

EAT · BREATHE · & PRAY



JOURNAL

Prioritise your day around God's word and His presence



VOLUME 6

This Journal Belongs To...

'This book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for Yahweh your God is with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1:8-9

Welcome

To your Thematic Journey Through The Bible In One Year Journal!

I'm so excited to be bringing this Eat Breathe & Pray Journal to you!

You are about to embark on an exciting journey into a much greater understanding of, and familiarity with the Word of God, and a deeper awareness of His presence, both with you and in you.

I've designed this journal to help you prioritise the time You spend in God's Word and in His presence, as you read through God's Word in one year; and to help you keep a record of the focus of your prayer life from day to day, and throughout the year, so you can see how that focus changes as you spend more time in His word and in His presence; and begin to co-labour with Abba Father in prayer.

I love and appreciate you so much!
Be blessed, and be a blessing!

Jenner

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Undated Planner

This planner has been left undated so that you can start your Thematic Journey Through The Bible In One Year at any time. You can pick up wherever we're at with the live broadcasts, or start from the beginning, and listen along with the recordings.

The year is broken up into 4 quarters of 3 Journals: 31 days, 30 days and 30 days; Journal 12 will have 30 days +1 to make up 365 calendar days.

When starting at the beginning, the date that you start your journey on becomes Day 1 in your journal.

There are five **The Week Of** pages at the end of each journal; these give you the week-in-view on one side and an I Get To do list on the other, and can be placed at the beginning of each calendar week throughout the journal.

Day 1 – Genesis 1-3

Daily Planner *Satur day: July 19*

You will need to fill in the **Year**-in View and **Month**-in-View based on the Year and month that you start.

Month *July* Year *2026*

Many of the journals will need to incorporate dates from two months, either starting with a few days from the previous month, or ending with days from the next month.

Start your thematic journey through the Bible whenever you are ready!

How To Use

24-Hour Planner

The 24-Hour Day Planner is to help you prioritize your day around spending time in God's Word and in His presence; and to provide a place for you to record the times God calls you to pray with Him, no matter what the time, day or night.

Use your planner to schedule the journal elements you want to include in your day.

Start slowly with as many as you're comfortable with, and build from there.

The more time you spend in God's word and in His presence, the more elements you will want to incorporate into your day.

Prayer Focus

A Prayer Focus is the conversation that is going on throughout the day between your spirit and the Spirit of God. This conversation occurs in the background as we go about our day, but by intentionally bringing that conversation to the forefront of our attention, we start to actively co-labor with Yahweh to pray what is on His heart for that day.

There are two pages at the end of each day to record the focus of your prayers, so that over the year, as you spend more time in God's word and His presence, you can see how the focus of your prayers change from being needs/requests focused to praying from the heart of the Father God.

Bible Reading

This is a daily thematic journey through the Bible in one year. These readings are divided up into seven themed groups; the books of the Law, The books of History, the Psalms, The Books of Poetry, The books of Prophecy, the Gospels, and The Epistles. Read the daily passages from Scripture in your own time or join us online on the Eat Breathe & Pray Journal YouTube Channel, Facebook page, or Podcast.

Memory Verse

There is a memory verse provided for each day; You choose how many you want to memorize. One per week equals 52 verses by the end of the year; one per day will be 364 verses. You choose what works for you.

Bible Study

These Bible studies are not designed to spoon-feed you what we want you to know about the Word of God, but rather to stimulate a hunger for the Word, and encourage you to delve into the study of the Word for yourself. Each Bible study gives you the opportunity to delve deeper into the readings for that day. Please give yourself time to make notes of what Yahweh highlights to you, and to read the verses that are mentioned in each study, as well as researching and answering the questions for each day.

Daily Devotion

Make time for the Devotional when you can still yourself in God's presence and meditate on His word. There are scripture references in each devotion that you will need to look up and read for yourself; these are key verses for gaining understanding in each devotion.

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A Glance

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Day 153 – Luke 7–8

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"I have abandoned all particular forms of devotion, all prayer techniques. My only prayer practice is attention. I carry on a habitual, silent, and secret conversation with God that fills me with overwhelming joy."
Brother Lawrence

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"And He said, 'To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.'" Luke 8:10

Daily Devotion

"But the Pharisees and the scholars of the Law rejected God's purpose for themselves, not having been baptised by John. " Luke 7:30

The baptism of John was the baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Mark 1:4, Luke 1:76-77). It is this baptism that the Pharisees and the scholars of the Law refused. Thinking themselves clean before God because of their study of the Law and their adherence to the traditions of their fathers, the statutes of men that were based on the Law; and in doing so, they rejected God's purpose for themselves. What they failed to recognise is that they and their fathers, in the name of explaining the Law, and trying to prevent accidental or unintentional lawbreaking, were breaking the Law by adding to it (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 12:32, Proverbs 30:5-6). They refused the baptism of John because they could not see their own need for repentance or forgiveness. Repentance for the forgiveness of sins is the beginning of our walk with YHWH but it is also the continual, ongoing positioning of ourselves before Him so that we continue to walk in His purpose for our lives (1 John 2:1-3).

Prayer: Abba Father, I don't want to, in any way, reject Your purpose for my life by an unwillingness to repent from sin and to receive Your forgiveness. I want to be in a continual state of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as a part of d

Bible Study

"But when Jesus heard this, He answered him, 'Do not be afraid any longer; only believe, and she will be saved.' " Luke 8:50

Sometimes greatness of faith is born out of coming to that place where fear no longer exists because that which we fear has already happened; all that is left is to believe.

In Luke 8:40-49, we see the account of Jairus coming to Jesus to ask Him to heal his daughter. I can only imagine what's going through Jairus' mind as he sees Jesus being delayed by this woman. This woman who had the audacity to touch the Teacher as He was on His way to Jairus' house; the fear, the impatience, the frustration, the impotence. And then to have his hopes dashed by the news that arrives from home.

Jesus' response in this moment is remarkable. Now that the worst has happened He tells Jairus, "...Do not be afraid any longer; only believe..." I wonder if YHWH allowed the delay so that Jairus could get past his fear that was hindering his ability to believe?

Once Jesus arrived at Jairus' home, He would not allow anyone in the house who might hinder Jairus and his wife from believing; all those who were wise in their own understanding were left outside (Luke 8:51-56, Isaiah 41:10-13). Sometimes YHWH allows the worst to happen so that we can get past our own fear and start to move forward in faith (Psalm 56:3-4, Isaiah 12:2). At those times, it is important to surround ourselves with people of faith who will believe with us for the fulfillment of God's word.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Who are you surrounding yourself with?
2. What other example do we have in Scripture of a delay bringing about the glory of God?

Answers:

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Prayer Focus

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Day 154 - Galatians 1-3

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We never grow closer to God when we just live life. It takes deliberate pursuit and attentiveness.
Frances Chan

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.' Galatians 1:3-5

Daily Devotion

*"For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God. "
Galatians 2:19*

What is it that caused this ardent adherent of the Law, who was willing to bring about the death or imprisonment of those he considered to be violating the Law, to make this statement? To go from "I'm willing to kill for the Law" to "Through the Law I died to the Law,"? I believe most of us are aware of Paul's dramatic conversion on the way to Damascus (Acts 9:1-8). What happens to him there was the revelation of Jesus Christ the Messiah, and it is this revelation that transformed the way he saw the Law. The Law itself didn't change but Saul went from being an adherent to a set of rules and regulations that had become a god and religion to him, to being Paul, who saw the Law as a school teacher to lead him into relationship with YHWH and His anointed One, Jesus the Messiah. When He recognised that the Law pointed to Christ, the Law was no longer enough and he had to die to the Law in order to be joined to Messiah. This is a practical example of what Jesus said, "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill" (Matthew 5:17).

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that when You come into my life and reveal Yourself to me, You transform the way I see everything. When I see my life, my beliefs, my hopes and my dreams through the light of Your Son, who died and rose again for me, things I once held dear become like filthy rags, and things I once would have given my life for, I can only die to, so that I can live to You. Amen.

Bible Study

"This is the only thing I want to learn from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?" Galatians 3:2

This is such an important question and in Galatians 3:5, Paul asks another question that is equally important.

We receive what God has for us by hearing with faith; and God provides the Spirit to us and works miracles among us by hearing with faith. Faith and hearing are strongly connected: "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing from the word of Christ." (Romans 10:17). "Hearing with faith" is how the Spirit is both provided and received, and how miracles are worked by God among us.

When YHWH asked Solomon what he wanted, he asked for a listening heart (1 Kings 3:9), which is translated in some texts as wisdom. Without faith we cannot please God; and without hearing, we cannot have faith. This is why the judgement of God in Isaiah is so devastating (Isaiah 6:9-10). And this is also what is referred to in Romans 11:25.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. We know that faith comes by hearing, but can we have hearing without faith?
2. What does it mean to have hearing with faith?

Answers:

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Day 155 – Exodus 37–40

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*Every single moment of a person's life,
both of the understanding and of the will,
is a new beginning.
Emanuel Swedenborg*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"...but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day when it was taken up. For throughout all their journeys, the cloud of YHWH was on the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel." Exodus 40:37-38

Daily Devotion

"And Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood; its length was two and a half cubits, and its width one and a half cubits, and its height one and a half cubits." Exodus 37:1

When YHWH called for the contribution from the people, He was very specific about the type of wood they should bring (Exodus 25:1-5). There was only one type of wood that the furniture for the tabernacle and ark of the covenant were to be made of – that wood is acacia wood (Exodus 25:10, 13, 23, 28, 26:15, 26, 27:1). Why was God so specific? Acacia is the hardest of all hardwoods, and yet is flexible and easy to work with; it is one of the few types of wood in resilience Class 1, meaning fungi, pests and weather will not affect it.

When God gives specific instructions, there is a very good reason for Him doing so, and we would be wise to follow His instructions to the letter.

Prayer: Abba Father, I thank You that You do all things well, and that You call us to imitate You in all that we do. Help me to be obedient from a loving heart that is willing to listen to Your instruction, and to do everything according to all that You have commanded me. Amen.

Bible Study

"Thus Moses did; according to all that YHWH had commanded him, so he did. "
Exodus 40:16

We were talking earlier about hearing with faith, and Moses is a classic example of this. Just look at how far he has come from when we first met him in the wilderness with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1-4), when he was so fearful and full of doubt that he argued against God's plans for him, and incurred the wrath of God (Exodus 3:5-6, 10-11, 4:1, 10-17). But God, knowing how far he would come, spared him and humoured him and taught him how to hear with faith. And here he is, just over a year into their journey in the wilderness, and he is about to erect the tabernacle of YHWH for the first time (Exodus 40:17-33). There is no longer any doubt, no longer any fear, just hearing with faith. And the glory of YHWH descended upon the tabernacle and Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle because of the glory of YHWH (Exodus 40:34-35).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Has YHWH called you out of your comfort zone to serve Him?
2. Who else in Scripture felt very inadequate to the task YHWH set before him, but was taught how to hear with faith on the job?

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Day 156 – 1 Kings 5-9

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*'For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to
eternal life.'
Francis of Assisi*

Notes:

Memory Verse

"Also concerning the foreigner who is not of Your people Israel, if he comes from a far country for Your name's sake (for they will hear of Your great name and Your strong hand, and of Your outstretched arm): so if he comes and prays toward the house, listen in heaven Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know Your name to fear You, as do Your people Israel, and to know that Your name is called upon this house which I have built."

1 Kings 8:41-43

Daily Devotion

"Now it happened that when the priests came out of the holy place, the cloud filled the house of YHWH, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of YHWH filled the house of YHWH. " 1 Kings 8:10-11

Have you ever experienced the presence of God so thick that no one can move or do anything? I'm not just talking about those who are 'sensitive' to spiritual atmospheres, I mean nobody can move, everybody is affected. There are two times this is mentioned in the Scriptures. Once, at the completion of the Tabernacle (Exodus 40:34-35) and this one, at the completion of Solomon's Temple (1 Kings 8:10-11, 2 Chronicles 5:14, 7:1-3). The Scriptures also tell us that we are a tabernacle of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16) and that we are being built into a dwelling of God (1 Peter 2:4-5, Ephesians 2:19-22). Just imagine what the thickness of His glory will be like when He finishes His work in us!

Prayer:

Abba Father, I look forward, with all creation, in awe and wonder, to the revealing of the sons of God, to the day You reveal the finished work of Your bride. Amen.

Bible Study

"But will God truly dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You; how much less this house which I have built!" 1 Kings 8:27

Solomon recognises in this moment, as he has completed the work on the Temple, that YHWH, the Living God and Creator of all things, cannot be contained in an earthly building. And yet, YHWH does say in His word that He will dwell on earth amongst His people (Revelation 21:1-3).

YHWH, in the form of a man, appeared to Abraham, walked with him, ate with him, and talked with him (Genesis 18:1-33).

YHWH, in the form of His glory, represented as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, dwelt on earth amongst His people as they traveled through the wilderness (Exodus 13:21-22, 40:34-38, Numbers 9:15-23).

YHWH, in the form of Jesus the Messiah, came at the appointed time and dwelt among man, fulfilling the Law and the prophesies of Scripture (Galatians 4:4-5, Matthew 5:17-20).

YHWH, in the form of His Spirit, was given at Shavuot (Pentecost) and resides in those whose lives are wholly surrendered to Him (Acts 2:1-41).

YHWH will come again to rule and to reign in the earth, to make His throne in Jerusalem, and be the Light to the earth (Isaiah 4:2-6, Ezekiel 37:27-28, Revelation 21:1-4, 22-24)

At the completion of Solomon's Temple, YHWH appeared in a cloud so thick that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of YHWH filled the house of YHWH (1 Kings 8:1-11). Solomon goes on to bless the people and pray for Israel, asking YHWH to place His name in/on the Temple.

It's interesting that, although David was fully aware of YHWH's presence with him and His Spirit dwelling in him, Solomon saw YHWH as outside of Himself. He loves YHWH and reveres Him, but does not have the same intimate relation with YHWH that his father David had.

Duscuss:

Questions:

1. What other verses are there that speak of YHWH dwelling on earth with His people?
2. How has YHWH revealed Himself to you in your relationship with Him?

Answers:

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Day 157 – Psalms 66–68

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*'In me is working a power stronger than every other power. The life that is in me is a thousand times bigger than I am outside.'
Smith Wigglesworth (I would say that the life in me it is infinitely bigger).*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Come and see the works of God, who is fearsome in His deeds toward the sons of men. He turned the sea into dry land: they passed through the river on foot there let us be glad in Him! He rules by His might forever: His eyes keep watch on the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah."

Psalm 66:5-7

Daily Devotion

"The Lord gives the word; the women who proclaim the good news are a great host: 'Kings of armies retreat, they retreat, and she who remains at home will divide the spoil!'" Psalm 68:11-12

What image arises in your mind when you hear these verses? Do you see a host of women singing and dancing and playing instruments as they go before the victorious army to celebrate their victory (Exodus 15:20-21, 1 Samuel 18:6-7)? Do you see Deborah and Jael defeating Sisera and his army; women who don't just sing about the victory but who lead the army and take the weapon that is available to them and strike (Judges 4:4-9, 21-22, 5:1-2, 12, 24-27)? Or does your mind turn to Isaiah 32:9-20, and these last days women who are called to rise up and intercede for Zion, for the land and nation of Israel, until YHWH pours out His Spirit from on high, and fulfills His promises to Israel?

Prayer: Abba Father, I want to be a part of that great host of women, who sing of Your praises, and of Your glorious victories, who stand up and go forth into battle with You as a part of Your warrior bride, and who interceded with wailing and beating of breasts, in grief for what is happening in Israel, Your inheritance, until we see the fulfillment of Your promises in Zion, Your holy mountain. Amen.

Bible Study

*"God be gracious to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us
— Selah. That Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among
all the nations. " Psalm 67:1-2*

If the opening of Psalm 67 sounds familiar, that would be because it is a direct quote from Numbers 6:24-26, otherwise known as the Aaronic blessing. The Aaronic blessing was commanded so that the name of YHWH would be invoked on the sons of Israel and then YHWH would bless them (Numbers 6:22-27). David takes this blessing further. David realises that the reason for the blessing on the people of Israel is so that God's ways would be known on the earth, and His salvation among the nations; that the Aaronic blessing is the vehicle through which YHWH will fulfill His promise to Abraham, that through him all the nations of the earth will be blessed (Genesis 12:3, 18:17-18, 22:18, Psalm 67:1-7).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How does the Aaronic blessing fulfill the Abrahamic blessing?
2. Why are so few in the church walking in this blessing?

Answers:

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Prayer Focus

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Day 158 – Proverbs 2–3

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*A holy life will produce the deepest impression.
Lighthouses blow no horns: they only shine.
D. L. Moody (note: As holiness is
not taught on much in the church, holiness
means to be set apart to YHWH God).*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"My son, do not forget my law, but let your heart guard my commandments; for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you... My son, do not reject the discipline of YHWH or loathe His reproof, for whom YHWH loves He reproves, even as a father reproves the son in whom he delights."

Proverbs 3:1-2, 11-12

Daily Devotion

"For YHWH gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and discernment. He stores up sound wisdom for the upright, a shield to those who walk in integrity, to guard the paths of justice, and He keeps the way of His holy ones." Proverbs 2:6-8

Last week, we talked about how wisdom is available to all; all we have to do is ask. Today, we see that there is wisdom that YHWH has stored up for the upright. A wisdom that is a shield to those who walk in integrity, that guards the paths of justice; this is the wisdom God gives to keep the way of His holy ones. I don't know about you, but I want to be one who YHWH considers worthy to impart that wisdom to.

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that You store up wisdom for the upright. Give me the wisdom to walk in uprightness, so that I may be considered worthy to receive the wisdom You have stored up. Now therefore I pray You, if I have found favour in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I might know You, so that I might find favour in Your sight.
Amen.

Bible Study

"YHWH by wisdom founded the earth, by discernment He established the heavens. By His knowledge the deeps were split up and the skies drip with dew. " Proverbs 3:19-20

Do you believe that the heavens and the earth were created by a loving God (Genesis 1:1-2, John 1:1-3)? That the earth was founded by wisdom (Proverbs 3:19, 8:22-31, Jeremiah 10:12-13, 51:15, Psalm 104:24)? That the heavens were established by discernment (Genesis 1:14-19, Psalm 19:1-3, 74:16, 104:19)? That the whole water cycle (evaporation, condensation, precipitation) was established by knowledge (Genesis 1:6-8, 2:5-6)? Some would say that to believe these things is foolishness (1 Corinthians 1:25). But YHWH stores up wisdom for the upright, the wisdom that is a shield for them, guards integrity and keeps the way of His holy ones (Proverbs 2:7). Wisdom, discernment and knowledge are inherent in who YHWH is and they are given freely by Him to those who ask. And having been born again as children of YHWH, and being transformed into His image, they are our birthright and inheritance.

"My son, let them [wisdom, discernment, knowledge] not deviate from your eyes; guard sound wisdom and discretion, so they will be life to your soul and grace to your neck" (Proverbs 3:21-22, emphasis added).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What does man's wisdom seem like compared to that of YHWH God?
2. Do you feel like you lack wisdom?
3. Have you asked your Father God for wisdom?

Answers:

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Day 159 – Lamentations 1–5

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*Faith and doubt will always exist together.
Believing is choosing faith over doubt.
Paul Yonggi Cho*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

YHWH is good to those who hope in Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good that he waits silently for the salvation of YHWH." Lamentations 3:25-26

Daily Devotion

"Who is there who speaks and it happens, unless the Lord has commanded it? Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that both calamities and good go forth?" Lamentations 3:37-38

Do you realise that Jeremiah is speaking an almost direct quote from the book of Job (Job 2:10)? And that this same statement can be found in other parts of Scripture? This concept that both calamity and good come from God goes back to the times of the Garden of Eden, of Abraham, of King David and the prophets and continued up until recently (Genesis 2:15-17, Psalm 33:9-11, Isaiah 45:7, Jeremiah 32:42). It has only been in very recent times that we have discarded the justice of God for a 'nice' god of tolerance and inclusion, who will grant people entrance to heaven despite the choices they've made for themselves. But in Scripture, God tells us that it is we who choose life or death, the blessing or the curse; they both come from the mouth of God, but what we receive depends on our choice (Deuteronomy 11:26-28). Choose for yourselves today whom you will serve! Joshua 24:15

Prayer: Abba Father, I want always and in everything I say and do, to choose life, to choose blessing. Help me to guard my heart, my mind and my thoughts, so that what I feed on and what I say and do, bring life and blessing. Amen.

Bible Study

"Your prophets have beheld for you worthless and ineffective visions; and they have not uncovered your iniquity so as to return you from captivity, but they beheld for you worthless and misleading oracles." Lamentations 2:14

What is it that you are choosing to believe? If what you are believing is a false vision or prophecy, that is contrary to the word of God, you can believe all you want, it's not coming to pass (*). Jeremiah was constantly having to deal with the consequences of false and misleading prophecies from false prophets, who were speaking prophecies in the name of YHWH that He had not given them to speak (*). Prophecies that did not uncover the peoples' iniquity so as to return them from captivity (*). Prophecies that were speaking peace when there was no peace, prophecies that they would not go into captivity, when the word that YHWH had clearly spoken through Jeremiah and backed up with signs and wonders, was that they would go into captivity for 70 years, and that their safety would be in the land they were taken captive to (*). Being sincerely deceived is still being deceived.

To know that you are believing according to the word and heart of God, you need to know His word (*), and be in constant communication with Him (*).

This is a basic requirement for walking by faith, and belief that acts as a catalyst for the fulfillment of God's word in and through your life (*).

* see Question 1 below.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What Scripture references could be used to support the statements made in this Bible study?
2. How can you know that what you are believing is the truth from YHWH?
3. How can you test the prophets?

Answers:

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Day 160 – Luke 9-10

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What is my task? First of all, my task is to be pleasing to Christ. To be empty of self and be filled with Himself. To be filled with the Holy Spirit to be led by the Holy Spirit.
Aimee Semple McPherson

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'And He was saying to them all, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.'

Luke 9:25

Daily Devotion

"Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come. And he was saying to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest. '" Luke 10:1-2

Who are the labourers in the harvest and what are their roles? We have this notion in the church that we are being sent out to reap the harvest, and while this is true, it's not the whole picture. Jesus sent His disciples out as labourers and in the Gospel of John, He specifically says He's sending them out to reap that for which they have not sown (John 4:35-38). In other Gospel accounts, He tells them to proclaim the gospel; in other words, 'sowing the seed' (Matthew 9:37-38, 13:18-23, Luke 8:9-15, 10:1-2). And in 1 Corinthians 3:6-9, Paul talks about him sowing the seed and Apollos watering. The roles of the labourers are varied: some prepare the soil, some sow seed, others water, and still others reap.

There is another harvest that is spoken of in Scripture, and that is the end-times harvest. The tares, those who commit lawlessness, are gathered up and removed from the earth (Joel 3:13, Matthew 13:40-43).

Those who are sent out to reap are the angels of God.

When Jesus said, "Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest" which harvest is He talking about?.

Prayer: Abba Father, here am I, send me. Amen.

Bible Study

"And calling the twelve together, He gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. And He sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick." Luke 9:1-2

Do you believe that this authority that Jesus gave to the twelve disciples (Matthew 10:5-8, Mark 6:7-13) is also for His church today? We know that Jesus later sent out the seventy, giving them similar authority and instructions (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20). But they were people who walked with Jesus and were taught by Him; surely He didn't mean for us to have the same authority? Did He?

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus says, "And these signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; and they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not harm them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." (Mark 16:17-18). The signs that will accompany those who believe, because of the preaching and discipleship of the apostles, is that they will walk in the same authority given to the twelve and the seventy.

Discuss:

Question:

1. Since these are the signs that are supposed to follow those who believe, why aren't we seeing more of these signs at work in the body of Christ today?

Answer:

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Day 161 – Galatians 4–6

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*“Guerly my soul waits in silence for God:
from Him is my salvation.”
Psalm 62:1*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22

Daily Devotion

"If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk in step with the Spirit." Galatians 5:25

I love this verse, but what does it actually mean? How do you walk in step with the Holy Spirit?

To walk in step with someone takes three things initially: proximity, awareness and practice. If you've ever marched in a parade or been in a marching band, you'll know what I mean. Walking next to each other is not enough – you also need to be aware of what the person next to you is doing, so that when they swing their left arm and raise their right foot, you are doing the same. And to do that well takes practice, practice, practice. The other way you can get to walk in step with someone is long-term intimacy: you know those couples, who've loved each other so long that they walk in step and finish each others' sentences. When we start out in our journey of walking in step with the Holy Spirit, we will need to work on proximity, awareness and practice; but eventually, that intimate love relationship will grow and it will become second-nature to walk in step with Him (John 5:19, 17:20-22, Ephesians 5:1).

Prayer: Abba Father, I want to walk in step with You, with Your Holy Spirit.

I realise that knowledge of and intimacy with You comes from time spent in Your presence, aware of what You are saying and doing, and doing the same. I want to be an imitator of You as a beloved child, to do what I see You doing, and speak what I hear You saying, just as Jesus did. Amen.

Bible Study

"And because you are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God." Galatians 4:6-7

In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells His disciples about the Holy Spirit that the Father will send. The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive (John 14:16-26). The Spirit of truth that bears witness of Jesus (John 15:26). The Spirit of truth that is our advocate and guide, and brings conviction of sin and righteousness and judgment (John 16:6-15). The Spirit of truth that becomes in us rivers of living water (John 7:37-39). The Spirit of His Son that cries out, "Abba! Father!" (John 14:6-7, Galatians 4:6-7).

Discuss:

Question:

1. How is the Spirit of the Son different to the Spirit of the Father?

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Day 162 – Leviticus 1-3

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*So spread your wing over your maidservant,
for you are a kinsman redeemer.
Ruth 3:9b*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Now when anyone brings near a grain offering as an offering to YHWH.

his offering shall be of fine flour, and he shall pour oil on it and put frankincense on it. He shall then bring it to Aaron's sons the priests; and he shall take from it his handful of it's fine flour and of it's oil with all of it's frankincense, and the priest shall offer it up in smoke as it's memorial portion on the altar, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to YHWH."

Leviticus 2:1-2

Daily Devotion

"...for you shall not offer up in smoke any leaven or any honey as an offering by fire to YHWH. As an offering of first fruits you shall bring them near to YHWH, but they shall not ascend for a soothing aroma on the altar." Leviticus 3:11b-12

Do you ever wonder why leaven and honey are not to be offered as a burnt offering?

It's not the sort of thing most people think about.

When we look at the burnt offerings, everything that is offered by fire has to first be killed, and in the case of animals, the blood drained out, because the life is in the blood (Leviticus 17:10-14). Even the grain that is offered by fire must be finely ground or cracked, thereby killing it, and cooked without leaven if it is bread or wafers (Leviticus 2:1-16). Honey and leaven both contain high quantities of yeasts, which are living organisms. So it would seem that nothing that is offered up in fire to YHWH can be burnt alive, or cooked alive before being offered. Even microscopic organisms like yeasts.

The life is in the blood so it must be poured out before the sacrifice is burnt with fire, and leaven and honey are not to be offered as a burnt sacrifice because of the life that is in them.

What does this mean for us? It means that for our prayers to arise as a pleasing aroma to God, they must come from a place where we have died to self.

Prayer: Abba Father, I pour myself out before you; dying to self so that I can live to Christ. May my prayer be established as incense before You; the lifting of my hands as the evening offering. Amen.

Bible Study

"And the priest shall offer them up in smoke on the altar as food, an offering by fire as a soothing aroma; all fat is YHWH's. It is a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your places of habitation: you shall not eat any fat or any blood." Leviticus 3:16-17

Why is the fat so special? What about it makes it so important to YHWH? We're told why the blood is not to be eaten, but not so with the fat. YHWH is also very specific about the type of fat that is to be set apart for Him.

It is the fat that covers the vital organs, and the fat tail.

There are two things that stand out about these types of fat:

First, they are considered to be the best part of the animal. In cultures whose wealth is in their livestock, many of them breed for the fatness of the tail. So one reason could be that it is giving of the very best to YHWH, which is a valid reason, and likely true. And in Hebrew thinking, to eat the best portion that YHWH has set apart for Himself is to steal from YHWH. But this is not the whole picture, because it doesn't explain the prohibition on eating that particular fat, through out ALL generations, at ALL times and in ALL places. That's a fairly strong prohibition.

The second thing to consider is that the prohibition on eating the fat is always linked with the blood (Leviticus 7:22-27). The reason for not eating the blood is because the life is in the blood. So how does that affect the way we think about the fat? The fat that YHWH stipulates is His alone is the fat that protects the vital organs, those organs without which the animal cannot survive. The fat that protects life.

As with most things in the kingdom, the answer to our question is not "EITHER OR", but "BOTH AND". The fat is offered up to YHWH as a burnt offering, a pleasing aroma to YHWH, because it is the very best, the most valuable part of the animal in the economy of the Hebrew people as nomadic herdsman. And the reason for the clear and emphatic prohibition on eating that fat is because of its association with the life of the animal.

The life is in the blood, and the protection of the life is in the fat.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How does this knowledge affect you as a new covenant believer?
2. What do you think the 'AND' in the BOTH AND might be?

Answers:

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Day 163 – 1 Kings 10-13

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*"YHWH is my portion" says my soul,
"Therefore I wait for Him."
Lamentations 3:24*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Now YHWH was angry with Solomon because his heart was turned away from YHWH, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not walk after other gods; but he did not keep what YHWH had commanded." 1 Kings 11:9-10

Daily Devotion

"How blessed are your men, how blessed are these your servants who stand before you continually and hear your wisdom." 1 Kings 10:8

Whenever I read this, I can't help but think of those of us who have the amazing privilege of standing in the presence of YHWH, the Most High God; of continually hearing His wisdom. How blessed are we?! This verse is the Queen of Sheba speaking to Solomon (1 Kings 10:1-10), but we have the privilege of standing before the presence of the One from whom all wisdom comes.

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to recognise the astounding privilege I have to stand in Your presence, waiting on You and listening to Your voice. Forgive me for the times I forget that privilege or take for granted the access I have to be in Your presence, Your very throne room. Amen.

Bible Study

"Now it happened at the time that Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to YHWH his God, as the heart of David his father had been. " 1 Kings 11:4

The heart of David was wholly devoted to YHWH his God, and because of that, YHWH prospered him and fulfilled all His promises to David. Even when David's son has turned away from YHWH, He continues to uphold His promises to David (1 Kings 11:9-13).

Solomon, despite all his wisdom and riches and power, the gifts that YHWH had given to him, never gave his heart fully to YHWH. He never had the same relationship with YHWH that his father David did, and so was seduced by the foreign gods and detestable practices of his many wives (Deuteronomy 17:16-17, 1 Kings 11:1-8).

The legacy of David's whole-hearted commitment to YHWH continues to this day. YHWH continues to be faithful to His promises that He spoke to David and his descendants. But so does the legacy of Solomon's unfaithfulness.

A heart wholly devoted to YHWH brings blessing not just to the one who bears it, but to a thousand generations (Exodus 20:4-6, Deuteronomy 7:9)

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How many generations does the curse of idolatry affect?
2. How does the blessing of the heart wholly devoted to YHWH mitigate that curse of idolatry?
3. Is this still applicable today?

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The wicked flee when there is no one pursuing, but the righteous are secure as a lion.

Proverbs 28:1

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'But as for me, my prayer is to You, O YHWH, at an acceptable time: O God, in the abundance of Your lovingkindness, answer me with the truth of Your salvation.' Psalm 69:13

Daily Devotion

"O God You have taught me from my youth, and I still declare Your wondrous deeds. And even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your might to all who are to come."
Psalm 71:17-18

David's relationship with YHWH is one that started when he was a child, and continued to grow throughout his life. His son Solomon, on the other hand, appears to have had two "mountaintop experiences" with YHWH (1 Kings 3:5-15, 9:1-9) but didn't learn how to cultivate a life-long intimacy with Him like his father David had. Despite the tremendous blessings and promises Solomon received from YHWH, he never had to experience the trials and sufferings that his father David endured and a critical aspect of character was never developed in Him. He never learned to cling to, or depend on, YHWH alone. This is why, although both men sinned grievously during their lives, David was still known as "a man after God's own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14, Acts 13:22) and Solomon was ensnared by idolatry as an old man (1 Kings 11:4-6). It is also why we are exhorted to not run from the purifying effects of trials or persecution (James 1:2-4). There is simply no way to build lasting character without experiencing, enduring, and ultimately overcoming, hardship.

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to endure trials well, knowing that You are with me, and that You are seeking to forge in me an eternal treasure that can never be taken away from me, and that this character would become a light and an encouragement to my family, friends, and everyone I come into contact with. Amen.

Bible Study

"I have become a marvel to many, for You are my strong refuge. My mouth is filled with Your praise and with Your beauty all day long." Psalms 71:7-8

What is your mouth filled with? What is it that you declare all day long?

David ends Psalm 19 with these words, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O YHWH, my rock and my Redeemer" (Psalm 19:14). And Jesus teaches us that out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks (Matthew 12:34, Luke 6:45). We are instructed in Scripture to guard our heart (Proverbs 4:23, Philippians 4:6-7) and to constrain our tongue (Proverbs 10:19, 13:3, Matthew 12:36-37, James 1:26).

In Psalm 81:10, David writes, "I am YHWH your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide and I will fill it." This verse is often used in conjunction with Mark 13:11, that God will give us the words we need to speak. And to a point this is true, but there's more to it. When we look at this verse in the context of the whole of Psalm 81, what it means is that if they are willing, YHWH will fill them up with good things, until their mouths overflow with His praises (Psalm 81:1-16).

What is the overflow of your heart that spills out of your mouth?

Discuss:

Questions:

1. If our mouths speak from the overflow of our hearts, how do we fill our hearts with good things?

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Day 165 – Proverbs 4

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*To understand the Bible you really have
to spend time with the Author.
Brian Simmons*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'My son, pay attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them deviate from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart. For they are life to those who find them and healing to all flesh.'

Proverbs 4:20-22

Daily Devotion

"Seize discipline; do not let go. Guard her, for she is your life." Proverbs 4:13

In our society, discipline is looked upon as a dirty word. How far we have fallen from the truth! Here we see discipline equated with wisdom; in fact, discipline is another name for wisdom. As we've discussed before, a reason for this is because we now tend to equate discipline with punishment rather than wisdom; rather than with being taught, trained or coached, rather disciplining ourselves with a focus to achieve the goal set before us (1 Corinthians 9:24-27). If you lack discipline, draw on the fruit of the Spirit, for a part of it is self-control, otherwise known as discipline (Galatians 5:22-23).

"Seize discipline; do not let go. Guard her, for she is your life. "

Prayer: Abba Father, make me know Your ways, O YHWH; teach me in Your paths. Discipline me by Your Spirit, my Counsellor and Guide; and fill me to overflowing with Your Spirit, so that I am able to discipline myself to walk in Your ways. Amen.

Bible Study

"When I was a son to my father, tender and the only son before my mother, then he instructed me and said to me, 'Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments and live; acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding! Do not forget and do not turn away from the sayings of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her and she will guard you. '"
Proverbs 4:3-6

Solomon was taught wisdom by his father David from his childhood. He was given great wisdom by YHWH in answer to his prayer when he became king over Israel. He taught many the ways of wisdom and admonished them to "Seize discipline; do not let go. Guard her, for she is your life" (Proverbs 4:13).

So what happened? When we read Ecclesiastes, a picture starts to emerge (Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:11). Solomon filled his heart with wisdom and this should be a good thing; but like everything else, wisdom without relationship with YHWH becomes vanity, a chasing after the wind. Wisdom didn't fulfill Solomon, so he sought after folly and carnal pleasures, saying that his wisdom remained with him (Ecclesiastes 2:3,9). But we know that his wisdom, although still great, was no longer the wisdom of God, because She turns the heart of man away from such things (Proverbs 5:3-5, 8, 20-21, 31:1-9), and the command of YHWH prohibited them (Deuteronomy 17:16-17). Solomon's great wisdom had become foolishness (1 Corinthians 3:19-21), and the real tragedy is that he didn't even realise it.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How do we know when our wisdom has become foolishness to God?
2. What other good things become a stumbling block to us when they are separated from relationship with YHWH?

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Day 166 – Ezekiel 1-6

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What would happen if every son of God every day turned our awareness to our place of authority where we are seated in Christ and simply released Truth, Righteousness and Justice into the earth?!

Virginia Sullivent Killingsworth

Notes:

Memory Verse:

Now as for you, son of man, do not fear them and do not fear their words, though thistles and briars are with you and you sit on scorpions; neither fear their words nor be dismayed at their presence, for they are a rebellious house. But you shall speak My words to them whether they listen or whether they refuse, for they are rebellious." Ezekiel 2:6-7

Daily Devotion

"And each went straight forward; wherever the spirit was about to go, they would go, without turning as they went." Ezekiel 1:12

Ezekiel is describing the cherubim, the messengers of YHWH, the way they move in synchronisation with each other, anticipating where the spirit is about to go (Ezekiel 1:5-21). Twice Ezekiel mentions that "...wherever the spirit was about to go, they would go..." (Ezekiel 1:12b, 20a). I can't help but think that this is how we as believers are supposed to move in the Spirit; moving as one body, anticipating where the Spirit is moving, and moving in synchronous harmony. This was what Jesus meant when He prayed that we would be one, as He and the Father are one (John 17:20-23). We all have the same Spirit dwelling in us, and when Jesus spoke to Nicodemus He said, *"The wind blows where it wishes and you hear its sound, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone born of the Spirit"* (John 3:8). The idea of the body of Christ being so in tune with Him and the Father that, wherever the Spirit is about to go, we will go, is one that thrills me to my core. I long to experience that oneness and unity in the Spirit.

Prayer: Abba Father, I pray that we may all be one, even as You, Father, are in Jesus and He is in You, that we also may be in You both; He in us and You in Him, that we may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Your Son Jesus, and that You love us even as You love Him. Amen.

Bible Study

“Now as for you, son of man, listen to what I am speaking to you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house. Open your mouth and eat what I am giving you’...Then He said to me, ‘Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go speak to the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth and He fed me this scroll. And He said, ‘Son of man, feed your stomach and fill your body with this scroll which I am giving you.’ Then I ate it and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth...Moreover, He said to me, ‘Son of man, take into your heart all My words which I will speak to you and listen with your ears.’” Ezekiel 2:8, 3:1-3, 10

Over the last few months, we have looked at the lives of many different people that YHWH has called to serve Him. In each case, He has given them specific instructions to prepare them for the task He has for them and Ezekiel is no different.

In Ezekiel’s case, the instructions are concerning the word of YHWH: Listen and obey: The very first instruction we see is to listen and not be rebellious. The word of YHWH needs to fill his ears. The ears, hearing, have an effect on our mind (Romans 12:2), our spirit through believing/faith (Romans 10:17); and, hearing with obedience, our soul (John 14:15). Eat: The second is to eat, and this instruction is repeated several times. Take it in your mouth and into your stomach. There’s an old saying, “You are what you eat”; what we take into our stomach is used by the body not just to fuel us, but also to rebuild us, for cell regeneration. By taking the word YHWH gave him and eating it, it is becoming a part of who he is, it is becoming a part of his DNA (Hebrews 4:12).

Take into your heart: When we take something into our heart, it becomes what drives us, motivates us, causes us to take action (Proverbs 4:23, Psalm 19:14, Luke 6:45).

Listen: And again, he is instructed to listen with his ears. This is a perpetual cycle: The word filling our ears...filling our mind, spirit and soul...filling our body...filling our heart...filling our ears... Ezekiel is to fill himself completely with the word of YHWH, body, mind, soul and spirit. It is to be his source of life, faith, motivation, and in obedience to it, his expression of love.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Can you, like Ezekiel, say that the word of God fills every part of your being?
2. If not, what is the word of God to you?

Answers:

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Day 167 – Luke 11-12

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*'What delight God gives to humankind
with all these things. All nature is at the
disposal of humankind. We are to work with
it. For without it we cannot survive.'
Hildegard of Bingen*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man will confess him also before the angels of God, but he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God." Luke 12:8-9

Daily Devotion

"And do not seek what you will eat and drink, and do not keep on worrying. For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek, but your Father knows that you need these things. But seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you. Do not fear, little flock, for your Father is well pleased to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:29-32

There are times when we are supposed to just take God at His word. There are no formulas, no deep dive into the Scriptures is needed, simply the faith of Abraham (Genesis 15:6, Mark 9:23-24).

Prayer: Abba Father, give me the childlike faith that believes what their Father says, simply because their Father said it; let that be enough for me.
Amen.

Bible Study

"The eye is the lamp of your body; when your eye is clear, your whole body also is full of light, but when it is bad, your body also is full of darkness." Luke 11:34

What is the light that fills our lamp? Is it the Light of life (John 1:4, 8:12, 2 Corinthians 4:6)? Or is it the light of deception (Matthew 6:23, John 8:44, 2 Corinthians 11:14)? If it is the light of deception, we do not have the truth in us (1 John 1:6), but if it is the Light of life, it brings truth and salvation, and that Light shines for the world to see (John 1:4-5, 1 John 1:7, Matthew 5:14-16)

Discuss:

Question:

1. How do we distinguish between the Light of YHWH and the light of the enemy who appears as an angel of light?

Answer:

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Day 168 – Ephesians 1–3

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'Faith begins where reason and logic ends.'
Kathryn Kuhlman

Notes:

Memory Verse:

In Him, you also, after listening to the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation - having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, unto the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 1:13-14

Daily Devotion

"But God, being rich in mercy because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 2:4-6

When we look at how Abba Father has changed our position in Him, from being dead in our sins to being raised to life in Christ Jesus and seating us in heavenly places with Him, I can't help but see the parallels to Joseph's life: Being elevated in one day, from being a prisoner to new life as a free man and then being seated at the right hand of Pharaoh, second only to him (Genesis 41:14, 39-45). What would have happened if Joseph had then decided that, as a free man, he could just get on with life as usual? If he had not started walking in the authority Pharaoh gave him? And yet, that is what we as believers often do. We have been seated in heavenly places with Christ Jesus, He being seated at God's right hand, and yet we choose not to walk in the authority God has given us. Just as YHWH placed Joseph in that position of authority for a purpose, so too, He has placed us in a position of authority for a purpose. We must walk in the authority He has given us to fulfill His purpose for our lives.

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to walk in the authority You have given me; to honour the trust You have placed in me by taking on that authority so that I can fulfill Your calling, purpose, and plan for my life. Amen.

Bible Study

"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or understand, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen. " Ephesians 3:20-21

God's power at work within us is limited only by our willingness. I'll say that again. God's power at work within us is limited only by our willingness. He is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or understand, but it is according to the power that works within us. What am I saying here? If we are praying for God to move in power on our behalf but are unwilling to allow Him to work in power within us, we will only see Him move according to the power that works within us, according to our willingness to cooperate with Him.

When Joash comes to visit Elisha and Elisha tells him to take arrows and strike the ground, he only strikes the ground three times, and so his victory was not complete. His victory was according to his willingness to cooperate with YHWH (2 Kings 13:14-19). And so it is with us. The power that is at work within us is the power that created the universe and all it contains, and is limited only by our willingness to respond and obey.

Discuss:

Question:

1. There are many reasons why we restrain the hand of God from working in our lives, so how can we make ourselves more open and willing?

Answers

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Day 169 – Leviticus 4–6

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'We are agents of omnipotence. This means that unlimited power is at our fingertips. It also means that there are no great men working in God's kingdom. Rather, there is a great God at work in humans beings who have child-like faith.'
Reinhard Bonnke

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Now if a person sins and does any one of the things which YHWH has commanded not to be done, but he is unaware, still he is guilty and shall bear his punishment." Leviticus 5:17

Daily Devotion

"But if his means are insufficient for two turtledoves or two young pigeons, then for his offering for that which he has sinned, he shall bring the tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering; he shall not place oil on it or put frankincense on it, for it is a sin offering." Leviticus 5:11

When we look at Leviticus 5:1-13, we see the grace of YHWH at work. Throughout this passage, we are told this is the sacrifice that is required, "but if his means are insufficient" or "but if he cannot afford". The sacrifice required is never greater than what the individual can afford. It is not based on the sin being atoned for, but on the person's ability to sacrifice. God's grace is such that, even before the Cross, He made a way for the atonement of sin according to what each man could afford. We no longer need to sacrifice for the atonement of our sins because Jesus sacrificed Himself for us, but God's grace is still as sufficient today as it was then (2 Corinthians 12:9). He does not require more of us than we are able to give.

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You for Your grace and mercy; that Your grace is sufficient for me, and Your mercies are new every morning. Amen.

Bible Study

"Every male among the sons of Aaron may eat it; it is a perpetual statute throughout your generations, from the offerings by fire to YHWH. Whoever touches them will be set apart as holy. " Leviticus 6:18

One of the themes that runs throughout Leviticus is that because the offering is holy and set apart to YHWH, anyone who eats it or touches it becomes holy. We see this three times in Leviticus 6 alone (Leviticus 6:18, 27, 29). This brings up two interesting thoughts:

Firstly, when David comes to Ahimelech the priest and asks him for bread, the only bread available is the bread of the Presence, that only the priests are permitted to eat (1 Samuel 21:1-6). The reason Ahimelech asks David if the young men have kept themselves from women is not to make sure they are worthy to eat the bread but because by eating the bread of the Presence, David and his men are setting themselves apart as holy to YHWH. They are, in essence, taking a vow before YHWH to set themselves apart for His service.

The second is this: When we are touched by Jesus, who became the sacrifice for our sins (Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:18-20, 2 Corinthians 5:21), we become holy and set apart for the service of YHWH. And each time we eat of Him, in the act of what has become known in the church as communion, we set ourselves apart. We are making a covenant with Him, that we will serve Him as we walk in His holiness. This is why Paul talks about many becoming sick because they are eating the body and blood of Jesus in an unworthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:23-32).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How often do you hear a “salvation message” where the preacher tells people that by accepting Jesus as their Saviour, by touching Him, they are setting themselves apart as holy, for the service of YHWH?
2. Does discipleship start before or after salvation?

Answers:

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Day 170 – 1 Kings 14–18

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*Our only business is to love and delight
ourselves in the Lord.
Brother Lawrence*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

For thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, 'The bowl of flour shall not be exhausted, nor shall the jar of oil be empty, until the day that YHWH sends rain on the face of the earth.' So she went and did according to the word of Elijah, and she and he and her household ate for many days.

1 Kings 17:14-15

Daily Devotion

"But you, arise, go to your house. When your feet enter the city the child will die. And all Israel shall mourn for him and bury him, for he alone of Jeroboam's family will come to the grave, because in him something good was found toward YHWH, the God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam."

1 Kings 14:12-13

This passage always fascinates me. When the wife of Jeroboam comes to Ahijah the prophet, he tells her that he is sent to her with a harsh message (1 Kings 14:1-6). It's easy to assume that the harsh message is that her son is about to die, but the truth is that that was the good news, the grace of God to the child that He found some good in (1 Kings 14:7-18). God's grace and compassion toward the child Abijah is to allow him to become sick and die, and to be mourned and buried. Because of the good found in him, he was spared from the fate of the rest of his father's household. Sometimes what appears to be a great loss and tragedy is actually God's grace toward us.

Prayer: Abba Father, in the midst of grief and tragedy, help me to find Your grace and compassion. When things appear to be going completely wrong, help me to trust You for the good You have prepared for me. Cause me to walk in uprightness and holiness no matter what my circumstances may be.

Amen.

Bible Study

"Now it happened at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, 'O YHWH, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, today let it be known that You are God in Israel and that I am Your slave and I have done all these things at Your word.' " 1 Kings 18:36

Elijah is believing YHWH for big things, he's putting it all on the line, declaring Who the God of Israel is and expecting Him to back up his words with an act of great power; knowing that if YHWH doesn't show up it will mean his life, and that the people of Israel will turn after false gods even more so. So how did Elijah have the faith and boldness to do such a thing? Even the disciples, who had walked with and been taught by Jesus, prayed for boldness (Acts 4:29-30). In fact, the prayer of the disciples is very much like Elijah's prayer in the verse above.

There are a couple things to note about Elijah:

First, that the authority by which Elijah speaks and acts comes from YHWH, the God of Israel, before Whom he stands.

Second, everything that Elijah does, he does at the word of YHWH. He's not just going out and declaring things and expecting YHWH to back him up. He's acting and speaking at the word of YHWH, the God of Israel, before Whom he stands.

I would encourage you to pray with the disciples the prayer of Acts 4:29-30, and watch as YHWH answers that prayer, fills you with the power and boldness of His Spirit, and puts His words in your mouth (Acts 4:31). But remember that, as it was with Elijah, the authority with which you speak and act comes from YHWH, the God of Israel, before Whom you stand. If you're not spending time standing before Him, you will not walk in His authority. And all that you do and say must be at His word.

Discuss:

Question:

1. Why must we do all at His word?

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Day 171 – Psalms 72–74

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*'Faith never knows where
it is being led, but it loves and knows
the One who is leading.'
Oswald Chambers*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'Blessed be YHWH God, the God of Israel, who alone works wondrous deeds. And blessed be His glorious name forever and may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen. and Amen.' Psalm 72:18-19

Daily Devotion

"Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart! But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had almost slipped. For I was envious of the boastful, I saw the peace of the wicked." Psalm 73: 1-2

When you are walking in obedience to YHWH and His word, there are going to be times when things are going to get tough, when life is not going to be easy. At those times, it can be easy to look at the apparent ease and prosperity of the life of those who don't know YHWH and become envious, to lose sight of their end (Psalm 73:15-20). When our eyes are on others and what their lives are like, we can become envious and embittered (Psalm 73:21-22) because we can only see the outward appearances, but YHWH knows their heart (1 Samuel 16:7, Proverbs 23:17, 24:1). And because when we're focused on others, our eyes are no longer on God (Psalm 119:37, 73:23-24, Isaiah 26:3).

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to keep my eyes focused on You, not on my circumstances and not on other people. Take me by the right hand and lead me by Your counsel, and with the Psalmist I will say, "Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You I desire nothing on earth". Amen.

Bible Study

"Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth. My flesh and my heart fail, but God is the rock of my heart and my portion forever. For, behold, those who are far from You will perish; You have destroyed everyone who is unfaithful to You. But as for me, the nearness of God is my good; I have set Lord YHWH as my refuge, that I may recount all Your works. " Psalm 73:25-28

"...that I may recount all Your works..."; how often is that our motivation for staying near YHWH? For clinging to Him and seeking refuge in Him?

To recount all His works? And yet, it is a theme that runs throughout the Psalms (Psalm 40:5, 71:15, 96:3, 145:10-12). Even the heavens declare the works of YHWH's hand (Psalm 19:1, 97:6). Somewhere along the line, our motivation shifted from being able to recount His marvelous works, to experiencing them.

Discuss:

Question:

1. What effect has this shift had on the church?

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'When God sets His heart on you, you will be tried often. But the longer and harder your affliction, the more deeply God has set His heart on you, to show you His love and care.'

David Wilkerson

Notes:

Memory Verse:

Go to the ant, O sluggard, observe her ways and be wise, which, having no chief, officer or ruler, prepares her food in the summer and gathers her provisions in the harvest. How long will you lie down, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? "A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest" - your poverty will come in like a vagabond and your want like an armed man." Proverbs 6:6-11

Daily Devotion

"A vile person, a wicked man, is one who walks with a perverse mouth, who winks with his eyes, who signals with his feet, who points with his fingers; who with perversity in his heart continually devises evil, who spreads contentions. Therefore his disaster will come suddenly; instantly he will be broken and there will be no healing." Proverbs 6:12-15

I don't know about you, but when I see some of the things going on in the world, the evil and wickedness that is being stirred up by those in places of power and authority, it turns my stomach. I want to see those responsible brought to justice. It galls me to see lies, deceit and duplicity going unpunished, but this passage gives me hope. All will be judged according to their deeds (Psalm 62:11-12, Proverbs 11:31, Romans 2:6), everything that is done in darkness will be brought to light (Job 12:22, Psalm 90:8, Matthew 10:26, Luke 12:2-3), and the leaders of the nations will be gathered together and judged (Psalm 2:1-12, Joel 3:1-17, Micah 4:11-13).

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that You are a God of justice and righteousness, that it is You who will judge the people of the nations according to their deeds, and the leaders of the nations according to how they treat Your chosen people and Your land, Israel. That though the wicked may seem to prosper, that in the end, they will bow before You. Amen.

Bible Study

"My son, observe the commandment of your father and do not abandon the law of your mother; bind them continually on your heart; tie them around your neck. When you walk about, they will lead you; when you sleep, they will keep watch over you; and when you awake they will speak to you. For the commandment is a lamp and the law a light; and reproofs for discipline are the way of life. " Proverbs 6:20-23

In the modern church, the Law and the commandments have gotten a bad rap. They are thought of as burdensome, an enslavement of sorts, and obsolete. And yet, in Scripture we see that they are a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psalms 19:7-8, 119:105), and that in them is the way of life (Deuteronomy 4:1, 30:20, Nehemiah 9:28-29). That they will lead us, watch over us, and speak to us (Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:16), and they are a delight (Psalm 40:7-8, 119:47-48, 97-104). Even Jesus said that He did not come to abolish the Law but to fulfill it, and that He was calling us to an even higher standard of the Law, the Law of the Spirit, written on our hearts (Matthew 5:17-22, John 6:63).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What is the difference between the Law of YHWH and the traditions of men that Jesus berated the Pharisees and Sadducees about?
2. What happens when the Law is applied outside of relationship with YHWH?

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Day 173 – Ezekiel 7-12

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'Joy cannot be pursued. It comes from within. It is a state of being. It does not depend on circumstances, but triumphs over circumstances.'
Billy Graham

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Therefore say, 'Thus says Lord YHWH, 'Though I had removed them far away among the nations, and though I had scattered them among the countries, yet I was a sanctuary for them a little while in the countries where they had gone.' Therefore say, 'Thus says Lord YHWH, 'I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries among which you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.'" Ezekiel 11:16-17

Daily Devotion

"Then the word of YHWH came to me, saying, 'Son of man, you live in the midst of a rebellious house, who have eyes to see but do not see, ears to hear but do not hear; for they are a rebellious house. Now as for you, son of man ... " Ezekiel 12:1-3a

We see this phrase over and over in the book of Ezekiel, "Now as for you, son of man ..." And this is a phrase we need to get locked into our own thinking. You are in the midst of a rebellious nation, and world, who have eyes to see but do not see, ears to hear but do not hear; for this is a rebellious world.

Now as for you ...

We, as believers, need to be walking in obedience to what YHWH is speaking to us, moment by moment and day by day; so that no matter what is going on in the world, we can say, "...as for me and my house, we will serve YHWH." (Joshua 24:15b)

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to be obedient to You in the little things, so that I know I will be able to be obedient to You in the big things, when my life is on the line. Amen.

Bible Study

"For I, YHWH, will speak, and whatever word I speak will be done. It will no longer be delayed, for in your days, O rebellious house, I will speak the word and do it, ' declares YHWH. " Ezekiel 12:25

The people of Israel in the time of Ezekiel had been hearing the prophetic words of YHWH from Jeremiah and Ezekiel for some time and had become complacent, believing that the words of YHWH would not be fulfilled in their day. Choosing to ignore the words of warning and correction, thinking that YHWH would not really act. In this word YHWH is speaking through Ezekiel, He is addressing this misconception (Ezekiel 12:25-28).

We are once again living in a time in history where there has been a prolonged delay in the fulfillment of the prophecies of Scripture and the church has become complacent, thinking that His word will not be fulfilled in our day, that God is not going to act in our time. YHWH is speaking to the leaders of the church, letting them know that it is time for His words to come to pass but many of those leaders, though having ears, are not hearing, and having eyes, are not seeing what YHWH is trying to tell them (Ezekiel 12:1-2).

It is time for those in the body of Christ, who do have ears to hear, to act on what YHWH is speaking to them. When He says, "As for you, son/daughter of God ...", we need to be willing to obey, and act on that word, whatever the rest of the church may be doing (Ezekiel 12:3a).

Discuss:

Question:

1. God told Isaiah that He would set his face like flint, and Ezekiel that He would set his face like diamond, stronger than flint, so that they could speak the words of YHWH and not be afraid of the people. Are you willing to allow YHWH to do this same work in you, knowing that it means you will face persecution, perhaps even from the house of God?

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Day 174 – Luke 13–14

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“Joy is the state of being in the presence of YHWH. His Spirit in us leaps in response to His Spirit in Him, and the result is joy. That is why, ‘in the presence of YHWH, there is joy forevermore’ (Psalm 16:11).”

Jenner

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'Therefore, He was saying, 'What is the kingdom of God like, and to what shall I compare it? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and threw into his own garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches.' And again He said, 'To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three sata of flour until it was well leavened.'" Luke 13:18-21

Daily Devotion

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you did not want it! Behold your house is left to you desolate, and I say to you, you will not see Me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD (Psalm 118:26)!'" Luke 13:34-35

If you want to know the heart of God, you don't have to go much further than this. YHWH is passionate for His people Israel and for the city of Jerusalem, the city where He has chosen to place His name (Deuteronomy 12:5, 1 Kings 5:5, 2 Chronicles 6:6, Ezra 6:12, Nehemiah 1:9, Daniel 9:18, Ezekiel 48:35). His desire is for His people, Israel. He longs to gather them all together under the protection of His wings. But because of their rejection of His anointed, the Messiah (because they were looking for an earthly deliverer to deliver them from the hand of man, instead of a heavenly Deliverer who would deliver them from the enemy of their souls and free them from the law of sin and death), there was a partial hardening of their hearts until the fullness of the Gentiles is complete. And they will not see their Messiah again until they say, as a nation and as a people, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of YHWH." Until this cry goes up from Jerusalem, "the city that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her!"

Prayer: Abba Father, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Even so, come Lord Yeshua. Amen.

Bible Study

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be my disciple. For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?" Luke 14:27-28

In Luke 14:25-35, Yeshua is talking about the cost of discipleship. There are many crowds that were going along with Him but most were just along for the ride, to see the signs and wonders (Luke 14:25). Many believed in Him but only a few were prepared to count the cost of discipleship, to do what was needed to follow Him (Luke 14:26-27). In fact, He actively dissuades people from doing so on several recorded occasions (Matthew 19:16-22, Luke 9:57-62, John 6:26-68). Yeshua didn't make it easy for people to follow in Him, so why do we? In doing so, we are setting people up for failure. We are, in fact, so caught up in 'scoring one for heaven' that we are defrauding them of the truth. The life of a disciple of Yeshua is not an easy one – it will cost us everything, even our lives, and if we start along this journey and can't continue, we will become like salt that has lost its saltiness; not good for anything other than to be thrown out and trampled under foot (Luke 14:28-35).

The gospel of salvation has become, in many cases, a self-centered, egotistical scorecard, so that we can say, "Look at all the souls I've won for heaven," or "Lord, Lord, didn't I do all these things in Your name (Matthew 7:22)?" Jesus called us to preach the gospel of the kingdom and to make disciples (Matthew 28:16-20), and a big part of that is helping people to accurately count the cost of making the decision to follow Him.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What does it actually mean, to make a decision for Christ?
2. How do we prepare people to count the cost of making that decision?

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Day 175 – Ephesians 4–6

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Hope is always bound up with faith and love; these three are as the three-stranded chord of the Trinity: Faith = Father, Spirit = Hope, and Love = the Son.

Jenner

Notes:

Memory Verse:

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma." Ephesians 5:1-2

Daily Devotion

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the might of His strength. Put on the full armour of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places." Ephesians 6:10-12

We are at war! And while a war rages over the land of Israel in the natural, it is just a reflection of the war that is raging in the heavenlies. This is a global spiritual battle, and we are called up as soldiers to fight alongside YHWH Tza'vaot, YHWH of hosts. Our battle is not on the ground, against flesh and blood, but in the heavenly realm "...against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places." The battle lines are drawn, and those who are ensnared in the deceit of the enemy are becoming more and more evident. You are either standing with Israel or against her, and the fact that these are the battle lines that have been drawn globally is the greatest evidence we have that this is a battle of spiritual forces. There is no other explanation for the worldwide rise in antisemitism we've seen since the moment Israel was invaded and attacked by Hamas terrorists. Just as there are still hostages being held in Gaza, there are many being held captive in the spirit realm, and it is part of our job to set the captives free. That is what our warfare is about. To set the captives free and usher in the kingdom of YHWH and of His anointed King.

Prayer: Abba Father, show me Your ways and teach me Your paths, train my hands for battle, my arms to bend a bow of bronze. Prepare me daily for the battle that is before me. Amen.

Bible Study

"But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. For this reason it says, 'Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.' Therefore look carefully how you walk, not as unwise but wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." Ephesians 5:13-16

What does the apostle Paul mean when he says, "But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light"?

I believe the answer to this question lies in verses 11 and 14. In Ephesians 5:11, when Paul says not to participate in the deeds of darkness but instead to even expose them, he is not talking about exposing those deeds to the light of day and the scrutiny of man, for the purpose of shaming and humiliating those who are participating in them; but rather, to expose them to the light of Messiah, for the purpose of redemption and transformation.

Why do I think that? Because of Ephesians 5:14. This was Paul's purpose in exposing the works of darkness: So that the light of Messiah shining on those who perform those deeds will awaken them from the dead, causing them to rise to new life in Messiah and their works be transformed from deeds of darkness into light (Ephesians 5:7-10). And that in so doing, we will become imitators of God (Ephesians 5:1-2).

Discuss:

Question:

1. What is the difference between exposing the deeds of darkness to the light of day, and exposing them to the light of the love of our Messiah?

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Day 176 – Leviticus 7-9

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*Let us wash the cosmetics
from our souls and look at the
unadorned condition of our hearts.
Francis Frangipane*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'So Moses took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood which was on the altar and sprinkled it on Aaron, on his garments, on his sons, and on the garments of his sons with him; and he set Aaron apart as holy, his garments and his sons and the garments of his sons with him.'

Leviticus 8:30

Daily Devotion

"Then He brought near the second ram, the ram of ordination, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram. And Moses slaughtered it and took some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aaron's right ear and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot." Leviticus 8:22-23

The blood of the ordination is placed on the right ear, the right thumb and the right foot, because most people's dominant side is their right side. The dominant ear, the dominant hand, and the dominant foot are being set apart as holy to YHWH.

Why the ear? They are to hear the word of YHWH and obey it!

The hand? All that they do, every action they take, is in the service of YHWH!

The foot? They are to walk in righteousness and holiness!

We, too, are set apart as a kingdom of priests to YHWH (Exodus 19:6, Isaiah 61:6, Revelation 1:6).

Prayer: Abba Father, I set myself apart to You and to Your service; I give you my ears so that I may hear Your voice and obey it; I give You my hands, that everything I do would be in Your service and for Your glory; I give You my feet, guide me in the way of righteousness for Your name's sake. Amen.

Bible Study

"...And the glory of YHWH appeared to all the people. Then fire came out from before YHWH and consumed the burnt offering and the portions of the fat on the altar. And all the people saw it and shouted and fell on their faces." Leviticus 9:23b-24

The Tabernacle has been completed (Exodus 39:43-40:2, Ephesians 2:20-22), and Aaron and his sons have been set apart and ordained as priests to YHWH (Leviticus 8:1-36, 1 Peter 2:9, Revelation 1:6). They have performed the sacrifices for the people (Leviticus 9:8-21, Hebrews 9:11-28), and Moses and Aaron have blessed the people (Leviticus 9:22-23, Matthew 5:1-12, 23:39). And only then did the glory of YHWH appear to all the people (Matthew 24:23-27).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. As we have discussed previously, the tabernacle is a type of things to come. So what piece/s of this picture have already been fulfilled?
2. What piece/s are in progress or yet to be fulfilled?

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Day 177 – 1 Kings 19–22

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"Righteousness exalts a nation."
Proverbs 14:34a

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Then a man of God came near and spoke to the king of Israel and said, 'Thus says YHWH, 'because the Arameans have said, 'YHWH is a god of mountains, but He is not a god of the valleys'; therefore I will give all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I am YHWH.'"

1 Kings 20:28

Daily Devotion

"And YHWH said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus, and you will arrive and anoint Hazael king over Aram; and Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint king of Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-melholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place.'" 1 Kings 19:15-16

When there is a transition of power and authority, it is always the prophets of YHWH who usher in that transition before it comes to pass. The king is anointed by the prophet, and in this case, the appointed replacement for the prophet himself, and in the heavenly realm it is done. But the transition takes time to manifest on the earth. We, as the children of YHWH, are called to declare the transition of power from the kingdoms of this world to the kingdom of YHWH and of His Messiah, His anointed. We get to declare and to usher in the the kingdom of Yeshua. That is what it means when we pray, "Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). We are speaking into being the transition of power and authority.

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You for the honour and privilege of ushering in Your kingdom upon the earth. Help me to walk as Your ambassador on the earth as I wait for the manifestation of Your Anointed One to return and take His place on the throne. Amen.

Bible Study

"And the angel of YHWH came again a second time and touched him and said, 'Arise, eat, because the journey is too great for you.' So he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God." 1 Kings 19:7-8

The number of times we see forty days and forty nights mentioned in Scripture leads me to believe that there is something significant in this time frame. From the forty days and forty nights of rain that flooded the earth (Genesis 7:4), forty days for the embalming of Israel (Genesis 50:1-3), the forty days and forty nights that Moses spent on the mountain fasting, when he received the stone tablets, and again after the first stone tablets were shattered (Exodus 24:18, 34:28); the forty days that the spies were searching out the promised land (Numbers 13:25), and the forty years, one year for each of those forty days that the Israelites wandered in the wilderness (Numbers 14:34). Forty days that the Philistine taunted the army of Israel (1 Samuel 17:16), forty days that Ezekiel lay on his right side, bearing the iniquity of Judah a day for each year (Ezekiel 4:6), forty days of warning for Nineveh (Jonah 3:4), and Yeshua spending forty days and forty nights fasting in the wilderness (Matthew 4:2, Mark 1:13, Luke 4:2). And then after His resurrection, Yeshua appeared to His disciples over a period of forty days (Acts 1:3). If you research forty days and forty nights in the Bible, you'll find lots of speculation about past events, but one thing I know for certain is that patterns like this that we see in Scripture always have a real time significance, a spiritual application, and a prophetic component that points to future events and times. God very often calls His people to fast for forty days and forty nights, particularly if they are seeking breakthrough in a particular area. Keep your eyes open for this time frame, it may have significant impact on future, or even current, events

Discuss:

Question:

1. Has YHWH used forty days and forty nights to impact your life? understanding of His word and His ways pure?

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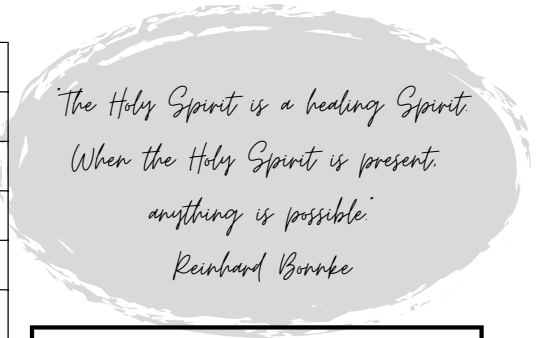
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Day 178 – Psalms 75–77

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Memory Verse:

"I shall remember the deeds of Yah; surely I will remember Your wonders of old. I will meditate on all Your work and muse on Your deeds. O God, Your way is holy; what god is great like God? You are the God who works wonders. You have made known Your strength among the peoples. You have by Your arm redeemed Your people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph."

Psalm 77:11-15

Daily Devotion

"You made Your cause to be heard from heaven; the earth feared and was quiet when God arose to judgement, to save all the humble of the earth. "

Psalm 76:8-9

The day will come when YHWH will answer the cry of His people, when He rises up in judgement. And in that day, there will be no doubt about Who it is that defends Israel. The nations that rage against YHWH and His anointed will be silenced. God, who is known in Judah, whose name is great in Israel, will be known in all the earth (Psalm 76:1-3). All battles and warfare will cease (Psalm 76:4-7). All the rulers of the nations will bow before Him (Psalm 76:11-12).

I choose to delight in His presence now, while He is showing Himself in His patience, love and compassion (Isaiah 55:6-7).

Prayer: Abba Father, I look to You and seek Your face; teach me Your ways, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

Bible Study

"My voice rises to God, and I must cry aloud; my voice rises to God, and He will hear me. " Psalm 77:1

Psalm 77 is a cry to YHWH in the midst of distress (Psalm 77:1-10). It is a journey through grief and despair to the remembering of all the awesome deeds of YHWH (Psalm 77:11-15). His ways lead to the edge of despair, and then through the deep waters to the other side. God's ways shake the world to its core, but those who trust in Him are led in safety (Psalm 77:16-20).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What changes how we see what we're going through?
2. Why is it important to remember what YHWH has done in the past?

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Day 179 – Proverbs 7

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*'We need worship for our spirit,
fellowship for our soul, and
committed subservience for our body.'
Larry Norman*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

My son, keep my words and treasure my commandments within you. Keep my commandments and live, and my law as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart. Proverbs 7:1-3

Daily Devotion

"Say to wisdom, 'You are my sister', and call understanding your intimate friend; in order to keep you from the strange woman, from the foreign woman who flatters with her words. " Proverbs 7:4-5

Proverbs 7 is a warning to young men to avoid being entangled in adultery.

And while this advice is good in and of itself, today we are going to look at this in the spiritual sense. Many times in Scripture, we see the people of Israel being chastised by YHWH for committing adultery by going after false gods, gods they have not known, foreign gods. In Proverbs 7, the young man goes to his doom enticed by the words and actions of the adulteress – she's made everything sound and smell and look so good that he doesn't realise the danger he's in. And so it is in our modern society. There are so many things that seem so good but are, in fact, false gods and idols dressed up to seem like something else. It takes wisdom and understanding to be able to see through the facade to what lies beneath. "Say to wisdom, 'You are my sister,' and call understanding your intimate friend", remembering that it is the awe and wonder of YHWH that is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 1:7).

Prayer: Abba Father, cause me to cling to You, to make wisdom my intimate friend so that I am not fooled by the lies of the enemy of my soul, who would lead me into the adultery of idolatry. Help me to recognise anything in my life that is seeking to take Your place so that I can remove it far from me. Amen.

Bible Study

"So now, my sons, listen to me and pay attention to the words of my mouth. Do not let your heart go astray into her ways, do not wander into her pathways. For many are the slain whom she has cast down, and numerous are all those killed by her. The ways to Sheol are in her house, descending to the chambers of death. " Proverbs 7:24-27

Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through Me" (John 14:6). This is a very unpopular opinion right now. People today have bought in to the deception that they can choose their own way, their own truth. But anything else that you may believe in, anything else that you put your trust in, anything or anyone else that you follow, will only lead to death.

What is death? In the ultimate sense, it is separation from our Father, our Creator. When our own opinions have become more important to us than our relationship with God, they have become an idol and we have fallen in to idolatry.

The very first commandment is this: "You shall have no other gods before Me" (Exodus 20:1-6). The problem is that in our society, the things that we put before YHWH are not idols of silver and gold, for the most part. They are idols of opinion, of self identity, of consumption and convenience, of offence. These false gods that have risen up at this time do not present themselves as gods, and so it's easy to fall into the trap of idolising them without even realising it. We have fallen into the sin of trying to recreate ourselves in our own image, and in doing so, we have become our own idol. Wisdom is our best friend when it comes to avoiding the traps and seduction of idolatry. If you lack wisdom, ask for it (James 1:5).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. In what ways has idolatry crept into the church?
2. What can we do about it?

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Day 180 – Ezekiel 13–18

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Insight is the God-given ability for you to know your identity, your kingdom ID, your spiritual DNA, your uniqueness in the earth and in the body of Christ. There is no one like you.
Chuck Pierce

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Do I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked," declares Lord YHWH. 'is it not that he should turn from his ways and live?' ... 'For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies,' declares Lord YHWH. 'Therefore, turn back and live.'" Ezekiel 18:23, 32

Daily Devotion

"Son of man, if a country sins against me by committing unfaithfulness, and I stretch out My hand against it, break its staff of bread, send famine against it, and cut off from it both man and beast, even though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job were in its midst, by their own righteousness they could only deliver themselves," declares Lord YHWH. "
Ezekiel 14:13-14

If you are wondering how to pray for your nation, especially in the midst of current events on the world stage, then let these verses guide you (Ezekiel 14:12-23). The judgement in these cases is for unfaithfulness and that judgement, whatever it may be, will stand. Even if Noah, Job, and Daniel turned up, they could only save themselves by their righteousness. And therein lies the key to our prayers. Each person will stand by their own righteous deeds (Ezekiel 18:1-4, 9). We, through our prayer, may not be able to change the fate of our nation but we can surely have a powerful impact on the lives of individuals within the nation (Ezekiel 18:21-22, James 5:13-20). Who knows, if enough individuals turn to YHWH and walk in righteousness, maybe the nation will turn in repentance to YHWH and He will relent (Jonah 3:5-10)

Prayer: Abba Father, give me wisdom to know how to pray for my nation that has committed the sin of unfaithfulness toward You. Highlight to me the individuals You would have me pray for within my nation, and those You would seek to touch through my life, my words, and my actions. Cause me to walk in faithfulness and righteousness before You. Amen.

Bible Study

"Thus says the Lord YHWH, 'Woe to the wickedly foolish prophets who are walking after their own spirit and have seen nothing. O Israel, your prophets have been like foxes among waste places. You have not gone up into the breaches, nor did you build the wall around the house of Israel to stand in the battle on the day of YHWH.' " Ezekiel 13:3-5

One of the main purposes for the prophetic is prophetic intercession for the nation. It is the role of the prophetic to go into the breaches and build the spiritual walls around our nation. To stand in the gap, to secure the borders. To stand on the walls as watchmen and declare what we see coming. And most importantly, to only speak what we hear YHWH speaking.

In Ezekiel 13:1-16, YHWH is declaring His wrath towards the prophets who are speaking words in His name when He has not sent them (Ezekiel 13:1-8); who are declaring peace when there is no peace, who are patching the breaches in the walls with words that have no substance; white-washing over a structure that cannot not stand, to make it appear like a defence, leaving the people vulnerable to attack, oblivious to their danger (Ezekiel 13:10-16).

God's judgement upon these prophets is threefold:

1. Because they will be shown to be speaking lies in the name of YHWH, they will not be in the council of His people (Ezekiel 13:9, 12).
2. Their names will not be written in the register of the house of Israel.
3. They will not enter the land of Israel.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What are the prophets of Israel guilty of?
2. How does that compare with the modern prophetic movement?

Answers:

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Day 181 – Luke 15–16

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*'Christ not only died for all He died
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Billy Graham*

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Memory Verse:

"He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much, and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you." Luke 16:10-11

Daily Devotion

"And both the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.'" Luke 15:2

This complaint of the scribes and Pharisees prompted Yeshua to tell a series of parables about something that was lost being found, and the celebration that ensues. There are several things to take note of: Firstly, for something to be lost, it had to belong to you in the first place. God is not searching for what is not His.

Secondly, there are three types of losses that are mentioned: The sheep that is lost out in the field, the coin that is lost in the house, and the son that is lost to the world. Thirdly, these three examples of losses prompt three different types of searching: The shepherd leaves the ninety-nine sheep in the open field and goes after the one, searching the surrounding area until he finds it; the woman searches by cleaning her whole house, putting everything in order so that there is no place left for the coin to hide in; and lastly, the father waits at his door, praying and looking for his son to return to him.

Here's some food for thought: These three different searchers, and the way they search, are a picture of the Godhead. The shepherd who physically goes out and lays himself on the line for the lost sheep is Yeshua, our Messiah, who gave Himself for us. The woman who sweeps and cleans the house is the Holy Spirit, who searches out our innermost being, shedding light on every aspect of our life until every part of us is found and restored. And the Father who waits for our return, well, that speaks for itself.

The one unifying factor in all of these parables is the celebration that occurs! All of heaven rejoices over one sinner who was lost, and now is found.

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You! Thank You, that You leave nothing to chance, when You seek out Yours who are lost, You will not rest until they are found, each and every one. Amen.

Bible Study

"I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. " Luke 15:7

This is a very interesting statement that Yeshua makes to the Pharisees and scribes. He is not saying that they are righteous and don't need to repent. What He is doing is acknowledging that this is what they think. They think of themselves as righteous because of their knowledge and adherence to the traditions of men that they have built around the Law. They see themselves as righteous and therefore cannot see their need for repentance (John 9:39-41). But their righteousness is by the work of their own flesh, and therefore only benefits them on an earthly level, and to YHWH it is but filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). Yeshua says, "For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:20).

Heaven rejoices over one sinner who repents, but the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees doesn't even grant them entrance into the heavenlies, let alone a party to celebrate it. Their righteous acts are done to try to earn the reward of entrance into the kingdom, but it is faith alone that causes repentance, and the reward of faith is imputed righteousness (Luke 15:17-19, Genesis 15:6).

The Scriptures tell us that there is no one righteous, that all need to come to repentance (Psalm 14:1-3, 53:1-3, 143:2, Romans 3:10-12, 2 Peter 3:9, Romans 3:21-28).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What is it that the angels in heaven are celebrating?
2. What was it that prompted Jesus to make this statement?

Answers:

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Day 182 – Philippians 1-2

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*A moment of insight from God is worth
more than a lifetime of experience.
John Paul Jackson*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, because of your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now. For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:3-6

Daily Devotion

"For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake." Philippians 1:29

Has it ever occurred to you that suffering for Christ's sake is an honour and privilege that is granted to you by YHWH, just as it was granted to you to believe in Him (John 6:44-47)? Jesus speaks of this many times (Matthew 5:11-12, 10:16-22). This does not mean you should go out seeking suffering, persecution or martyrdom – to do so would be foolishness, and seeking after vain glory through the works of the flesh. But when you are in a place where a choice must be made between these things and denying Christ or disobeying the word of YHWH, then rejoice in the suffering, knowing that your reward is with YHWH (1 Peter 2:19-21, 3:14-18, 4:16, 5:6-10).

Prayer: Abba Father, thank you for the honour and privilege of knowing Your Son Yeshua. Grow my love for Him to such an extent that I would endure anything rather than to deny Him, for it is Your perfect love that casts out all fear. Amen.

Bible Study

"Have this way of thinking in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although existing in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a slave, by being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. " Philippians 2:5-8

Many people have tried to define what it was about David that made him "a man after God's own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14). We find the answer here in Philippians 2:5-8. David truly had this way of thinking in himself - having been anointed king over Israel, he did not regard the kingship as something to grasp at, but took on the form of a servant and humbled himself in obedience to the word of YHWH.

This example we have in both David and of Yeshua, the Son of David, is one we should strive to emulate, not grasping after what God has already said is ours, but emptying ourselves before God and walking in obedience to Him (Romans 12:2).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What are some examples of when David did not grasp at the kingship?
2. How did Jesus learn obedience?

Answers:

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