





VOLUME 7

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 chronological 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 183 – Leviticus 10–12

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*Don't waste your time
consuming what makes you weak.
Spend your time pressing in for
the Presence.
Heidi Baker*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'For I am YHWH who brought you up from the land of Egypt to be your God: thus You shall be holy, for I am holy.' Leviticus 11:45

Daily Devotion

*"Then Moses said to Aaron and to his sons Eleazar and Ithamar,
'Do not uncover your heads nor tear your clothes, so that you
will not die and so that He will not become wrathful against all
the congregation. But your relatives, the whole house of Israel,
shall weep over the burning which YHWH has brought about. "
Leviticus 10:6*

Something terrible has happened: Two of Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, have done what YHWH had not commanded them to do, and YHWH has consumed them with fire (Leviticus 10:1-3). YHWH gave very specific instructions regarding the incense offering (Leviticus 16:12, Exodus 30:34-38). There was a very specific blend of incense that was set apart for use in the tabernacle and the fire used was to be the fire from the altar. We aren't told what fire or incense they did use, but it was not what had been commanded, what had been set apart as holy to YHWH. Aaron and his remaining sons, because they are still set apart for the service of YHWH, are even commanded to not mourn for their sons and brothers in case they bring YHWH's wrath on the whole congregation of Israel, as they are the mediators between YHWH and the congregation. We are all aware of the sin of not doing what YHWH has commanded, breaking the Law or commandments, but how often do we think about the sin of doing what YHWH has not commanded?

Prayer:

Abba Father, give me ears to hear and a heart willing to obey, that I might know Your ways, that I may know You, and find favour in Your sight. Amen.

Bible Study

"Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective firepans and put fire in them. Then they placed incense on it and offered strange fire before YHWH, which He had not commanded them. And fire came out from the presence of YHWH and consumed them, and they died before YHWH. Then Moses said to Aaron, 'It is what YHWH spoke, saying, "By those who come near Me I will be treated as holy, and before all the people I will be glorified." ' So Aaron kept silent. " Leviticus 10:1-3

Aaron and his sons have just gone through an extensive process of ordination, to set them apart as holy to YHWH and to the service of the tabernacle. And then the offering of the first sin offerings for the congregation of Israel, the blessing of the people, and the glory of YHWH descending on the tabernacle, which we saw in Leviticus chapters 8 and 9. But it would seem that, even after all that, the significance of the holiness of YHWH was not recognized by Nadab and Abihu. These two sons of Aaron took it upon themselves to offer strange fire before YHWH, even after YHWH had given specific instructions regarding the incense offering (Leviticus 16:12, Exodus 30:9, 34-38). Now, we are not told what fire and incense they offered but we do know it was not what YHWH commanded. We read a similar account in 1 Samuel 15, where Saul is disobedient to the voice of YHWH (1 Samuel 15:19-23).

Rebellion is not always loud and angry - many times it is much more subtle and deceptive. The subtle voice that says, 'You don't have to do exactly as YHWH said, this way would be easier, or simpler, and you can offer what you do to Him; what He said isn't really meant to be a rule, it can be a guideline.' And so on. But YHWH says, "...By those who come near Me, I will be treated as holy, and before all the people, I will be glorified." (Leviticus 10:3b)

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What is the difference between not doing what YHWH commanded, and doing what YHWH did not command?
2. What is another example of someone set apart to YHWH who did what YHWH had not commanded?

Answers:

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Day 184 - 2 Kings 1-5

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'Become so intimate with Jesus, so full of Him, that it does not matter what challenges in life present themselves to you. You will be so spiritually full that you can feed a multitude of other people's needs. Jesus will give you more than enough.' Heidi Baker

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'Now a man came from Baal-shalishah, and brought the man of God bread of the first fruits, twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. And he said, 'Give them to the people that they may eat.' And his attendant said, 'What, will I give this before one hundred men?' But he said, 'Give them to the people that they may eat, for thus says YHWH, 'They shall eat and have some left over.'" So he gave it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of YHWH.' 2 Kings 4:42-44

Daily Devotion

"Then his servants approached and spoke to him and said, 'My father, had the prophet spoken with you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, "Wash, and be clean"?"' 2 Kings 5:13

Sometimes the thing that YHWH requires of us seems so simple and unimpressive that we are tempted to reject it out of pride and arrogance. This whole account of the healing of Naaman is a lesson in humility; of the 'great' taking the advice of those beneath them. It all starts with a little girl from the land of Israel, who has been taken captive and is a slave to Naaman's wife (2 Kings 5:1-5). And when Naaman is given instructions by Elisha to wash seven times in the Jordan river, he becomes furious, but once again he is advised, this time by his servants (2 Kings 5:8-13). And because of his willingness to humble himself and listen to the voice of his servants, he acts in obedience to the word of YHWH and is cleansed from the leprosy (2 Kings 5:14-19).

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to be obedient to what You speak to me, even if it seems foolish or "beneath me"; help me to put aside foolish pride, and walk in humility with You. Amen.

Bible Study

"Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, 'Go, sell the oil and pay your debt, and you and your sons can live on the rest.' " 2 Kings 4:7

When the widow of the prophet comes to Elisha for help, YHWH's provision for her is more than enough. This is a theme that we see throughout Scripture (2 Kings 4:42-44, Matthew 14:13-21, 15:29-39). But unlike the feeding of the 5,000 and the 4,000, the widow's provision is dependent upon her faith and her willingness to be obedient to what the prophet tells her. Like the widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:8-16), it is faith expressed in obedience that ensured the abundance of the provision (2 Kings 4:3-6). If she had only collected a few jars, she may have only had enough to pay her debt, if that. But because she listened and obeyed, she had enough oil to pay her debt and for her and her sons to live on the rest. Sometimes the results we see are dependent on our obedience to what YHWH is telling us, our faith expressed in obedience (2 Kings 3:16-18, 13:18-19).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What are some examples of faith expressed in obedience that are found in Scripture?
2. What is an example of faith expressed in obedience from your life?

Answers:

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Day 185 – Psalms 78–80

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*Faith does not operate in the realm
of the possible. There is no glory for God
in that which is humanly possible.
Faith begins where man's power ends.*

George Muller

Notes:

Memory Verse

"Give ear, O my people, to my instruction: incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable: I will pour forth dark sayings of old, which we have heard and known, and our fathers have recounted to us. We will not conceal them from their children, but recount to the generation to come the praises of YHWH, and His strength and His wondrous deeds that He has done." Psalm 78:1-4

Daily Devotion

"Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; and deliver us and atone for our sins for Your name's sake. Why should the nations say, 'Where is their God?'" Psalm 79:9-10a

If you are unsure how to pray for Israel, the Psalms are a good place to start. So many of them are a cry from the heart on behalf of Israel, and describe well what Israel is currently dealing with. Like the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples (Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:1-4), the Psalms make a great template for our own prayers and give us language we can use to express what is on our hearts. So whether you are reading and praying the Psalms directly or using them to help you express your own thoughts, they are a great tool to have in your prayer arsenal.

Prayer: Abba Father, just as the disciples asked You to teach them how to pray, I ask You to teach me how to pray for Your people Israel in these last days. Empower me with the tools I need to pray both fervently and effectively to the glory of Your great name. Amen.

Bible Study

"For He established a testimony in Jacob and set a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers that they should teach them to their children, that the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, that they may arise and recount them to their children, that they should set their confidence in God and not forget the deeds of God, but observe His commandments, and not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that did not prepare its heart and whose spirit was not faithful to God." Psalms 78:5-8

Over and over in Scripture, the people of God are commanded to remember what YHWH has done, to teach their children, so that they in turn can recount His wondrous deeds to the next generation, a generation yet to be born. Why? So that they will put their confidence in God, remember His deeds, and observe His commandments.

Remember, teach, recount. Or to put it another way, meditate on YHWH, His deeds and His word, teach others about Him and His word, and tell the stories of Him – His working, and walking, with His people. Tell the stories of all that He has done and will do, for those who call on His name. When you are recounting something, you're not lecturing or preaching, nor are you telling anyone what they ought to do; you're relating what happened as you remember it, either because it's your own story or because it was passed down to you.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Do you know the word of God well enough to recount the stories it contains?
2. What are some of the Scriptures where YHWH commands His people to remember and teach?
3. What is your God story that you can recount to others?

Answers:

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Day 186 – Proverbs 8–9

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*If you love God's presence, you have favour.
One minute of God's presence can accomplish
more than 20 years of your striving.
Heidi Baker*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Whoever is simple, let him turn in here! To him who lacks a heart of wisdom she says, 'Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Forsake your simplicity and live, and step into the way of understanding.'"

Proverbs 9:4-6

Daily Devotion

"Take my discipline and not silver, and knowledge rather than choicest fine gold. For wisdom is better than pearls; and all desirable things cannot compare with her. I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion." Proverbs 8:10-12

Wisdom brings discipline, prudence, knowledge and discretion.

Discipline – An activity, exercise, or regime that develops or improves a skill.

Prudence – Caution, care, the ability to use good judgement.

Knowledge – Facts, information, and skills acquired by a person through experience or education.

Discretion – The power or right to decide or act according to one's own judgement; freedom of judgement or choice.

All desirable things, and all come with wisdom.

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that You give wisdom freely to those who ask, and that with wisdom comes so much more than we could ask or think. Amen.

Bible Study

"Then I was beside Him, as a master workman; and I was a daily delight, rejoicing always before Him, rejoicing in the world, His earth, my delight is in the sons of men. So now, O sons, listen to me, for blessed are they who keep my ways." Proverbs 8:30-32

What an awesome picture this conjures up in my mind! Wisdom dancing with delight in YHWH's presence as she, a master workman, works beside Him (verse 30). But what really strikes me is this: That Wisdom rejoices, not just in His presence, but in the world, YHWH's earth, and in the sons of men (verse 31). How often do we recognize these things as the fruit of wisdom in our own lives? We, as believers, are called to dwell in His presence, to co-labour with Him to bring about His will and His word, and to rejoice in His creation. The earth is YHWH's and all it contains, and if we have the wisdom of God, we will rejoice in it (Psalm 92:4); His creation, that He has entrusted to us to steward (Genesis 1:26-28). When we walk in the ways of wisdom, we too are His daily delight

Discuss:

Question:

1. How does your image of wisdom compare with what we see in this passage?

Answer:

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Day 187 – Ezekiel 19–24

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The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety.
George Muller

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Then you will know that I am YHWH when I have dealt with you for My name's sake, not according to your evil ways or according to your corrupt deeds. O house of Israel," declares Lord YHWH." Ezekiel 20:44

Daily Devotion

"Then the word of YHWH came to me, saying, 'Now as for you, son of man, will you judge, will you judge the city of blood? Then you shall cause her to know all her abominations.'" Ezekiel 22:1-2

We know that the Scriptures tell us not to judge others (Matthew 7:1-5). But over and over in Scripture, we see the prophets called and commanded to judge nations and leaders of nations. And not just to judge, but also to declare YHWH's judgement over a nation and/or its leaders.

What is the purpose of the prophets' judging? It is to cause the nation to know their sin, so that they can come to repentance before the judgment of YHWH comes to pass, and maybe He will relent of His judgement (Jonah 3:4-10). The prophets act as the conscience of the nations.

Prayer:

Abba Father, cause me to know Your voice and Your heart so well that I know when to speak Your judgment over a nation or leaders of a nation, and know that the authority I speak from is that I stand before You. Help me to recognise the difference between when I'm speaking over a nation and speaking with an individual; but in both cases, help me to only speak what I hear You saying. Amen.

Bible Study

"As a soothing aroma I will accept you when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered; and I will prove Myself holy among you in the sight of the nations. " Ezekiel 20:41

The wording of this verse is really very interesting, and is worth a much closer examination. "As a soothing aroma I will accept you...". When we look at what YHWH accepts as a soothing aroma in the Scriptures, we see that this is a phrase that is used regarding the offerings of the Law and the tabernacle, a burnt offering going up as a soothing aroma to YHWH.

So what does that mean when He is talking about people, the people of Israel, and those who have been grafted into Israel by the blood of Yeshua?

When YHWH speaks of a pleasing aroma, He is most often speaking about a sacrifice. Either the sacrifice of an animal, or grain and incense, as a peace offering, grain offering, guilt offering, burnt offering or sin offering (Exodus 29:18, Leviticus 1-7). But He also describes the prayers of the saints as a soothing aroma (Revelation 5:8, 8:3-4), and also a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving (Psalm 50:14, Hebrews 13:15-16); and a life lived as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in the beloved, is described as giving off the aroma of Christ (Romans 12:1, 2 Corinthians 2:14-16, 1 Peter 2:4-5). And finally, a life given up because of the name and calling of YHWH (Psalm 116:15-17, Revelations 6:9-11).

We will be accepted as a soothing aroma to YHWH, either as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in the beloved, living our lives as dead to self and alive to Christ, the fragrance of Christ to God (Ephesians 5:2); or, if He wills it, by giving our life in His service or for the glory of His name.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Why does God require us to live a “crucified” life?
2. And do we truly understand the pleasing aroma created by our surrendered life, as something described in the Old Testament Scriptures?

Answers:

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Day 188 – Luke 17–18

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*'If you stand, worship, and love God
in the midst of lack and difficulty,
you will never lose.'
Heidi Baker*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'And they were bringing even their babies to Him so that He would touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they were rebuking them. But Jesus called for them, saying, 'Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.' Luke 18:15-17

Daily Devotion

"And the apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!'" Luke 17:5

I love this verse because it is very often the cry of my own heart. But what is interesting here is what prompted the disciples to say this (Luke 17:3-4), and Jesus' response (Luke 17:6-10). Jesus' command to His disciples to forgive their brother even if he sins against them seven times in a day, and repents, caused them to ask Him to increase their faith. Jesus' response, once again, points out how little faith they have (Matthew 8:26, 14:29-31, 16:8, 17:19-20, 21:21-22, Mark 4:40, Luke 12:28). That their faith is not even the size of a mustard seed, and that if they need their faith increased just to do what is required of them, they are not worthy of praise or reward.

To put it another way, they are not setting their sights high enough. They should know by this point that if Jesus tells them to do something, He has already given them the power and authority to do it.

Prayer: Abba Father, I pray like the disciples, not that You would increase my faith so that I can do what You have already commanded, but so that I can speak Your word with all confidence, while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place in the name of Your holy Servant, Yeshua. That the miraculous would become my everyday experience, and way of life. Amen.

Bible Study

"Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, 'The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed, nor will they say, "Look, here!" or, "There!" For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst. '" Luke 17:20-21

Sometimes it's all about asking the right question. The Pharisees were questioning Jesus about when the kingdom of God was coming, but if they had been listening to what He had been preaching from the very beginning of His ministry, they would have already known the answer to that question – "the kingdom of God is in Your midst." Jesus gave them nothing more than what He had been preaching for the last three years. The question that the disciples asked is the important question: "...what will be the sign of Your coming?" This question, Jesus answers in great detail (Matthew 24:3-31, Luke 17:22-37)..

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What is the meaning of Luke 17:34-36?
2. What questions would you like to ask Jesus at this time in history?

Answers:

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Day 189 – Philippians 3-4

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Chesed, mercy, love.

It's God's nature. His essence. Don't forget that, through all this, don't forget that Judgement is His necessity, but His nature and essence. His heart is love. He's the One always calling out to the lost to be saved'

Jonathan Cahn

Notes:

Memory Verse

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, consider these things. Philippians 4:6-8

Daily Devotion

"More than that, I count all things to be loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ and be found in Him..." Philippians 3:8-9a

Does this sound extreme to you? Do you consider people who think this way as being the exception rather than the norm? Do you find that you just don't have time in your busy life to spend in God's word or in His presence? Then think about this – Jesus counted everything as loss so that he could gain you (Philippians 2:6-8)! He gave up everything He had with the Father, so that He could become a man, to give His life for you! That's pretty extreme! That's pretty exceptional! And He is worth the time (Matthew 6:33, 19:29, Mark:10:29)!

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to remember all that Jesus has done for me; to comprehend the enormity of what He gave up to gain me, so that I will realise that the very least I can do is to give Him all of my heart, all of my soul, all of my mind, all of my strength. And after having done all that, to realise that I have only just fulfilled the Law to love You. Help me to give generously and joyfully of all that I am and all that I have, and all of my time, as well. That every moment of my day, every word I speak and everything I do, comes from the place of intimate relationship with You, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Bible Study

"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. " Philippians 3:20

It seems that God is reminding His people, at this time, where their citizenship and allegiance lies. It has been so long since Jesus was raised from the dead and promised to return that we have become complacent. We have aligned ourselves with national citizenships and worldly allegiances, and to a degree, this is right and proper; even the exiles of Israel were commanded to seek the prosperity of the place to which they were exiled (Jeremiah 29:7-14). But the time came when they were called to come out of Babylon (Jeremiah 51:45-48, Revelation 18:4-8). The time has come and is now coming for us to remember where our citizenship is, and what our true allegiances are.

For our citizenship is in heaven. We may be walking around on this earth in the natural, but in the Spirit, we are seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus (John 17:15-24, Ephesians 2:4-10). And we await the return of our Messiah and King, when He comes and establishes His kingdom on earth (Matthew 6:10, 24:27-31, 25:1-13, 31-46, Revelation 1:7, 22:12)

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What are the OT Scriptures that Jesus is quoting in Matthew 24:29-31?
2. What Scripture tells us how to know where our allegiance lies?

Answers:

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Day 190 – Leviticus 13–15

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'God is not looking for extraordinary, exceptionally gifted people just laid down lovers of Jesus who will carry His glory with transparency and not take it for themselves.'

Heidi Baker

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'Now on the eighth day he shall take two male lambs without blemish, and a yearling ewe lamb without blemish, and three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering, and one log of oil and the priest who pronounces him clean shall present the man to be cleansed as well as these things before YHWH at the doorway of the tent of meeting.'

Leviticus 14:10-11

Daily Devotion

"Moreover, the rest of the oil that is in the priest's palm he shall put on the head of the one to be cleansed, to make atonement on his behalf before YHWH. "

Leviticus 14:29

The cleansing process for a leper was a long one. Once they have been declared clean, they can reenter the camp, but cannot enter their own tent for another seven days. On the eighth day, they must present themselves to the priest with their offering, a guilt offering, a sin offering and a burnt offering. They are anointed with the blood of the guilt offering and with oil, just as the priests were (Exodus 29:19-20, Leviticus 8:23-24), on the earlobe, and thumb and big toe on their right side, and the last thing the priest does to them is to anoint their head with oil. When YHWH commanded that Aaron and the priests be anointed with blood and oil, it was to set them apart to the service of YHWH wholly and completely; in word, in action, and in life. But for the one being cleansed of leprosy, it is to cleanse them wholly and completely, in word, in action, and in life; no part of them is left unclean. When YHWH cleanses us of our sin, it is just as complete a job. He leaves no part of us tainted by sin; we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb and the oil of the Spirit; in word, in action, and in life. But YHWH takes it one step further, He anoints their head with oil. The anointing of the head with oil symbolises many different things in Scripture, but the one that fits best in this case is seen in Psalm 23:5 – expressing the abundance and overflowing nature of God's healing and care.

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You for the fullness and completeness of Your cleansing work in my life, and the overflowing abundance of Your healing and care for me. Amen.

Bible Study

"The priest shall then take some of the blood of the guilt offering, and the priest shall put it on the lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot. "

Leviticus 14:14

The first time we see the anointing of the earlobe, the thumb and the big toe is in Exodus 29:19-20. This is the form of anointing prescribed for Aaron and his sons as a part of their ordination as priests to YHWH and the service of the tabernacle. We see it again when Moses anoints Aaron and his sons as priests, when they go through their ordination (Leviticus 8:23-24). The symbolism of the earlobe, the thumb and the big toe are generally accepted to be representative of their words, their actions and their lives; and the right side representing power and authority. Therefore, they were set apart as holy in the power and authority of their words, their actions and their lives.

But this time it is slightly different. For Aaron and his sons, they were anointed with the blood of the ordination offering, but for the one being cleansed from leprosy, they are anointed with the blood of the guilt offering and with oil (Leviticus 14:14-17, 25-28). The blood of cleansing is sealed with the oil of anointing.

What a perfect picture of the work that YHWH does in us when we accept Yeshua as our Messiah! The blood of the tabernacle sacrifices is a foreshadowing of Yeshua's sacrifice for us, the shedding of His blood for the forgiveness and cleansing of our sins (Matthew 26:26-28, Philippians 2:6-8, Hebrews 9:18-28, 1 Peter 1:18-21), and the oil - that has always been representative of the Spirit of YHWH, sealing the work of the cross (2 Corinthians 1:21-22, Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:30).

Discuss:

Question:

1. What is the significance of the right earlobe, the right thumb, and the right big toe in the cleansing of the leper, and in our cleansing from in?

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Day 191 – 2 Kings 6–10

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*One of the best gifts we can give ourselves
is time alone with God.*

Joyce Meyer

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'So he said, 'Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.' Then Elisha prayed and said, 'O YHWH, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.' And YHWH opened the eyes of the young man and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.' 2 Kings 6:16-17

Daily Devotion

"While he was still speaking with them, behold, the messenger came down to him and he said, 'Behold, this evil is from YHWH; why should I wait for YHWH any longer?'" 2 Kings 6:33

Multiple times in the past, YHWH has protected the people of Israel and her king from the hand of the king of Aram (2 Kings 6:8-19), but this time the king of Aram has laid siege to Samaria and conditions are so bad that the people are resorting to desperate measures (2 Kings 6:24-29) and the king has decided that it is Elisha and the God before Whom he stands that are to blame (2 Kings 6:30-31). Despite all that YHWH has done for him already, all the wonders He had worked out on his behalf, the king decided he couldn't wait any longer for YHWH to act. How often do we blame God for our circumstances and expect Him to move and act on our timeframe?

How often do we give up on YHWH just before He is about to bring the breakthrough we've been waiting for (2 Kings 7:1,16)?

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that Your timing is always perfect and that all Your ways are always just. Help me to wait on You, trusting fully Your good plans for me. Amen.

Bible Study

"Then the heart of the king of Aram was enraged over this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, 'Will you not tell me which of us is for the king of Israel?' And one of his servants said, 'No, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom.' " 2 Kings 6:11-12

Elisha is so in tune with YHWH, so focused on YHWH at all times, that he sees what YHWH sees and hears what YHWH hears. In fact, there is only one recorded occasion when he doesn't know beforehand why someone came to him, and that was when the son of the Shunammite woman died (2 Kings 4:27). In the account we read today, the king of Aram is being frustrated in his attempts to encamp against Israel. Each time he decides to go to a particular place, Elisha warns the king of Israel and the king of Aram's plans are thwarted, "more than once or twice".

Why was Elisha able to hear from YHWH so clearly, to see into the spirit realm, to know what was happening, even the words spoken in secret by the king? What did he have that we don't? Yes, he had a double portion of the spirit of Elijah (2 Kings 2:9-14); but we have the Spirit of the Living God dwelling in us (John 14:26, Acts 1:8, Romans 8:9). So what is it the Elisha had? He had a deep personal relationship and connection with YHWH; but that relationship is available to us (John 1:12, 15:15, Romans 8:14, Galatians 3:26). So what did he have? I suspect that it comes down to something he didn't have; Elisha didn't have doubt (Proverbs 3:5-8, Matthew 14:31, 21:21, Mark 11:23, James 1:6).

Why aren't we walking in the spirit realm the way Elisha did? We have the Spirit of the Living God, we have the mind of Christ, we are seated in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Why? Because we allow doubt to enter in; we listen to the voice of the deceiver when he says, "Did YHWH really say?"

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What passage of Scripture gives us a prescription for overcoming anxiety and doubt?
2. Write for yourself a structured prayer to help you overcome doubt using Scripture. Here are a few Scriptures you could incorporate into the prayer: Isaiah 41:10, Proverbs 3:5-6, Jeremiah 29:11-13, Hebrews 11:6. But this is your prayer; make it your own.

Answers:

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Day 192 – Psalms 81–83

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*The church changes
the world not by making converts
but by making disciples.*

John Wesley

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"O God, do not remain at rest; do not be silent and, O God, do not be quiet. For behold, Your enemies roar, and those who hate You have lifted up their heads; they make shrewd plans against Your people, and conspire together against Your treasured ones. They have said, 'Come, and let us wipe them out as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more.'" Psalm 83:1-4

Daily Devotion

"Oh that My people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in My ways! I would quickly subdue their enemies and I would turn My hand against their adversaries." Psalm 81:13-14

Here is another Psalm that clearly declares the cry of God's heart for the people and land of Israel. It is also the cry of His heart for His church (Psalm 81:8-16). YHWH's desire is to fill us up with good things but we, on our part, need to be willing to listen and obey. YHWH calls to us, He strives with us, He persistently pursues us by His Spirit, but if we are not willing to hear, to perceive, and to act on what He is speaking to us, we will miss out on the fullness of what YHWH has for us. Over and over in Scripture we see the refrain, "I would have done this for you, but my people would not listen/respond." Let each one of us strive to be those who listen intently for the voice of YHWH, who are sensitive to the touch of the Spirit of YHWH, and who act without question or hesitation on what we hear from YHWH.

Prayer: Abba Father, open the ears of Your people to hear, open our eyes to see, and soften our hearts that we will respond to Your voice without hesitation. That our love for You will be expressed in our obedience to Your word, and our faith in You be expressed by our actions; for hearing without doing and faith without action are irrelevant, having no value in Your kingdom. Amen.

Bible Study

"Arise, O God, judge the earth! For it is You who will inherit all the nations. "
Psalm 82:8

When we say, "Even so come, Lord Jesus!", this is what we are actually praying (Psalm 82:1-8). And we need to remember that judgement starts in the house of God (1 Peter 4:12-19). Are you ready for that (Luke 18:1-8)?

Discuss:

Question:

1. So, how can we live a life of joy in the face of the imminent severity of God?

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Day 193 – Proverbs 10

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'I have never known more than fifteen minutes of anxiety or fear. Whenever I feel fearful emotions overtaking me, I just shut my eyes and thank God that He is still on the throne reigning over everything and I take comfort in His control over the affairs of my life.'
John Wesley

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"The wise of heart will receive commandments, but the ignorant fool of loose lips will be ruined." Proverbs 10:8

Daily Devotion

"Poor is he who works with a slack hand, but the hand of the diligent makes rich. He who gathers in summer is a son who acts insightfully, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who acts shamefully." Proverbs 10:4-5

How we steward what YHWH has given us will determine what we are given authority over in His kingdom (Luke 19:11-27). However little you have, if you steward it well, He will prosper you in what you do (Psalm 90:16-17) and give you more (Matthew 25:14-30). These are basic kingdom principles that we can apply to every aspect of our lives. Where we often fall down is that we have a preconceived idea of what it looks like to prosper, often limited to finances or material things. But it is not unusual for God to strip those He loves of both finances and material possessions temporarily, so that He can prosper their soul. What remains consistent is that we are required to steward well whatever it is the He places in our hands or in our care.

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to work diligently and act insightfully at whatever You give me to do, so that I might glorify Your name and further Your kingdom. Amen.

Bible Study

"The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver, the heart of the wicked is worth little. The lips of the righteous feed many, but ignorant fools die for lack of a heart of wisdom. It is the blessing of YHWH that makes rich, and He adds no pain with it. " Proverbs 10:20-22

Sometimes I think it would be worthwhile getting Proverbs 10:22 tattooed backwards across my forehead so that every time I look in the mirror I'm reminded of this truth. It seems like this may be what's needed to overcome so much of the false teaching that we've grown up with in the church; both poverty doctrine and prosperity doctrine, two extremes that have done so much damage to the way we perceive ourselves and the way we are perceived.

The riches of God are not limited to financial wealth or material things; they extend far beyond that to the riches of the kingdom of YHWH, imperishable and incorruptible. And like all the gifts of YHWH, they are not given for our own purposes but so that through us He can feed many, whether spiritually or materially. And the greatest riches are those of the character He works in us so that we glorify His name no matter what our circumstances may be (Proverbs 30:8-9, Philippians 4:11-13, 2 Corinthians 6:10, 8:9).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What other Scripture verses talk about treasure or riches?
2. Are riches something that either excite or frighten you?

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Day 194 – Ezekiel 25–30

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Ministry, however, is simply loving the person in front of you. It's about stopping for the one and being the very fragrance of Jesus to a lost and dying world.
Heidi Baker

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Memory Verse:

'For thus says Lord YHWH, 'Because you have clapped your hands and stamped your feet and were glad with all the scorn of your soul against the land of Israel, therefore, behold, I have stretched out My hand against you, and I will give you for plunder to the nations. And I will cut you off from the peoples and make you perish from the lands; I will destroy you. Thus you will know that I am YHWH.' Ezekiel 25:6-7

Daily Devotion

"And there will be no more for the house of Israel a prickling brier or a painful thorn from any round about them who scorned them; then they will know that I am Lord YHWH. ' Thus says Lord YHWH, 'When I gather the house of Israel from the peoples, among whom they are scattered, and will manifest My holiness in them in the sight of the nations, then they will live in their land which I gave to My servant Jacob. They will live in it securely; and they will build houses, plant vineyards, and live securely when I execute judgements upon all who scorn them all around them. Then they will know that I am YHWH their God. '" Ezekiel 28:24-26

This gathering of the people of Israel to the land that YHWH gave to their father Jacob is not yet complete (Jeremiah 16:14-21, 23:1-8, 32:36-44), but many of the things that we are seeing happening in the world today, like the global rise in antisemitism, are being used by YHWH to cause His people to return to the land of His inheritance. Often the very thing that we want to pray for God to stop or remove is the very thing that He is using to bring His will to pass. More and more, our prayer needs to be, "Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10), and to be open to YHWH to reveal to us what His will is, rather than trying to impose our will on Him through our prayers.

Prayer: Abba Father, cause Your people, the church, to return to being people of the Word and of the Spirit; knowing Your ways and hearing Your voice, and acting by the power of Your Holy Spirit that You have placed within us; writing Your word on our hearts and pouring Your Spirit into our being. Amen.

Bible Study

"For thus says Lord YHWH, 'At the end of forty years I will gather the Egyptians from the peoples among whom they were scattered. I will return the fortunes of Egypt and make them return to the land of Pathros, to the land of their origin, and there they will be a lowly kingdom. It will be the lowest of the kingdoms, and it will never again lift itself up above the nations. And I will make them so small that they will not have dominion over the nations. And it will never again be the security of the house of Israel, bringing to remembrance the iniquity of their having turned to go after Egypt. Then they will know that I am Lord YHWH. '" Ezekiel 29:13-16

It is YHWH who raises up nations, who establishes them, and it is YHWH who brings them down (Job 12:23-25). The nations who have set themselves against Israel and gloated over her, He will bring to utter destruction (Jeremiah 47:4, 49:17-18, Ezekiel 25:6-7), and those nations He has used to support her in her time of need He will bring down but will restore again (Jeremiah 48:46-47, 49:5-6). And the nations like Egypt, that Israel has turned to for support when they should have been relying on YHWH, He will restore, but in a lowly form so that Israel will no longer look to them again (Ezekiel 29:15-16).

We have in Scripture clear examples of how YHWH is going to judge the nations, and when we look at them, we need to look at our own nations soberly and prepare our hearts accordingly.

Discuss:

Question:

1. How can we pray for our nations in the light of the judgements that are coming upon them?

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Day 195 – Luke 19-20

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The enemy will try to keep you looking to the past, or hoping for the future, because he knows that YHWH dwells in the eternal now. If he can keep you from being present in the moment, in this now, he can keep you from the awareness of YHWH's presence.

Jenner

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Memory Verse:

"Now as soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God, rejoicing with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of YHWH. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, 'Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.' But Jesus answered and said, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones will cry out!'" Luke 19:37-40

Daily Devotion

And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, 'Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house. '" Luke 19:5

How YHWH sees us is very different to how others may see us or even how we see ourselves (1 Samuel 16:6-7), and Zaccheus is a good example of this. Zaccheus is a tax collector, a Jew who worked for the Romans gathering taxes from his own people to give to the Romans, and lining his own pockets with excess taxes that he charged over and above what was required. Tax collectors were despised by both the Jews and the Romans alike. Zaccheus was also short. He was looked down upon in character and in stature. But YHWH knew Zaccheus' heart, He knew his desire to know Him (Luke 19:1-4). Although Zaccheus may have thought he was making plans and preparations to find out who Jesus was, it was YHWH who had already planned for Zaccheus to get to know Yeshua, his Messiah, and for salvation to come to his house that day (Luke 19:5-10).

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that You know my heart and my desire to know more of You, and although my plans may be just to get a peek at You as You pass by, it is Your plan to come in and stay in my house; to dwell in me. Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be clean, wash me and I will be whiter than snow, purify my heart so that it is a dwelling place worthy of You, as I say, Yes! Even so, come Lord Yeshua. Amen.

Bible Study

"Now while they were listening to these things, Jesus went on to tell a parable, because He was near Jerusalem, and they thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear immediately. " Luke 19:11

Jesus tells the parable that follows because He was aware that they thought the kingdom of God was about to appear immediately (Luke 19:12-27). But despite the parable and the many other occasions when He let them know that He would be leaving them and would then return (John 7:33, 14:18-20, 16:16-18), they still tried to force His hand as He entered Jerusalem. They could not hear what He was saying because they were hoping for something else (John 16:5-12).

We, too, have been told ahead of time what to expect in these last days (the last days began the moment Jesus died and rose again), but somehow, we, like the disciples, fail to hear what He's saying, and hope for things to work out according to our own desires. Unwilling to see the signs of the times.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Why did Jesus bother telling His disciples beforehand what was going to happen, if they did not hear Him?
2. What Scripture verses answer question one?

Answers:

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Day 196 – Colossians 1-2

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There is a spiritual war mode we must appropriate. It is an aggressive stance that we take against evil. It is governed by love for people but it is fearless and uncompromising with the powers of darkness that manipulate people to fulfill evil plans.
Francis Frangipane

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Memory Verse:

'Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on the earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things have been created through Him and for Him.' Colossians 1:15-16

Daily Devotion

"Who rescued us from the authority of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of the Son of His love." Colossians 1:13

Have you ever thought about that? We think about the kingdom of God, the kingdom of heaven; but we have been transferred into the kingdom of the Son of His love! Let that sink in for a minute, and see how that changes the colour of what you see in your minds' eye when you think about it! Each one of these names conjures up different images; the kingdom of God may cause you to think about the Ancient of Days sitting on the jasper throne, with the twenty-four elders bowed before Him and their crowns at His feet (Revelation 4:2-4, 8-11); the kingdom of heaven may solicit images of clouds and harps and trumpets and ethereal beings (Ezekiel 10:3-5, 14-20, 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18, 1 Chronicles 15:28, Revelation 14:2-3); but when I read about the kingdom of the Son of His love, suddenly it becomes personal, so much closer to home, and closer to my heart. All of these images are right and true, but this last one is the one that captures my heart and imagination.

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You for the privilege for being an ambassador of the kingdom of the Son of Your love, of being able to walk and live according to the paradigm of the kingdom of the Son of Your love, to know Him, to love Him, and be transformed into the image of the Son of Your love. Amen.

Bible Study

*"Him we proclaim, admonishing every man and teaching every man
with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. "*
Colossians 1:28

This is the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, to whom God willed to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is, Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:26-27). And this is the gospel of the kingdom being worked out in the lives of individuals. This is discipleship. Our calling, the Great Commission, is to preach the gospel of the kingdom of the Son of YHWH's love (Colossians 1:13), and make disciples of every nation (Matthew 28:19-20). This church in Colossae is not even one that Paul has personally planted (Colossians 1:3-8) but his love for the believers is so strong that he is discipling them, growing them up into the fullness of Christ, so that he can present every man to God, complete in Christ Jesus (Colossians 1:28).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How can we cultivate a heart and culture of discipleship within the church?
2. What are three practical things you can think of, that you can do?

Answers:

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Day 197 – Leviticus 16–18

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*"May my prayer be
established as incense before You the lifting
up of my hands as the evening offering."*
Psalm 141:2

Notes:

Memory Verse

"And YHWH said to Moses: Tell your brother Aaron that he shall not enter at any time into the holy place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, so that he will not die; for I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat. Aaron shall enter the holy place with this with a bull from the herd for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering."

Leviticus 16:2-3

Daily Devotion

"And he shall take a firepan full of coals of fire from upon the altar before YHWH and two handfuls of finely ground fragrant incense, and bring it inside the veil. And he shall put the incense on the fire before YHWH, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that is on the ark of the testimony, so that he will not die. " Leviticus 16:12-13

When Aaron enters the holy place, it is with sacrifice and ritual washings and holy garments, but it is the incense that I want to take a closer look at. Aaron is to take coals from the fire on the altar, fire that is set apart and holy to YHWH, and two handfuls of finely ground fragrant incense, but not just any incense, the incense that YHWH prescribed for use in the tabernacle, the recipe given by YHWH for this express purpose (Exodus 30:7-9). He is to put the incense on the fire before YHWH inside the veil, so that the cloud of incense will cover the mercy seat. Why? Because that is the place where YHWH will appear to him (Exodus 25:22, 30:6, Numbers 7:89), and YHWH will appear in the cloud, the cloud of incense (Leviticus 16:2). When we are walking in holiness before YHWH, we become the aroma of Christ to God (2 Corinthians 2:14-16), the aroma of the knowledge of God. And our prayers rise up as incense before Him (Psalm 141:2, Revelation 5:8, 8:3-4). When we are walking in holiness, we become the place where YHWH appears to others, our life becomes the ark of the testimony and the seat of His mercy, where the cloud of the fragrance of Christ reaches out to others revealing the knowledge of God, and our prayers reach up to YHWH.

Prayer: Abba Father, cause me to be a sweet-smelling incense in Your nostrils, and the aroma of life to those who are being saved. Amen.

Bible Study

"So do not defile yourselves by any of these things; for by all these the nations which I am casting out before you have become defiled. So the land has become defiled, and I have brought its punishment upon it. And the land has vomited out its inhabitants." Leviticus 18:24-25

Our actions as humans and as the sons of God have an impact not only on our own selves, our walk with God and on other people, but also on the earth and all it contains. And I'm not just talking about the effects of greed and pollution, and the divorcing of ourselves from creation, first through industrialisation, and then through virtual reality. I'm talking about the effect of our sin and the sins of our nations, on the earth, the land where we live.

This started in the garden of Eden, where a curse came upon the land because of original sin (Genesis 3:17-19). And we see it throughout Scripture (Psalm 107:33-34, Jeremiah 12:4, 23:10, Hosea 4:1-3), and the healing of the land is a result of the repentance of His people, and the salvation of Messiah (2 Chronicles 7:14, Romans 8:18-22).

Discuss:

Question:

1. Why does our sin affect all creation?

Answer:

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Day 198 – 2 Kings 11-15

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*I live in the spirit of
prayer. I pray as I walk about, when
I lie down and when I rise up. And the
answers are always coming.*

George Muller

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'In the seventh year of Jehu, Jehoash became king, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba. And Jehoash did what was right in the sight of YHWH all his days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him.' 2 Kings 12:1-2

Daily Devotion

"Then Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, and she came to the people in the house of YHWH. And she looked, and behold, the king was standing by the pillar, according to the custom, with the commanders and the trumpeters beside the king; and all the people of the land were glad and blew trumpets. Then Athaliah tore her clothes and cried, 'Treason! Treason!'" 2 Kings 11:13-14

Have you ever noticed that the people who yell loudest and point the finger are very often accusing others of their own sins or crimes? Athaliah had murdered all of her grandchildren when she saw that her son, Ahaziah the king, was dead, and had been ruling Judah in his place for six years. Unaware that one of her grandsons has survived and is now old enough to take his rightful place on the throne. Her response is to tear her clothes and cry treason, or as the word could be translated, conspiracy. Her cry is a denial of the truth that has been placed right before her eyes and an attempt to diminish the truth with the accusation of treason and conspiracy.

When people have become so entrenched in their sin that it has become their identity, it is very difficult for them to see the truth as anything other than a betrayal and a conspiracy against them, and they will lash out with accusations against those who bear the truth. This is why it is important to be so in touch with the Father's heart that we speak only what we hear the Father speaking, and do only what we hear the Father doing, so that our words and actions convey the heart of the Father, and their response is to His heart (John 5:19-20, Luke 17:3-4, 1 Peter 4:8).

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to know when to speak and when to keep silent, when to keep the truth hidden and when to reveal the truth, when to expose sin and when to cover it in love. Amen.

Bible Study

"Then King Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and for the other priests and said to them, 'Why do you not repair the damages of the house? So now, take no more money from your acquaintances, but give it over to pay for the damages of the house.' So the priests agreed that they would take no more money from the people, nor repair the damages of the house. "

2 Kings 12:7-8

In his enthusiasm to see the house of God repaired and restored, Jehoash had tasked the priests with the job of gathering the money needed and repairing it. But although they gathered the money, the work did not get done. So now that Jehoash has realised that the priests aren't able to get the repairs done, he has told them to stop gathering the money and give it to those who are able to repair the temple (2 Kings 12:9-15). The priests did their best, but they already had work to do and did not have the training or the skills for this new job they were given. Fortunately, Jehoash recognised his error and adjusted his commands so that those who had the time and skills to do the repairs were able to get them done.

YHWH has given each one of us skills and abilities, gifts and talents, for use in the building up of His kingdom (Ephesians 4:4-16). But if we are put in a position to do a job that we are not gifted for or trained in, that is not in line with our calling, then no amount of resources is going to get the job done. And both the resources and those who are trained and gifted to do that job are wasted while the wrong person, no matter how well-meaning they may be, has the responsibility. Once the resources are in the hands of those who are skilled and trained for the job, the work goes well and each person is able to do the job they are called to do.

Discuss:

Question:

1. Where in Scripture do we see the gifted artisans and the resources being brought together?

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*My faith rests not in
what I am, or shall be, or feel, or know;
but in what Christ is, in what He has done,
and in what He is doing for me.
Charles Spurgeon*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

Teach me Your way, O YHWH. I will walk in Your truth: unite my heart to fear Your name. I will give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and will glorify Your name forever. For Your lovingkindness toward me is great, and You have delivered my soul from Sheol below.

Psalms 86:11-13

Daily Devotion

"How lovely are your dwelling places, O YHWH of hosts! My soul has longed and even fainted for the courts of YHWH; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the bird has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she sets her young, at Your altars, O YHWH of hosts, my King and my God. How blessed are those who dwell in Your house! They are ever praising You. Selah. " Psalm 84:1-4

Read that first sentence again . . . let it sink in . . . You are a dwelling place of YHWH (Ephesians 2:22, Revelation 21:3). And . . . YHWH is our dwelling place (Psalm 90:1-2) . . . Now read the rest of the passage again. Now read aloud:

His dwelling places are lovely, they are desirable, they are a source of joyous singing, of protection, rest and security in the place of sacrifice, a place of blessing and continual praise.

I am desirable, I am a source of joyous singing, of protection, rest and security in the place of sacrifice, I am a blessing, and continually praise Him.

YHWH is desirable, He is a source of joyous singing, of protection, rest and security in the place of sacrifice, He is blessing, and my continual praise.

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to remember to read these statements regularly, to remind myself to dwell in Your presence, as You dwell in me, and to recognise myself in the reflection of Your eyes. Amen.

Bible Study

"How blessed is the man whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion! Passing through the valley of Baca they make it a spring; the early rain also wraps it up with blessings. They go from strength to strength, each one of them appears before God in Zion." Psalm 84:5-7

The highways to Zion are in our hearts! And it is the journey through our hearts, transforming our hearts as we go, that will lead us to Zion, to stand in the presence of the living God (Jeremiah 17:9-10, 24:7, Ezekiel 36:26-28, Psalm 51:10-13, Proverbs 4:23, Ephesians 1:18, Hebrews 4:12).

"...Come, let us go up to the mountain of YHWH, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may instruct us from His ways and that we may walk in His paths'. For from Zion the law will go forth and the word of YHWH from Jerusalem." Isaiah 2:3b

Discuss:

Question:

1. How is the journey to Zion a journey of and through the heart?

Answer:

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Day 200 – Proverbs 11-12

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*'Be sure of your walk
with Him and look to Him, and expect help
from Him: He will never fail you.'
George Muller*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

*"Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates
reproof is senseless." Proverbs 12:1*

Daily Devotion

*"Wealth will not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness will deliver
from death." Proverbs 11:4*

Where is our focus, our attention? What is it that we are seeking in life? What do we have our eyes set on? Jesus commanded that we seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). He also said not to store up for ourselves treasures on earth (Matthew 6:19-24). We often quote Matthew 6:22-23, but how often do we think of it in light of the whole passage? If your eyes are on the wealth of the world and you are seeking after it, you may just find it. But at what cost? If you seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, you will find it and all these things will be added to you. These are not just suggestions Yeshua is making – they are commands, they are life or death, blessing or curse (Deuteronomy 11:26, 30:15, Luke 10:41-42).

"Wealth will not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness will deliver from death." Proverbs 11:4

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to keep my eyes focused on You, on Your kingdom and Your righteousness, so that my eyes and my heart will treasure You, Your kingdom and righteousness above all else. Amen.

Bible Study

"There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more, and there is one who holds back what is rightly due, and yet results only in want. The soul that blesses is enriched, and he who waters will himself be watered." Proverbs 11:24-25

There is a spiritual principle of giving that is encapsulated beautifully in this passage. Some might say, "You can't out-give God", and that works too.

The principle is this: If you give, to God or others, you will receive more; if you withhold from God or man, you will suffer want. This is one of those areas, again, where we see the choice between the blessing and the curse (Deuteronomy 11:26-28, Malachi 3:7-12, 2 Corinthians 9:6-9)

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How can you test God in this?
2. Has YHWH opened up the windows of heaven, and emptied out for you?

Answers:

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Day 201 – Ezekiel 31-36

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*Faith, mighty faith,
the promise sees and looks to God alone;
laughs at impossibilities, and cries,
"It shall be done!"*
Charles Wesley

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'Say to them, 'As I live,' declares Lord YHWH, 'I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?'' Ezekiel 33:11

Daily Devotion

"Now as for you, son of man, I have given you as a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a word from My mouth and give them warning from Me. "
Ezekiel 33:7

Ezekiel 33 is all about Ezekiel as Israel's watchman. The responsibility of the watchman is to hear the word from YHWH and speak it, or to see what is coming upon the people and speak it. If the people do not listen or obey, their sin and it's consequences will be on their own heads, but the watchman will save his own life.

But if he doesn't speak and they die in their sins, their blood will be on his hands (Ezekiel 33:1-9). But YHWH warns Ezekiel that though the people will come to him to hear the words of YHWH, and listen attentively, they will follow after their own desires and greed (Ezekiel 33:30-33).

It can be very easy to come to the place where we think that it's not worth speaking the word God has given us to speak, because no one seems to be listening, so it's important to remember that our responsibility is to speak the word at His command, knowing that it may not be received but speaking it anyway. It's not our job to make people receive it or act upon it, that is the work of Holy Spirit. Our job is to speak the word He gives us to speak, when He reveals it to us, and trust Him to do the rest. We are not all called to be watchmen on the walls of Jerusalem or to the people of Israel; but we are all called to proclaim the kingdom of YHWH, and disciple those who will listen and respond.

Prayer: Abba Father, cause me to speak Your word with all confidence, while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant, Yeshua. Back up my words by the power of Your presence, and Your Spirit at work both in me and through me. Amen.

Bible Study

"When I say to the righteous he will surely live, and he so trusts in his righteousness that he does iniquity, none of his righteous deeds will be remembered; but in that same iniquity of his which he has done he will die. " Ezekiel 33:13

It's interesting that Paul addressed this issue in his letter to the Romans (Romans 6:12-18). By the grace of YHWH, we have been clothed in the righteousness of the Messiah (Jeremiah 23:6, 1 Corinthians 1:30, 2 Corinthians 5:21). But some today, as then, use the grace of God as an excuse to sin. Just as in the time of Ezekiel and in the time of the apostle Paul, we continue to so trust in our righteousness, either our own righteous deeds or the grace-given righteousness of Christ, that we use it as an excuse to sin.

"I've been so good, for so long, I deserve a little splurge!", or "Just a dabble in sin won't hurt!", or "It's okay, you're still saved, and you can ask forgiveness later!" Do you recognise that voice? Those excuses? I can guarantee you that they are not new - they've been around since the beginning. "Did God really say? Surely, you will not die!" (Genesis 3:1,4-5), and they have the same results and consequences today. But we are to run the race with endurance, keeping our eyes fixed on the Author and Finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:1-4), and not grow weary in doing good (Galatians 6:9-10), knowing that the one who endures to the end will be saved (Matthew 24:13).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What did the apostle Paul say about those who return to a life of sin after knowing and partaking in the Messiah?
2. What is the relevant Scripture verse that supports your answer in question one?

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Day 202 - Luke 21-22

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*"Light yourself on fire with passion and
people will come from miles to watch you
burn."*

John Wesley

Notes:

Memory Verse

‘And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth anguish among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world: for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.’ Luke 21: 25-27

Daily Devotion

“And He said to them, ‘I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.’” Luke 22:15-16

The first thing I want to note about these verses is that they tell us that the feast of unleavened bread, The Passover, will be celebrated in the kingdom of God. So, if this is true, why aren't we celebrating it in the church? The second is this: Jesus is giving us a very clear picture of the last days. We have come to believe, in the church, that when Jesus said "It is finished!", that that was the end of the story, job done (John 19:30)! But what He is saying in Luke 22:16 is that, just like in the first Passover, once the lamb is slain there is work to be done by those in the household; the blood of the lamb must be placed on the lintel and door posts of the house, the lamb must be eaten completely, anything that is left over must be burned with fire before morning, and those of the household must remain in the house until the destroyer passes over (Exodus 12:21-23). The Hebrew feasts set out in the Law of Moses have a specific time frame and order.

They are a picture of the work that God has done for the people of Israel, but they are also a prophetic picture of the work YHWH is doing in the earth on behalf of all people. The order and timeframe is significant. The sacrifice of the Passover lamb was the beginning of the Passover ceremony. It is now our responsibility to ensure that all those who are of the household of faith are gathered into the house of YHWH and that they are covered by the blood of the Lamb. And each one of us must remain within the house until the time that the destroyer has passed over and has taken all those who are not covered by the blood. There is still work to be done before Jesus returns and we celebrate the Passover again with Him.

Prayer: Abba Father, open my eyes to see what You have revealed in Your word, the mysteries of the kingdom that You have given me pictures of through Your feast and festivals. Amen.

Bible Study

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat. But I have prayed earnestly for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, once you have returned, strengthen your brothers." Luke 22:31-32

There are two accounts in Scripture where an individual is told ahead of time that the enemy seeks to try them. The first is Cain (Genesis 4:6-7). Cain failed the test and killed his brother Abel, and was cursed from the earth (Genesis 4:8-13). Cain was a gardener and had presented his offering in pride at the work of his hands (Genesis 4:1-5); but now he is cursed from the ground; the very thing he took pride in and drew strength from turned against him.

Peter also fails the test, but because of the intercession of Jesus' on his behalf, there is a way back for Peter, and he is commanded to strengthen his brothers once he returns. In both cases, there is the sin of pride at play – both Cain and Peter come to God in their own strength, saying, "Look at what I've done!", or "Look at what I'll do!" Cain becomes angry with God when his sacrifice is rejected; because he has failed to realise that the ability to produce from the earth came from YHWH and not from himself. Peter, on the other hand, when he realises that he has failed to even acknowledge Jesus in His time of need, is grieved and weeps bitterly.

That grief and the bitter tears are the beginning of the journey back for Peter, and the journey is completed after Jesus' resurrection, when He asks Peter three times if he loves Him, and tells him that it is time to strengthen his brothers (John 21:15-17).

Discuss:

Question:

1. We see this redemptive pattern throughout Scripture, both with individuals and with types. What are some of those examples?

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Day 203 – Colossians 3–4

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*'God forbid that I
should travel with anybody a quarter of an
hour without speaking of Christ to them'
George Whitefield*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'Do not lie to one another, since you put off the old man with its evil practices, and have put on the new man who is being renewed to a full knowledge according to the image of the One who created him.'

Colossians 3:9-10

Daily Devotion

"Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, redeeming the time. Let your words always be with grace, seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should answer each person. " Colossians 4:4-5

What Paul appears to be saying here is that every time we are speaking with someone outside of the household of faith, we should be making the most of the time we have with that person. Making sure our words are filled with grace (love, and compassion) (Matthew 9:36-38, 14:13-14, Mark 1:40-42) and seasoned with salt (cleansing, healing, purifying, and preserving) (Leviticus 2:13, 2 Kings 2:19-22, Mark 9:50), using wisdom to know how we ought to answer each individual person (Matthew 10:19, Mark 13:11, Luke 21:13-15, James 1:5). The time we have with each person who is outside of the household of faith is precious, and we need to be redeeming that time for the kingdom of YHWH, and the glory of His name. The making of disciples begins with the words we speak to strangers.

Prayer: Abba Father, forgive me for not making the most of the time I have had to disciple those who don't know You yet. Help me to redeem each moment I have with strangers; give me the words to speak and the actions to take in my encounters with those who do not know You, as I rely upon You in the moment, and act as Your hands and feet and voice. Amen.

Bible Study

"Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on the things that are on earth. " Colossians 3:1-2

I can't think of a more succinct summation of Jesus' sermon on the Mount than this, and in particular, the part in Matthew 6:19-34. We are to set our minds on the things above, seeking them first and above all else, for that is where we dwell with Yeshua HaMashiach (Ephesians 2:4-7, Colossians 3:3-4).

Discuss:

Question:

1. How often in your day do you recognise that you are seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus?

Answer:

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Day 204 – Leviticus 19–21

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True repentance will entirely change you: the bias of your souls will be changed, then you will delight in God, in Christ, in His Law, and in His people.
George Whitefield

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'You shall not curse a deaf man nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am YHWH. You shall do no injustice in judgement: you shall not be partial to the poor nor defer to the great, but you shall judge your neighbor in righteousness.' Leviticus 19:14-15

Daily Devotion

"When you enter the land and plant all kinds of trees for food, then you shall designate their fruit as forbidden. Three years it shall be forbidden to you; it shall not be eaten. But in the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy, an offering of praise to YHWH. Now in the fifth year you shall eat of its fruit, that its produce may increase for you; I am YHWH your God. Leviticus 19:23-25

This law of YHWH, like many of them, has practical as well as spiritual implications. For the first three years after a tree has been planted the fruit is not to be eaten, then in the fourth year, it is to be a praise offering to God, and after that its fruit can be eaten. The reason given is so that its produce may increase. The first two or three years after planting, most fruit trees bear little to no fruit, so this time is used by farmers to prune the branches and shape the tree. This process ensures that the branches grow strong and are able to bear the weight of abundant fruit crops, and it also opens up the branches to allow light and air into the trees to decrease disease and rot.

The fourth year after planting is likely to be the first year of an abundant crop. According to the Law, this is to be brought to Jerusalem and presented as an offering of praise; this offering is to be eaten before YHWH in the temple by those who present it. So, the Law that YHWH commanded the people of Israel to observe actually encourages good fruit growing principles and practices that are in use even to this day.

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to recognise that Your commands and statutes have benefits that go beyond the fruit of obedience; that Your wisdom is integral to all Your commands, and that obedience to You and Your word, as an expression of my love for You, benefits every aspect of my life. Amen.

Bible Study

"Then YHWH spoke to Moses, saying: 'Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, "You shall be holy, for I, YHWH your God, am holy. Every one of you shall fear his mother and his father, and you shall keep My sabbaths; I am YHWH your God. "' Leviticus 19:1-3

When YHWH repeats Himself in Scripture, it is important for us to take note of what He is saying. Three times in Leviticus 19 & 20, YHWH calls his people to holiness. In these chapters, He is reiterating His holiness and that the people of Israel are to set themselves apart as holy (Leviticus 19:1-3, 20:7-9, 26, Matthew 5:48). In these verses, holiness is associated with keeping YHWH's statutes and doing them (Matthew 5:20, John 14:15), and with honouring our father and mother (Exodus 20:12, Ephesians 6:1-3), two very unpopular opinions in our society today.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Is perfection attainable?
2. Can we walk in holiness?

Answers:

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'I believe God has heard my prayers. He will make it manifest in His own good time that He has heard me. I have recorded my petitions that when God has answered them, His name will be glorified.'
George Muller

Notes:

Memory Verse

He (Hezekiah) trusted in YHWH, the God of Israel; so that after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor among those who were before him. So he clung to YHWH; he did not turn away from following Him, but kept His commandments, which YHWH had commanded Moses. And YHWH was with him; wherever he went he prospered...

2 Kings 18:5-7a

Daily Devotion

"Return and say to Hezekiah the ruler of My people, 'Thus says YHWH, the God of your father David, "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of YHWH. And I will add fifteen years to your life, and I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake and for My servant David's sake. "" 2 Kings 20:5-6

Our prayers have power. Our prayers can move the heart of YHWH. Our prayers can overcome and change the prophetic word. Hezekiah, the king that followed after YHWH and clung to Him more than any other king in Judah, prayed and wept before YHWH when the word came from the prophet that he would die (2 Kings 20:1-4), and YHWH relented. Knowing what Hezekiah was about to do, YHWH still relented (2 Kings 20:12-19). One foolish act of pride, and selfishness in response to the word of YHWH, that set the seal on the downfall of Judah and Jerusalem. YHWH will respond to our fervent prayers, that is why it's so important to be praying from that place of His presence, so that we know that our prayers are in line with His heart and His perfect will for us.

Prayer: Abba Father, I want Your perfect will for my life, so help me to be responsive to Your word and Your will, and to not pursue my own desires or purposes. To know when to accept a prophetic word and pray into it, and when to pray repentance and turning to Your face in the hope that You may relent from what You have spoken. Amen.

Bible Study

"Now as for the bronze altar, which was before YHWH, he drew it away from the front of the house, from between his altar and the house of YHWH, and he put it to the north side of his altar. " 2 Kings 16:14

Let's make it clear from the beginning, that Ahaz king of Judah has acted corruptly from the very beginning of his reign (2 Kings 16:1-4). But something happened that took that corruption to a whole other level. When he and Judah are being besieged by Israel and Aram, even though they could not overcome him, he seeks help from the king of Assyria instead of turning to YHWH. And that sets off the following chain of events:

He sees an altar that he wants and makes arrangements to have a copy made for himself (2 Kings 16:10-11). He has become enamoured with the glory of a false god (Romans 1:23).

When he sees the copy, he uses it in place of the altar that has been sanctified and set apart as holy to YHWH (2 Kings 16:12-13). He is failing to distinguish between the holy and the profane, and presenting before YHWH a strange offering. In so doing, he has failed to treat YHWH as holy (Leviticus 10:1-3, Ezekiel 44:23).

King Ahaz then moves the bronze altar from its place before YHWH, in front of the house of God (2 Kings 16:14). Putting aside the altar of YHWH, he has made the altar of a false god of more importance (Exodus 20:2-3).

Then he commands that his altar will be used for the prescribed offerings and the bronze altar for his personal use, to enquire by (2 Kings 16:15). Using the things devoted to YHWH for his own purposes, he has turned the altar of YHWH into a form of divination (Exodus 30:31-33, Deuteronomy 18:9-14)

Lastly, he dismantles and removes all the other items from within the temple courts to give the metal to the king of Assyria (2 Kings 16:17-18). He has come to the place of despising the things of YHWH and giving them away in exchange for the favour of man (Psalm 118:9, 146:3, Jeremiah 17:5).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What are some examples of this we see in the church today?

Answers:

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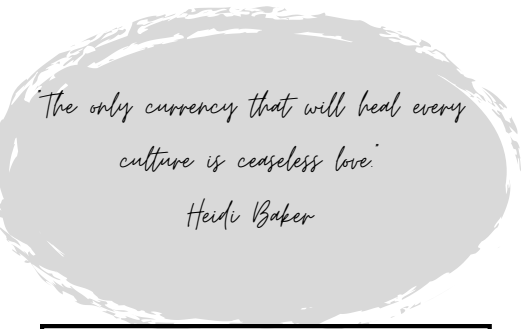
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Day 206 – Psalms 87–89

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Memory Verse:

"Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; lovingkindness and truth go before You. How blessed are the people who know the loud shout of joy! O YHWH, they walk in the light of Your face. In Your name they rejoice all the day, and by Your righteousness they are exalted." Psalm 89:14-16

Daily Devotion

"I shall mention Rahab and Babylon among those who know Me; behold, Philistia and Tyre with Ethiopia: 'This one is born there.'" Psalm 87:4
It is not enough to know God – even the individuals and nations that YHWH destroyed because of their sin are listed among those who know God (James 2:19). They came to know Him through His power and might and judgement upon them. We must be born of God, and know Him by His love and compassion and forgiveness.
It is not enough to know God, we must be born of God, and known by God (Matthew 7:21-23, John 3:3-8, Romans 8:16, 1 John 4:4, 5:4).

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You for the gift of new life in You, that I cannot just know You, but be known by You and be born again by Your Holy Spirit. Teach me to walk in Your ways, by the power of Your Spirit that dwells within me, the promise of eternal life in Christ. Amen.

Bible Study

"His foundation is in the holy mountains. YHWH loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God. Selah. " Psalm 87:1-3

Jerusalem has an eternally special place in the eyes and heart of YHWH. The city of David, the place YHWH has chosen to place His name (1 Kings 11:32,36, 2 Chronicles 6:31-32, Ezra, 1:2-3, Nehemiah 1:8-9, Psalm 135:21, Isaiah 24:23, 52:1-2, Zechariah 9:9-10). When Jesus returns, it will be at Jerusalem, and the mount of Olives (Psalm 48:1-8, Zechariah 14:4-11, Revelation 21:2).

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6-9).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What makes Zion/Jerusalem so important?
2. There are many more verses about Jerusalem and Zion, take some time to research the heart of God for Jerusalem.

Answers:

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Study to know Him more and more, for the more you know, the more you will love Him.

George Whitefield

Notes:

Memory Verse:

*"He who walks with the wise will be wise, but the friend of fools
will suffer harm." Proverbs 13:20*

Daily Devotion

*"A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, and the wealth
of the sinner is stored up for the righteous. Abundant food is in the fallow
ground of the poor, but it is swept away by injustice. " Proverbs 13:22-23*

For the righteous, whether poor or wealthy, there is an abundance available
to them, while there is justice. YHWH not only requires justice from His people
but also for His people (Micah 6:8, Isaiah 1:17, 30:18, 61:8, Romans 12:19),

So that even when injustice seems to be in power, YHWH, the God of
justice, is our Advocate and our Provider. He is Elohei mishpat, the God of
justice (Psalms 50:6, Isaiah 30:18, Malachi 2:17), and YHWH Yir'eh, YHWH who
provides (Genesis 22:13-14).

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that I have all I need in You, both abundance
and justice; and as I dwell in the mountain of Your presence, help me to do
justice, to love lovingkindness, and to walk humbly with You. Amen.

Bible Study

"The one who guards his mouth keeps his soul; the one who opens wide his lips comes to ruin... A righteous man hates a lying word, but a wicked man acts odiously and is humiliated... With arrogance comes only quarreling, but with those who receive counsel is wisdom." Proverbs 13:3, 5, 10

Let's break down what wisdom looks like:

One who guards their mouth (Psalm 141:3, Proverbs 21:23, 17:28, Ephesians 4:29, James 1:26, John 12:49).

Who hates lying (Psalms 101:7, Proverbs 12:19,22, 19:9, John 8:44, Luke 8:17, Ephesians 4:25, Colossians 3:9-10), and therefore loves the truth (Psalm 15:1-2, 25:5, John 8:31-32, 14:6, Ephesians 4:15).

And who receives counsel (Psalm 16:7, 32:8, 73:24, Proverbs 11:14, 15:22, 19:20-21, John 14:16-17, 26, 16:13).

"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere." James 3:17 (ESV)

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Why is it so important to discern when to speak and when to be silent?
2. Can you think of any examples where Jesus walked this out?

Answers:

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Day 208 - Ezekiel 37-42

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Active faith is unquestioning belief, trust, and reliance on God. Faith can become as real as any of our senses.
Kathryn Kuhlman

Notes:

Memory Verse:

*They will inhabit the land that I gave to Jacob My servant,
which your fathers inhabited; and they will inhabit it, they, and their sons
and their sons' sons, forever; and David My servant will be their prince
forever. Ezekiel 37:25*

Daily Devotion

*"And the man spoke to me, 'Son of man, see with your eyes, hear with your ears,
and set your heart on all that I am going to show you; for you have been brought
here in order to show it to you. Declare to the house of Israel all that you are
seeing.' " Ezekiel 40:4*

See with your eyes, hear with your ears, and set your heart on all that I am going to show you; and declare what you see. Does this sound familiar?

God is commanding the prophet to do what the people of Israel are unable to do (Matthew 13:15). Because of Israel's unwillingness to listen to His voice and obey His commands, YHWH caused the majority of them to be unable to hear, or to see, or to respond with their hearts (Isaiah 6:10, Jeremiah 5:21, Ezekiel 12:2).

He has done this so that the way is made for the Gentiles, the nations, to be grafted in to His promises (Acts 28:25-28, Romans 11:7-12). Ezekiel is to hear and see and set his heart on all the YHWH is showing him, so that he can declare it to the people of Israel.

We have the awesome privilege of entering into YHWH's presence, of hearing His voice and seeing what He is doing and the ability to respond, and declare what we see and hear. Let's not take that for granted (Romans 11:17-24).

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You for the privilege of coming before Your throne, to wait on You and serve You, and that from this place we can hear Your voice and see what You are doing, we crying out with the Prophet, "Hineni", here am I (speak Your servant is listening/send me). Forgive me for the times when I take the privilege of Your presence for granted, and let me never fall into arrogance toward my Jewish brothers and sisters, but pray fervently for the fullness of the Gentiles to be made complete; so that the eyes of Your people, Israel, will be opened again. Amen.

Bible Study

"He said to me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' And I answered, 'O Lord YHWH, You know. ' Then He said to me, 'Prophecy [Speak] over these bones and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of YHWH. '" Ezekiel 37:3-4

Ezekiel is standing in a valley full of bones; there is no sign of life. It's not just that they are bones, but they are dry, any tissue that could conceivably still have life remaining in it has gone. And YHWH asks him, "Can these bones live?" Ezekiel responds by declaring that YHWH is the One who is both able to make them live, and the One who knows if they can (Ezekiel 37:3). And then YHWH commands him, "Speak to these bones" (Ezekiel 37:4). He doesn't say petition Me on behalf of these bones, He didn't say pray for these bones, He says SPEAK to these bones. He is not just to speak to them but to command them to hear. Before they have ears to hear, he is to command them to hear, believing that the ears will come at to appropriate time.

One of the most powerful ways we can co-labour with YHWH is to speak aloud His word, the word that He has given us to speak, either Scripture or the prophetic word that He puts in our mouth. And to do so believing His word, not the evidence of our eyes.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Can we have faith without obedience? And what is an example in Scripture of this?
2. What does faith expressed in obedience look like?

Answers:

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*The Word is living
being, spirit, all verdant greening,
all creativity. This Word manifests life
in every creature.
Hildegard of Bingen*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'But Jesus, turning to them, said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, stop crying for Me, but cry for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the tree is still green, what will happen when it is dry?'" Luke 23:28-31

Daily Devotion

"And while they still were not believing because of their joy and were marveling, He said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?'... Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. " Luke 24:41,45

Sometimes our unbelief is not because of doubt or fear, but because of pure joy. When things seem too good to be true, we find it difficult to believe that they are, and we spend our time marveling rather than recognising the truth. Jesus' response is to do something so completely ordinary and every day, so mundane, that they were able to get past their wonder and believe. And then "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (Luke 24:42-47). He then brought things home to them even more (Luke 24:48); after going through all the prophecies concerning Him, He made them realise that they are a part of the story; that they have taken part in and witnessed the fulfillment of these prophecies and they are required to testify of Him.

Prayer: Abba Father, when things are so wonderful that they don't seem real, I ask You to help me believe the truth, no matter how marvelous, by reminding Me of who You are, and what You've spoken in Your word. Amen.

Bible Study

"Now there was also an inscription above Him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' " Luke 23:38

Four responses to "The King of the Jews": The Criminal, the Centurion, the Crowds, and the Councillor.

The Criminal: (Luke 23:39-43) One went along with the crowd, blaspheming; but the other recognised that here was the son of God, the King of the Jews, suffering the same sentence of condemnation as them, yet without sin. And knew that this was not the end for Jesus, just the beginning. He declares his faith in Jesus.

The Centurion: (Luke 23:44-47) This man has seen many people hung on a cross; he knows what to expect - the bitter, defiant curses, or the defeated resignation, but what he sees here is something he has never experienced before. All he can do is start to praise God and declare the righteousness of Christ.

The Crowds: (Luke 23:48) These are the crowds that cried, "Hosanna", as Jesus entered Jerusalem just a few days prior. They are the same crowds that, manipulated by the religious rulers, cried crucify Him, and give us Barabbas. They came out looking for a spectacle and got more than they bargained for. They saw the same thing that the Centurion saw, but for them, it causes grief rather than praise and they turned away and left.

The Councillor: (Luke 23:50-53) And behold, a good and righteous man, who was waiting for the kingdom of God, Joseph of Arimathea. He takes his life and his reputation in his hands, risks it all to ask for Jesus' body, so that he can make sure He gets a proper burial; to do what needs to be done for Jesus.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How did each one's expectation of Jesus affect their response?
2. Why is this important for us?

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Day 210 – 1 Thessalonians 1-3

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'Yes, God wants you to do signs and wonders. But the love of God manifested through you is what people really need. So you must first see His face. You must become so close to His very heartbeat that you can feel what others feel.'
Heidi Baker

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'And may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you, so that He may strengthen your hearts blameless in holiness, before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.' 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

Daily Devotion

"We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ before our God and Father, knowing, brothers beloved of God, your election. "

1 Thessalonians 1:2-4

What does Paul mean by election? When we look at the word election – Eklogé (ek-log-ay') in the Greek, we see that it means, 'Selected out of and to a given outcome'. The Thessalonians were selected out of idolatry and slavery to sin, to being imitators of Jesus Christ, and a model to the believers around them; the word of God that they speak and the report of their faith testifying on their behalf (1 Thessalonians 1:5-10). What is your election? What have you been called out of, and what given outcome have you been called to? Do you know, beloved of God, your election?

Prayer: Abba Father, cause me to know my election; both what I have been delivered from and what given outcome I have been delivered to. Let my words and my actions testify of my faith toward You, and fill me full to overflowing with the joy of the Holy Spirit, no matter what my circumstances are in the moment. Amen.

Bible Study

"But just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who examines our hearts. " 1 Thessalonians 2:4

Have you ever stopped to really read this verse?

We in the church today consider that it is the responsibility of every follower of Jesus to go out and preach the gospel. But Jesus did not entrust the gospel to all his followers, but rather selected, first the twelve, and later the seventy/seventy two, and then to other individuals (Matthew 10:1-15; Luke 10:2-12; Mark 5:19-20; John 4:27-43; Acts 9:1-22). The preaching of the gospel is not for those who are simply followers of Jesus, but for those who have been approved, disciples entrusted with the gospel, who will speak not as pleasing men but God.

Discuss:

Question:

1. How do we show ourselves approved?

Answer:

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Day 211 – Leviticus 22–24

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*Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow.
it empties today of its strength.
Corrie Ten Boom*

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Memory Verse:

'For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there is a sabbath of complete rest, a holy convocation. You shall not do any work: it is a Sabbath to YHWH in all your places of habitation.' Leviticus 23:3

Daily Devotion

"Then YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 'Command the sons of Israel that they bring to you clear oil from beaten olives for the light, to make a lamp burn continually. Outside the veil of testimony in the tent of meeting, Aaron shall keep it in order from evening to morning before YHWH continually; it shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations. He shall keep the lamps in order on the pure gold lampstand before YHWH continually.' " Leviticus 24:1-4

There are three elements in this command that are particularly important for us to consider:

First: The oil is to be clear oil of crushed olives. The oil comes from the crushing of the fruit and it must be filtered to remove any of the flesh. The oil of the Spirit is produced in us through crushing, the trials and temptations that we go through, as we die to self and rely on the power of the Spirit of YHWH to overcome. The oil that is produced in us must be clear, free of all flesh.

Second: The lamps are to be kept burning continually, day and night. They are to be maintained and kept in good order by the High Priest, and it is to stand before the presence of YHWH with only the veil between it and His presence. The lamps represent each one of Jesus' disciples. We are to burn continually before the Presence of YHWH, night and day. Kept well maintained and in good order by the work of our High Priest, Jesus our Messiah, no longer separated by the veil, but continually standing before the presence of YHWH (Matthew 27:51, Mark 15:38, Luke 23:44-45).

Third: The golden lampstand is to hold up the lamps, to support them continually. The golden lampstands are the churches (Revelation 1:12, 20); they are not the light to the world, but the instrument that is designed to lift up and support the disciples of Christ as they shine His pure light for the world to see.

Prayer: Abba Father, cause my light to burn brightly, from the pure oil You are forming in me, that I may be a light to the world that draws them to Your presence. Thank You for the work of Your Son, Yeshua HaMashiach, who made me a vessel worthy of the oil of Your Spirit, and keeps me until the day of His appearing. Amen.

Bible Study

"And YHWH spoke again to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The appointed times of YHWH which you shall proclaim as holy convocations - My appointed times are these:"'" Leviticus 23:1

The Sabbath: Although mentioned here as a part of the Mosaic Law, it was instituted at the very beginning of creation; the first thing that YHWH did after creating man was to take a day just to be with them. The seventh day of each week is blessed and set apart as holy to YHWH. The Sabbath was solemnised as a part of the Mosaic law as a celebration of the world to come, when God dwells with man (Leviticus 23:3, Genesis 2:2-3). It has since had many rabbinic laws attached to it, that have changed it from a time of rest in God's presence, for mankind, to a list of burdens put upon them. Jesus addressed this during His ministry on earth (Mark 2:23-28).

The Passover: Pesach - Nisan (First month) 14 - the death of the firstborn in Egypt and the escape from slavery (Leviticus 23:4-5, Exodus 12:1-13, 28-38) - The death of Yeshua who became our Passover Lamb (Luke 23:33-49).

Unleavened Bread: Chag HaMotzi - Nisan 15-21 - All leaven has been removed from the house and only unleavened bread is eaten (Leviticus 23:6-8, Exodus 12:14-20)— Jesus is buried (John 19:38-42). The counting of the Omer begins Nisan 16 - Counting down to Shavuot.

The Feast of the Harvest (First Fruits): Reshit Ha' Katzir - Nisan 17 - the first fruits of the harvest are waved before YHWH (Leviticus 23:9-14) - Yeshua HaMashiach is resurrected (Luke 24:1-7, 1 Corinthians 15:23).

The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost): Shavuot Sivan (Third Month) 6-7 - The beginning of the summer harvest, the time of the giving of the Torah at Sinai, 3,000 die because of their sin (Leviticus 23:15-22, Exodus 32:15-29), and the giving of the Ruach HaKodesh/Holy Spirit, 3,000 added to the kingdom (Acts 2:1-6, 37-42).

The Feast of Trumpets: Yom Teru'ah (Rosh Hashanah) Tishri (Seventh Month) 1 - The end of the harvest, symbolised by the blowing of the trumpets, to call the workers in from the fields (Leviticus 23:23-25). The beginning of the Days of Awe - The completion of the fullness of the Gentiles, and Yeshua's return (Romans 11:25, Hebrew 9:28, Revelation 1:7, Daniel 7:13,

The Day of Atonement: Yom Kippur - Tishri 10 - A day of humbling of self before YHWH - A day of Israel recognizing their Messiah and turning back to YHWH as a nation (Leviticus 23:26-32,

Zechariah 12:10, Matthew 24:30, Romans 11:26-27).Feast of Booths:

Sukkot - Tishri 15-21 - Remembering the Israelites wandering through the wilderness and a celebration of the world to come, when God dwells with man; the establishment of the

The first four Feasts are spring Feasts and have been fulfilled; The last three are autumn/fall Feasts and are yet to be fulfilled, but it is my belief that we are coming to the end of the harvest and about to hear the sound of the trumpets.

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Day 212 – 2 Kings 21-25

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*True repentance will entirely change
you: the bias of your souls will be changed;
then you will delight in God, in Christ, in
His law, and in His people.*
George Whitefield

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"And the king went up to the house of YHWH and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests and the prophets and all the people, both small and great, and he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of YHWH." 2 Kings 23:2

Daily Devotion

"But to the king of Judah who sent you to enquire of YHWH thus you shall say to him, 'Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, "Regarding the words which you heard, because your heart was soft and you humbled yourself before YHWH when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants that they should be an object of horror, and a curse, and you have torn your clothes and wept before Me, I truly have heard you,"' declares YHWH. " 2 Kings 22:18-19

The book of the law had been lost to the people of Judah as their leaders had turned to other gods and neglected the temple of YHWH. Now with Josiah seeking to restore the temple, the book of the law has been found and read in his hearing (2 Kings 22:8-11). Josiah's response is to tear his clothes and weep (2 Kings 22:11, 19); to seek a word from YHWH (2 Kings 22:12-13); to have the book of the law read in the hearing of all the people (2 Kings 23:1-3); to systematically remove and destroy all the idols and their places of worship from Judah and Jerusalem (2 Kings 23:4-20, 24-25); and lastly, to celebrate the Passover (2 Kings 23:21-23). In Josiah's response, we see what repentance truly looks like, to truly turn from sin, and work to remove all structures and strongholds of sin.

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that Your grace is such that, as often as I sin and repent, You will forgive and restore me, but my prayer today is that I will come to the place of true repentance, grieving for my sin, turning to You and making a public declaration of my commitment to You before setting about the task of working with You and Your Holy Spirit to pull down the strongholds of sin including generational sin, in my life. Amen.

Bible Study

"Then the king commanded all the people saying, 'Celebrate the Passover to YHWH your God as it is written in this book of the covenant. ' For such a Passover had not been celebrated from the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel and of the kings of Judah. But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah, this Passover was celebrated to YHWH in Jerusalem. " 2 Kings 23:21-23

The feasts of the law are all times of remembering what YHWH has done for His people, and giving thanks for His abundant provision, pondering a future of hope; and the law itself teaches the knowledge of YHWH and His holiness. When those times of remembrance are neglected, we invariably turn to other things that are not God for provision, protection, and hope. When we neglect the book of the law, we lose sight of who He is and who we are called to be.

This is just one instance that we see in Scripture where the people of Israel rediscover the book of the law (2 Kings 22:8-13, Nehemiah 8:1-12). The book of the law and the feasts set out in the law remind us of what YHWH has done for us, who He is, and who He has called us to be, but we quickly forget when the feasts and the book of the law are neglected.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How long has the church neglected the books of the Law and the Biblical feasts?
2. How has this affected the way the church sees itself, and God?

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Day 213 – Psalms 90-92

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*Always remember the
essence of Christian holiness is simplicity
and purity: one design, one desire: entire
devotion to God.*

John Wesley

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Lord, You have been our dwelling place from generation to generation. Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God." Psalm 90:1-2

Daily Devotion

"He who abides in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to YHWH, 'My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust!'" Psalm 91:1-2

What does it mean, to abide in the shadow of the Almighty?

Firstly, it's up to us to choose to say to YHWH, "My refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust!" It is up to us to choose to abide in His shelter but when we do, YHWH responds by protecting us, answering us when we call on Him, rescuing and honouring us, satisfying us with long life and showing us His salvation (Psalm 91:14-16).

Prayer: Abba Father, I want to abide in Your shelter; You are my refuge, my fortress, my God in whom I trust, there is none like You. Amen.

Bible Study

"How great are Your works, O YHWH! Your thoughts are very deep. A senseless man does not know, and a fool does not understand this: That when the wicked flourished like grass and all the workers of iniquity blossomed, it was only that they might be destroyed forevermore." Psalm 92:5-7

What is our response to be when we see the wicked flourish, and the workers of iniquity blossom?

First, is to remember that their time will not last, and that what they have on this earth is all they will ever have (Psalm 37:38, 94:4-11, Proverbs 24:19-20, Luke 16:19-31).

Second, is to lift up our thanks and praise to YHWH, whatever our circumstance, however bad things seem to be; to remember His goodness and love, and the works of His hand on our behalf (Psalm 92:1-4). And that, in Him, we will be satisfied with all good things (Psalm 92:10-15, James 1:16-18).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What are some practical ways we can live this today?
2. Where should our focus be?

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