

15 As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Psalm 103:1-5 & 11-19

As described in this Psalm, our love for the Lord comes from the very depths of our soul. Look at all the wondrous things He does for us! He forgives our sins, redeems us from eternal destruction, and crowns us with lovingkindness and tender mercies. As a matter of fact, He not only forgives our sins, but he removes them as far as the east is from the west. In all of this He remembers our weaknesses like a father for his children.

Our days on this earth are short; our memories of our own ancestors are nonexistent. But God's mercy is not so; it is from everlasting to everlasting. So great is His mercy that He grants righteousness to our children's children and to those who remember His commandments.

Our world and way of life is constantly changing; kingdoms rise and fall, but God's rule is over everyone, and His rule is for eternity. What a glorious Psalm to ponder!

Pray today that you will live in the reality and joy of God's great blessings and benefits for His children.



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November 22

Let the Floods Clap Their Hands



1 O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

2 The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

3 He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

6 With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

8 Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together

9 Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

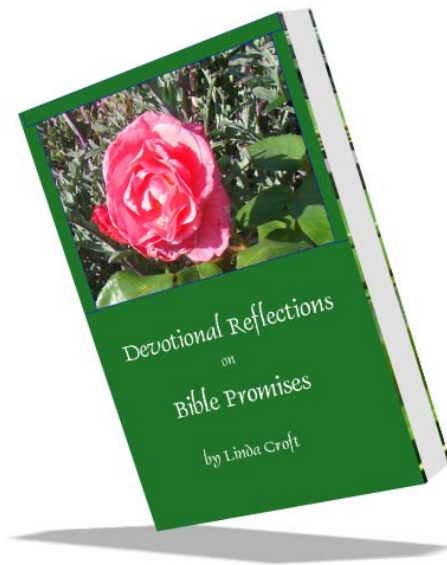
Psalm 98

Like the last several Psalms, this Psalm is another Psalm of rejoicing over the coming judgment of the Lord. There are a couple of things mentioned in this Psalm that are new. Verse 2 tells us that the Lord has made known His salvation to all the ends of the earth.

In this Psalm of praise we are encouraged to shout joyfully, and to break forth in song with the sound of the harp, the trumpet, and the horn.

How does nature respond? The sea roars, the rivers clap their hands, and the hills are joyful. After centuries and centuries of being trapped in sin, all of creation is set free, and no longer will Satan be allowed to oppress God's people again.

Pray today that you will live this day joyfully because the Lord will return, and He will remove all sorrow and sins by His righteous judgments.



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November 23

Burning Coals of the Broom Tree



**1 In my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me.
2 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.
3 What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?
4 Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper.
5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, that I dwell in the tents of Kedar!
6 My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.
7 I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war.**
Psalm 120

Psalm 120 deals with a very familiar theme in the Psalms, and one which we face every day. What is the true nature of the non-Christians around us, and how do we deal with them?

The Psalmist is clearly distressed; he is surrounded by lying and deceitful tongues. Notice that the first thing he does is to call out to the Lord for help. Unfortunately, as Christians we often times regard prayer as the last resort rather than the first place we should go for help. Why should we go to Him first? Because, He answers us!

We all know the damage that can be done to us and to those around us by those who are consumed with lying and deceit; if they are believed by others, we certainly feel the pain of those sharp arrows. But, the Psalmist understands true reality when he says, *What will He do to you, and what more besides, O deceitful tongue?* He understands that God will truly bring justice upon those people, and illustrates that truth by painting the picture of a warrior's sharp arrows, and burning coals, represented by the bright yellow flowers of the broom tree.

We hear a lot of talk in our day of world peace; will that ever happen on this side of eternity? Like the Psalmist, we understand that there are too many in this world who hate peace. True resolution (peace) will never come as long as the world is filled with sin. From the Bible we know that sin will always dwell in us, and, without Christ, will consume us. The only remedy for sin, war, and hatred all around us will come to pass when God consumes this world with fire, delivers the wicked to their eternal damnation, and transports His people to Heaven and the new earth He creates.

Pray today that you, like the Psalmist of Psalm 120, will understand the true state of all non-believers around you, and cry out to God for help (and for their salvation) when you are weary of their deceits and lies.



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November 24

Bearing Precious Seed



1 When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.

3 The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.

4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.

5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Psalm 126

Have you ever had one of those dreams from which you hated to wake up? I think that is exactly what David is referring to in the first three verses of Psalm 126. When God restored the fortunes of Israel it was so unbelievable that they felt like they were walking in a dream. Imagine their joy; they had been in captivity and the Lord just delivered them. Their joy was so great that even the heathen about them acknowledged that God had indeed done a great thing for Israel.

The captivity that David is alluding to here is not only the physical captivity of Israel by

another nation, but also the spiritual captivity that the unsaved are in: a captivity to sin. He then goes on to relate the wondrous joy for the Christian who God uses to sow those seeds of salvation of salvation, and then takes part in the release of those prisoners to freedom and joy in Christ.

Sometimes we think that as Christians we need to go out and drag people in to hear the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We fail to understand that our very life is a living Gospel of Christ to all of the unconverted around us. When God has filled us with joy, and we are bubbling over with happiness, everyone around us notices. Just a simple word of explanation to those around us, of the greatness and glory of God in the way He is working in our life, is a powerful presentation of the Gospel to them.

Two of the most wonderful verses in the Bible are found in Psalm 126, verses 5 and 6: *They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.* Here is a revelation of the great joy we experience when we sow seeds of the Gospel all around us and those seeds grow and mature into thriving plants. As those seeds are harvested into new Christians the joy we experience is much like that dream from verse 1. There is no greater delight for the Christian than for God allowing him the experience of leading a soul to Christ.

Pray today that God will help you to go about your day sowing in tears, bearing the precious seed of the Gospel to those around you. Pray also that God will allow you to come home with shouts of joy as you bring your sheaves with you.



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November 25

*Lead Me to the Rock
That is Higher Than I*



*1 Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.
2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is
overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.
4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy
wings. Selah.
5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given me the heritage
of those that fear thy name.
6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life: and his years as many generations.
7 He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare mercy and truth, which
may preserve him.
8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my
vows.*

Psalm 61

Everyone needs a shelter. Some may be quite crude; some quite magnificent, but all are needed. We need shelter from the cold, shelter from the heat, shelter from the rain, and

shelter from the snow and sleet. Our bodies are frail.

Christian, our spiritual bodies are even more frail! We are surrounded by evil on all sides; sometimes it seems as if we are the only faithful person left. We too, need a shelter from the constant devices of Satan.

Many verses in the Bible speak of God being our shelter. Verse 4 says, *I will trust in the shelter of Your wings.* Deuteronomy 33:12: *The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him, who shelters him all the day long; and he shall dwell between His shoulders.* Psalm 143:9: *Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies; in You I take shelter.* Joel 3:16: *The LORD will be a shelter for His people.*

Use the shelter of God for prayer, for comfort, for times of grief, for thanksgiving, for praise, and whatever other circumstances in which you are placed. God is always there; His shelter is always open for you!

Pray today that you will find strength today in your own quiet place of shelter provided for you by God.



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November 26

God Walks on the Wings Of the Wind



1 Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

5 Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

31 The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.

32 He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

33 I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

*34 My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.
35 Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.*

Psalm 104:1-5 & 31-35

This Psalm is filled with beautiful imagery! God covers himself with light, He stretches the heavens like a curtain, He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters, He makes the clouds His chariots, and He walks on the wings of the wind. After a thorough reading of the entire Psalm, it becomes really obvious that everything in this world is kept by God. He created everything with a purpose; nothing came about haphazardly.

Is it no wonder that we can live in complete confidence and trust in such a God who orders everything perfectly? When God looks upon the earth, it trembles! We humans would do well to consider the reaction of all nature and animals to God! The animals do not doubt the existence of God!

Pray today that you would be filled with praise to God when you consider His mighty creation and the salvation that is ours through Him.



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November 27

O Give Thanks to the Lord



1 O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

3 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

4 Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore.

5 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth.

42 For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant.

43 And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness:

44 And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labour of the people;

45 That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm 105:1-5 & 42-45

This rather lengthy Psalm recounts God's work among His people from the time of Abraham through His delivery of His children into the Promised Land. It is a wonderful reminder to us of God's faithfulness to the Children of Israel, and also His faithfulness to us today. As a matter of fact, we are encouraged in the first verse to thank the Lord, call on His name, and tell others about Him.

Much of the Old Testament is filled with accounts of God's faithfulness to His people. Reading the Old Testament helps us to understand more of the nature of God, and also to understand how He works among us. What an encouragement we have in understanding this God who rules the entire world and yet still understands each and every one of His children.

Pray today that you will be encouraged by such a faithful God who holds this world in His hands and yet stills cares about even the little things in your life.



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Come Bless the Lord



1 Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, which by night stand in the house of the LORD.

2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.

3 The LORD that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

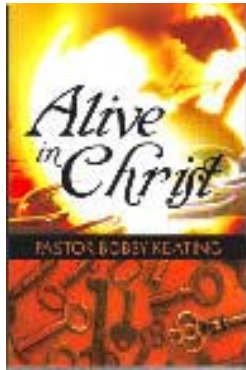
Psalm 134

Psalm 134 is the last of the Song of Ascents - it is the last Psalm in the Jewish Psalter. As such it is somewhat of a benediction. Appropriately so, blessings are offered to the Lord first; the servants of the Lord, who guarded the house of the Lord by night, were called upon to continually bless the Lord. When true believers think of all the wondrous things God has done for them, praise and blessing for God empowers them even through the night watches. Then God, who made heaven and earth, blesses His people.

Isn't that an amazing thing to ponder; we cannot help but praise God for all of the things He does for us, but why does He bless us? Truly we have a great and wondrous God with love beyond our comprehension! As believers we have claimed the blood of Christ which covers our sins before a just and Holy God. God could have left this world to itself with no intervention and eventually everything would have self-destructed. Imagine those

people in your life who are hard to love, then think of a Holy God who devises a plan of salvation for His people who have nothing good in themselves that God would desire.

Like the Psalmist in Psalm 134, pray today that you would truly bless God even in the night watches; then, pray that the blessing of God would be upon you.



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November 29

God is Greater Than Our Heart



1 Lord, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.

2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.

5 Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities.

6 When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.

7 Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth wood upon the earth.

8 But mine eyes are unto thee, O GOD the Lord: in thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.

9 Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal escape.

Psalm 141

Psalm 141 is a prayer of David that we would do well to pray each morning before we start our day. There seems to be a sense of desperation in verses 1 and 2; David has learned through a lifetime experience that he will accomplish nothing apart from the help of God. How often do we forget that simple truth? We dash off to our daily routine confident that we are ready to face the world. But are we? In truth, we should not even dare to set one foot out the door until we have fallen before God in a plea for help and mercy for the day.

We are reminded again that David is so human in verses 3 and 4. How many times do we wish we could stuff our words back into our mouths? Once spoken, however, the damage is done. Even more importantly, we need to cry out to God to guard our hearts, for we are so prone to run with the wicked.

Let a righteous man strike me, it is a kindness; let him rebuke me, it is oil for my head. Mastering this verse will probably take a lifetime of prayer to accomplish; oh how easily we are offended, especially if someone dares to try to rebuke or correct us. Then, to go a step further and think of it as kindness certainly requires the grace of God.

In pondering these verses, it is easy to only see our shortcomings and the waywardness of our heart. In 1 John 3:20, John encourages us with these words, *Whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.* Psalm 141 shows how much David understood this. Remember, man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks upon the heart. This same God is greater than our hearts!

Psalm 141 concludes with the wonderful words of David, *My eyes are toward you, O God, my Lord; in you I seek refuge; leave me not defenseless!* As this Psalm began, so it ends! David calls upon God as his only help and deliverance.

Remembering that God is greater than your heart, pray today that God will guard your heart and keep you from compromising your Christian testimony.



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November 30

Let Everything That Has Breath Praise the Lord!



1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.
Psalm 150

The book is written! Only the last chapter remains. How shall we conclude this magnificent book? We have experienced every emotion known unto man; we have been raised to the highest peaks and have been cast into the lowest depths. Yet, in all of this, God has always been there; His hand has never been shortened and His eyes have never grown dim. When badgered from without and from within, He has always been there for us.

Who is like this God of ours? There is no one in the heavens above nor in the earth beneath like Him. He has created the earth, the sky, and every living thing that dwells on this earth, ending with man, whom He created in His own image. Yet, this man rebelled against Him; man desired to be his own god. Does He abandon this creature He has made? No, He sends His only Son, the Lord Jesus to this earth to live in its misery for three decades. Then, horror above all horrors, man crucifies Him. But wait, God planned this! He did not restrain man from his evil because this Christ, the Son of God, died so that He might redeem a people for Himself.

But is all mankind redeemed? No, God does not force man to go against his will. God has ordained that only a small number would cast themselves before Him and cry out to Him for salvation. Even before time began, God has planned it so; even before time began, He chose a people for Himself.

Who are these people? The saints of God are those people who have seen their sin and miseries, realized their eternally hopeless state, and have fallen before Christ and have cried out to Him to save them from the eternal damnation that would otherwise be due to them.

Now, saints of God, we come to the last chapter of the book. This chapter is written for you! Psalm 150 verses 1-2 calls us to praise this Lord of our lives, and even tells us why we should praise Him. But, of course, we already know the reason - we've read the book!

How then shall we praise Him? We praise Him with trumpets, flutes, lyres, tambourines, dancing, strings, pipes, and cymbals. *Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!* Yes, even those who have not claimed Christ as their Redeemer will, at the last day, acknowledge and praise this God. The truth will be revealed to them, but it will be too late for their redemption. Even so, they will praise Him. So, the last words of Psalm 150 tell us: *Praise the Lord!*

Pray today that you are one of those redeemed saints of God and that you will live your entire life praising God.

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