

EAT · BREATHE · & PRAY



JOURNAL

Prioritise your day around God's word and His presence



VOLUME 8

This Journal Belongs To...

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

Welcome

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

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

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

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

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

Jenner

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Undated Planner

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

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

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

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

Day 1 – Genesis 1-3

Daily Planner *Satur day: July 19*

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

Month *July* Year *2026*

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

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

How To Use

24-Hour Planner

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

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

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

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

Prayer Focus

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

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

Bible Reading

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

Memory Verse

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

Bible Study

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

Daily Devotion

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

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A Glance

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Day 214 – Proverbs 14–15

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There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful, than that of continual conversation with God: those only can comprehend it who practice and experience it.
Brother Lawrence

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'In the fear of YHWH there is strong security, and his children will have refuge. The fear of YHWH is a fountain of life, to turn aside from the snares of death.' Proverbs 14:26-27

Daily Devotion

"Better is a little with the fear of YHWH than great treasure and turmoil with it. Better a dish of vegetables where there is love than a fattened ox and hatred in it." Proverbs 15:16-17

So much of what we seek for and spend our time on today, what is considered of value in our society, is made up of treasures and fatness that come with turmoil and are filled with hatred. We eat meals in restaurants where stress and anger fill the kitchens, we eat food produced without love, with only productivity and the bottom line being considered important. We work long hours at jobs that we have no passion for, devoid of the fear of YHWH and the love of God and others, to pay for the car we use to drive to work and the home we use to sleep in before returning to work. And we call this progress. We would do well to return to thinking, "Better is a little with the fear of YHWH than great treasure and turmoil with it. Better a dish of vegetables where there is love than a fattened ox and hatred in it." And actually making the moves in our lives to get back to that place.

Prayer: Abba Father, I want to come back to the simplicity of living according to Your design; help me to put in the time and effort to make that a reality; to realise that the hard work and the inconvenience are worth it as I reconnect with the food I eat, family and friends and the creation You have given me to steward, and the creative being You have made me to be, for glory and for beauty. Amen.

Bible Study

"The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to YHWH, but the prayer of the upright is His delight. The way of the wicked is an abomination to YHWH, but He loves one who pursues righteousness." Proverbs 15:8-9

Let's face it, in the end, our heart attitude towards YHWH is the only thing that matters (1 Samuel 16:7). No amount of sacrifice or charitable giving is going to win His favour if our heart is far from Him (1 Samuel 15:22, Matthew 15:8-9). No acts of faith, or signs and wonders that we perform, will substitute for a relationship with Him (Matthew 7:22-23).

In fact, these things become an abomination to Him when they are done from a place of ego, greed, pride, or any other selfish motive (Proverbs 21:27, Ecclesiastes 5:1, Isaiah 1:10-15, Jeremiah 6:16-21, Micah 6:6-8). What delights YHWH is the prayer of the upright, and His love is for those who pursue righteousness.

Put simply, the way to please YHWH is to spend time in His presence (Psalm 34:15, 84:1-7, Proverbs 15:29, 1 John 5:14), and express our love for Him through our obedience to His word (Proverbs 8:17, John 14:15, John 9:31).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How can we check our motives and heart attitude towards God?
2. Do we truly understand the pleasure that we give God when we live this way?

Answers:

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Prayer Focus

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Day 215 - Ezekiel 43-48

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I died: died to self, my opinions, preferences, tastes and will; died to the world, its approval or censure; died to the approval or blame even of my brethren or friends; and since then I have studied only to show myself approved unto God." George Muller

Notes:

Memory Verse:

And by the river on its bank, on one side and on the other, will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear every month because their water flows out from the sanctuary, and their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing.

Ezekiel 47:12; Ezekiel 44:28

Daily Devotion

"And it shall be with regard to an inheritance for them, that I am their inheritance; and you shall give them no possession in Israel — I am their possession." Ezekiel 44:28

The Levites who serve before YHWH continually in the tabernacle, the house of God, are not to have an inheritance in the land of promise. As in the first division of the land, their inheritance and their possession in this division of the land as given to Ezekiel, is to be YHWH Himself. Those who serve in the house of YHWH are to have no possession in the land. Their possession is far greater, and far more valuable. We, as believers, are called to be in the world but not of the world, to set our hearts on things above. Like the Levites, our inheritance is YHWH — He is our possession (Song of Songs 2:16-17, 6:3, 7:10, Matthew 6:19-21, John 17:15-24, Colossians 3:1-17). We need to recognise the richness and privilege of our inheritance in Him (Luke 10:42).

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that I am in this world but not of the world. That my inheritance is both in You and is You. When my heart strays to the things of this world, remind me of Your great love and passion for me, so that I, like Mary, can choose the better part, that will not be taken from me.
Amen.

Bible Study

"And it will be that you shall divide it by lot for an inheritance among yourselves and among the sojourners who sojourn in your midst, who bring forth sons in your midst. And they shall be to you as the native-born among the sons of Israel. They shall be allotted an inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. And it will be that in the tribe with which the sojourner sojourns, there you shall give him his inheritance, declares Lord YHWH. " Ezekiel 47:22-23

Our inheritance as believers is not separate from that of the people of Israel; there is not one inheritance for them and another for the church. We are co-heirs with them, in Christ Jesus, of the promises and the blessings (Romans 8:14-17, 11:16-19).

We cannot live our lives and spiritual walk separate from the people of Israel and yet expect to share in their promises, blessings and inheritance. It is only as we sojourn with Israel, whether in the natural or the spiritual, that we are considered as native-born among the sons of Israel, and receive our inheritance among the tribe with which we sojourn (Isaiah 51:1-2, Romans 4:13-25).

This is not a new idea, but is how YHWH has declared it would be from the first time He spoke the promise to Abraham (Genesis 12:3, 18:18, 22:18).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How are the Old Testament sojourners with Israel like New Testament believers?
2. How have we diverged from their commitment to Israel?

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Day 216 – John 1-2

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*Lord, help me to live this day, quietly,
easily. To lean upon Thy great strength, trustfully,
restfully. To wait for the unfolding of Thy will,
patiently, serenely. To meet others, peacefully,
joyously. To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously.*

Francis of Assisi

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.' John 1:1-5

Daily Devotion

"He came to what was His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:11-14

We have been given the right to become the children of God. Think about that.

Why? Because we beheld His glory . . . and received Him.

Those who were His own did not receive Him.

Why? Because the Law, that should have pointed them to Him, had become an idol to them and they saw in Him the death of that idol, rather than the glory of the Father (John 1:14-17).

They chose the letter of the Law and the traditions of man, and their heritage as the children of Abraham over the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth, and being the children of God.

Sometimes, the things we think we know become more important to us than the truth, even when we see it in all its glory.

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to let go of the things that only shadow or mirror the truth, those things I've believed for so long but I now know to be less than the truth. Yeshua is the way, the truth, and the life, but our idea of who Jesus is has been coloured by our own understanding. Give me eyes to see Your son, Yeshua, for who He truly is, the Jewish Messiah, and all that that means. Amen.

Bible Study

"He said, 'I am a voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord, ' as Isaiah the prophet said. '" John 1:23

We have talked a lot about the Mosaic feasts as set down in the Law – how they are a picture of the Messiah and the last days; in fact, they provide a timeline for the last days.

As you know, the Passover is celebrated on the fourteenth day of the first month of the Jewish calendar. So after the New Year, Jewish families begin the process of preparing for Passover. They spend those two weeks thoroughly cleaning the home and removing any trace of leaven. In the same way, YHWH sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for His Messiah (John 1:6–8, 14–15). John came preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins to preparing the way for the Passover lamb (John 1:19–23).

During the time of Jesus' public ministry, He warned often about the leaven of the scribes and the Pharisees, the teachers of the Law, who had gotten so caught up in the details of the Law that they could no longer see the heart of the Law or the Giver of the Law (Matthew 16:6, Mark 8:15, Luke 12:1).

The last days began with the ministry of John the Baptist and the time of preparation for the Passover; when Jesus became our Passover lamb, the first of the Mosaic feasts, that prophecy of the Messiah and the last days.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How is John the Baptist's ministry the beginning of the last days?
2. What is the leaven of the Pharisees?

Answers:

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Day 217 – 1 Thessalonians 4–5

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'Our labour here is brief, but the reward is eternal. Do not be disturbed by the clamour of the world, which passes like a shadow. Do not let false delights of a deceptive world deceive you.'

Clare of Assisi

Notes:

Memory Verse:

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, who also will do it. 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Daily Devotion

"For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. " 1 Thessalonians 4:15-16

I can pretty much guarantee that half of those reading this are finishing this passage of Scripture in their head, because this Scripture has been used for some time to back up the idea of the rapture. But let's focus on what the Scripture is truly saying. When Jesus returns, it is to take His place on the throne of David (Isaiah 11:10); He is coming as the conquering King, and what an army He will have in His wake (Revelation 17:14). When He returns in the defence of Israel, He will have with Him the host of heavenly angels, and also every one who has ever believed in Him, the dead in Christ and those of us who are alive and remain will join Him in the clouds to join the heavenly hosts in the defence of Israel and Jerusalem. We, as those living stones, having been built into a dwelling place for YHWH (John 14:1-3, 1 Peter 2:4-5, Revelation 21:2-3).

Prayer:

Abba Father, I want to be among the hosts who gather to escort Yeshua to His throne in Jerusalem. To see the defeat of Your enemies, of those who gather against Israel and against Your anointed King; to see You restore to Your people all the land You have promised them in Your word. And restore them as holy unto You, that they will once again be Your people, and You will be their God. Help me to be faithful and true in all my ways before You. Amen.

Bible Study

"Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need of anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. While they are saying, 'Peace and safety!' then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labour pains upon a woman who is pregnant, and they will never escape." 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

The day of the Lord! We as Christians tend to think of this as the day of Jesus' return, a day of trumpets and celebration, of meeting Him in the clouds and heading off for the wedding feast of the Lamb; the party of the Millennia. And this is true, but it's not going to look like what most Christians imagine (Jeremiah 46:10, Joel 2:30-32, Zephaniah 1:14-18, Malachi 4:1-6). Our eyes tend to skip over the uncomfortable bits, the blood and destruction, and focus on the salvation of YHWH and the deliverance of His people. But that is what the great and terrible day of the Lord will be. It will be a day of destruction and grief that we have to go through before we can come to the place of rejoicing.

The wedding feast of the Lamb is also not what most people think of (Revelation 19:6-9). Most stop reading at verse 19b, where it says, "... Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb..." But let's take a look at the invitation (Revelation 19:17-18, Ezekiel 39:17-20). The number of the dead will be so great that it will take seven months to bury the remains (Ezekiel 39:12-16).

This is a very different picture to what we've been taught in the church for so long; but to not teach this is to defraud the body of Christ. We, as believers, need to be prepared for the day of the Lord that is coming; to be fully aware of what is written in Scripture and be able to pray, "Even so come, Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:16-21).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Has this challenged your belief system?
2. If it has, in what way?

Answers:

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Day 218 – Leviticus 25–27

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Developing a life in God's presence above all else is the only way to fulfill our God-given destinies. Keys to our callings are released when we spend time there.' Heidi Baker

Notes:

Memory Verse:

If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments so as to do them, then I shall give you rains in their season, so that the land will give forth its produce and the trees of the field will give forth their fruit. Indeed, your threshing will last for you until grape gathering, and grape gathering will last until sowing time. You will thus eat your food to the full and live securely in your land. Leviticus 26:3-5

Daily Devotion

"You shall thus observe My statutes and keep My judgments, so as to do them, that you may live securely in the land. Then the land will yield its fruit, so that you can eat your fill and live securely on it." Leviticus 25:18-19

We've talked before about this Biblical principle of blessing that flows from obedience, and here is another example of that. There are specific statutes and judgements that YHWH has given the people of Israel regarding the land and how it is to be treated, about resting the land, about harvesting (Leviticus 25:1-12), and about ownership (Leviticus 25:23-24). This is one of those conditional promises of YHWH: "If you do this, this will happen." These statutes of YHWH have been written off by the church as, "That's a part of the Law; we're no longer under the Law, so these don't apply to us." In so doing, we are missing out on learning God's ways, His principles for living, and the blessings that flow from obedience, to those principles that He set down in His word.

Prayer: Abba Father, create in me a hunger and a thirst for Your word, Your statutes and principles; teach me Your ways, and guide me in the way everlasting, for Your name's sake. Amen.

Bible Study

"The land, moreover, shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine; for you are but sojourners and foreign residents with Me. " Leviticus 25:23

In our society, we have this idea of ownership – that property belongs to us and we can do what we want with what is ours. Nations claim ownership of vast patches of land, corporations do likewise, and we as individuals claim our own patches of land as well. This concept of land ownership is foreign to tribal communities; who, for the most part, see the land in terms of stewardship rather than ownership. This way of thinking is much closer to YHWH's original plan for the way things ought to be (Genesis 2:15). And even when the people of Israel went into the Promised Land, they were to recognise that the land was YHWH's and they were just sojourners in the land (Leviticus 25:23, Joel 3:2).

We, too, are just sojourners on this earth, for the earth is YHWH's and all it contains (Exodus 19:5). We need to come back to the place of understanding, like the nomadic and tribal communities, that our role is not to own the land but to steward it for the glory of YHWH, and the next generation.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How is ownership different from possession?
2. What is our possession as believers?

Answers:

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Day 219 – 1 Chronicles 1-4

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*'You cannot accomplish great things
without vision. You do not make vision, the
vision makes you. The Holy Spirit specializes in
giving vision. Vision produces faith. Without
vision, there is no faith.'
David Yonggi Cho*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

Now Jabez was more honourable than his brothers, and his mother named him Jabez saying, 'Because I bore him with pain.' Then Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, 'Oh that You would bless me indeed and enlarge my border, and that Your hand might be with me, and that You would keep me from harm that it might not pain me!' And God brought about what he asked." 1 Chronicles 4:9-10

Daily Devotion

"Two sons were born to Eber, the name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided, and his brother's name was Joktan." 1 Chronicles 1:19

Peleg appears in four genealogies in Scripture: The first being in Genesis 10:25, and the second in Genesis 11:16-19. Peleg's name means division, from the verb palag: to divide or split. And sandwiched between these first two genealogies is the account of the tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9).

In Peleg's days, the earth was divided, not physically, as in the dividing of the continents, but by language. People could no longer communicate with or understand each other and YHWH scattered them over the face of the whole earth. Language continues to divide us even to this day, not just because of the difference in the words, but because of the difference in thinking that occurs with different languages. But the most fascinating thing is this: That although Peleg is named for the dividing of the earth, he is also listed in one last genealogy, and that is the genealogy of Jesus, the one who will ultimately bring unity to the earth (Luke 3:35, Acts 2:2-12, Ephesians 2:11-18).

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that You transform our stories; that how we start out doesn't have to be how our story ends. Thank You that the things that define us at one point in our lives can be transformed by the power of Your Spirit into the polar opposite of what we once represented. Nothing is too difficult for You. Amen.

Bible Study

"The sons of Abraham were Isaac and Ishmael.... The sons of Isaac were Esau and Israel. " 1 Chronicles 1:28, 34b

When we look at the genealogies of Abraham through to Jacob, and particularly the sons of the promise, something interesting emerges. With both the sons of Abraham and the sons of Isaac, the younger son is favoured over the older son and receives both the inheritance and the promise. But when it comes to Jacob, all twelve of his sons inherit the promise and pass that promise down from generation to generation, even while they were in bondage in Egypt. While there was just the two sons, the Promise went to the one chosen by God, but once there were twelve sons, who could establish the twelve tribes of Israel, the promise was passed on to them all.

It needs to be noted here that Abraham had a lot more children than just Isaac and Ishmael. Eight children, if you count those Keturah bore. But if you look carefully, you'll see that they are listed not as Abrahams sons, but "The sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine, whom she bore" (1 Chronicles 1:32a). Surely eight sons would be enough to establish the tribes of a people? You would think so, but the sons of Keturah have no legal right of inheritance, as Keturah was never Abraham's wife. You may suppose that Hagar was not Abraham's wife either, but legally she was – she was Sarah's property, given by Sarah to her husband as a wife so that Sarah could bear Abraham a child through her. So Ishmael was a legitimate heir of Abraham (Genesis 16:1-3). The same was true for Jacob and his wives and sons (Genesis 30:1-5, 9-13).

Why is this important? Because the Son of the promise had to come through the line of the seed of the promised; there could be not even a whiff of illegitimacy in that line. We see this same principle at play when David sins with Bathsheba: The son conceived in adultery was taken to be with YHWH shortly after birth, otherwise the line of the king would have been compromised (2 Samuel 12:13-14). There could be no possibility that the legitimacy of the line of the Messiah might be questioned. The promise of YHWH, passed from Abraham to Isaac and then to Jacob, which then became the promise to the nation of Israel, the nation that began with the seventy souls of Israel's household, that arrived in Egypt following Joseph (Genesis 46:2-4, 26-27).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What is the promise of YHWH that was given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?
2. How does that promise affect you?

Answers:

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Day 220 – Psalms 93–95

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The spirit of grace is always accompanied by the spirit of supplication. It is the very breath of the new creature, the fan of the divine life, whereby the spark of holy fire, kindled in the soul by God, is not only kept in, but raised into a flame. George Whitefield

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"YHWH reigns. He is clothed with majesty: YHWH has clothed and girded Himself with strength: indeed, the world is established, it will not be shaken. Your throne is established from of old: You are from everlasting." Psalm 13:1-2

Daily Devotion

"If YHWH had not been my help, my soul would soon have dwelt in the abode of silence. If I should say, 'My foot has stumbled,' Your lovingkindness, O YHWH, will hold me up. When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Your consolations delight my soul." Psalm 94:17-19

When things are at their darkest and it is hard to find a reason to go on living, when we fall so hard that we don't know if we'll ever stand again, when anxiety is trying everything it can to overcome us, our help is in YHWH, in His lovingkindness (Psalm 40:17, 54:4, Hebrews 13:6). Our hope is renewed by the comfort we find in Him (Psalm 31:24, Isaiah 41:10, Hebrews 4:16, 1 Timothy 6:17). In YHWH, we have everything we need for life and Godliness, He is our all in all (2 Peter 1:3, Ephesians 1:17-23). When our circumstances and our emotions are screaming at us, "Look at me! Focus on me!", it is then that we must turn our eyes to YHWH, focus our gaze on His face, enter into His presence; where there is joy forevermore, and the peace that surpasses all understanding, and allow praise and thanksgiving to YHWH be the thing that comes out of our mouths (Matthew 12:34, Luke 6:45).

Prayer: Abba Father, like the Psalmist I will say, in my distress I will call upon You, for You will answer me, for there is no God like You. I choose to turn my focus away from my circumstances and emotions and give all my attention to You, because I know that in Your presence is fullness of joy, and in Your right hand there are pleasures forever. Amen.

Bible Study

"Come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before Yahweh our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. " Psalm 95:6-7a

Whether we acknowledge Him or not, YHWH is our Maker and therefore, we are His people. We can come before Him with praise and thanksgiving, declaring the wonders of the works of His hands (Psalm 95:1-5), or we can wander from Him and pursue futility (Psalm 95:7b-11, Hebrews 4:1-11). But in the end, we will all bow before Him (Isaiah 45:22-25, Romans 14:10-12)

"Make a loud shout to YHWH, all the earth. Serve YHWH with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that YHWH, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For YHWH is good; His lovingkindness endures forever and His faithfulness, generation unto generation. " Psalm 100:1-5

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What does it mean to be the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand?
2. Why is this a reason for celebration?

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Day 221 – Proverbs 16

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'God takes great delight in surprising His people with His goodness. He delights in being there for us, in coming through for us. He loves to give us the good gifts of His provision and grace that reveal to us His nature and His character.'

John Paul Jackson

Notes:

Memory Verse:

The highway of the upright is to turn away from evil: he who guards his way keeps his soul. Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling. It is better to be humble in spirit with the lowly than to divide the spoil with the proud. He who considers the word will find good, and blessed is he who trusts in YHWH. Proverbs 16:17-20

Daily Devotion

"Gray hair is a crown of beauty; it is found in the way of righteousness. He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his own spirit, than he who captures a city." Proverbs 16:31-32.

The privilege and beauty of old age are fostered through the practice of walking in righteousness, patience, gentleness, and self-control. Wisdom, understanding, a teachable spirit, and insight are a fountain of life, sweetness to the soul and healing to the bones (Exodus 20:12, Deuteronomy 5:33, Proverbs 3:1-2, 13-18, 16:21-24, John 10:10, 1 Peter 3:10).

The word says that YHWH has given everything we need for (long) life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3); all we need to do is walk in it (Galatians 5:22-23).

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that You have given me everything I need for a long life and godliness, remind me moment by moment to walk in Your righteousness, by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Bible Study

"A just balance and scales belong to YHWH; all weights of the bag belong to YHWH . . . The lot is cast into the lap, but its every judgment is from YHWH. " Proverbs 16:11,33

There are two things that we choose to believe that sound true but are fundamental deceptions: One is that there are things that we have control over; the other is that there are things that happen randomly or by chance. Man may think that he has devised the weights and measures that we use, but the knowledge of these things has come from YHWH, and all weights and measures belong to Him. We may think we are leaving something up to chance or happenstance, but it is YHWH who chooses for us. We may make our plans, and plan our ways, but it is YHWH who directs our steps and weighs our motives (Proverbs 16:1-2, 9-10). How much better if we seek His council and entrust our way to Him (Proverbs 3:5-6, 16:3)?

Discuss:

Question:

1. How can we ensure that our motives remain pure in His sight?

Answers

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Day 222 – Daniel 1-6

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God wants your ministry to flow from the realization that you are a beloved child of God. In that place, you don't worry too much about how people see you You don't worry because you're simply going to love them and love Him. This comes from knowing who He is and what He thinks of you. This is what it means to grasp that you are a child of God.

Heidi Baker

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"But Daniel said to the overseer whom the commander of the officials had appointed over Daniel, Hannaniah, Mishael, and Azariah, 'Please test your servants for ten days, and let us be given some vegetables to eat and water to drink. Then let our appearance be observed before you and the appearance of the youths who are eating the king's choice food: and deal with your servants according to what you see.'" Daniel 1:11-13

Daily Devotion

"Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the furnace of blazing fire; he answered and said, 'Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, come out, you servants of the Most High God, and come here!' Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego came out of the midst of the fire. " Daniel 3:26

Nebuchadnezzar was astounded by what he saw when Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego were thrown into the furnace, which was so hot that those who threw them in were killed by the heat. He can't believe the evidence of his own eyes and has to ask if what he's seeing is really happening, because it is so awesome and wonderful that it is hard to believe. But he knows it is true, and Who it is that is working this miracle because Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego had told Him about the God they served and worshipped (Daniel 3:16-18).

When we choose to stand for what is right, in the name of our God; then win or lose, live or die, we provide an opportunity for YHWH to show Himself as holy and glorify His name (Daniel 3:27-28).

Prayer: Abba Father, give me the courage of my convictions as I grow in my love relationship with You, that it will not just be an infatuation that passes as soon as things get tough, but that my love will respond to Your perfect love that casts out all fear, as I stand up for what I know to be right, even at a cost to myself, even at the cost of my life; that I will be able to say, "My God, whom I serve, is able to save me, and He will save me; but if not, let it be known that I am not going to serve your gods."

Amen.

Bible Study

"This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the resolution of the Most High, which has reached my lord the king; that you be driven away from mankind and your place of habitation be with the beasts of the field, and you be given grass to eat like cattle and be drenched with the dew of heaven; and seven periods of time will pass over you, until you know that the Most High is the powerful ruler over the kingdom of mankind and gives it to whomever He wishes. " Daniel 4:24-25

Nebuchadnezzar has experienced some truly awesome and miraculous things that YHWH has done both for him and in his presence to show him that He is the one true God, but pride has entered in and he has claimed his achievements as his own, and not given glory to YHWH. So this is the judgement that YHWH has pronounced on him. T here are two extraordinary things about this judgement: One is that there is no mention of Nebuchadnezzar's mind being affected, so there is the distinct possibility that during those seven years, there is a part of him that is aware of what is happening. The other, and this is truly remarkable, is that YHWH kept his kingdom for him until he was restored to his place on the throne (Daniel 4:26-27, 34-37).

God will not share His glory with another (Isaiah 42:8, 48:11).

Discuss:

Question:

1. Why did YHWH destroy Pharaoh but restored Nebuchadnezzar?

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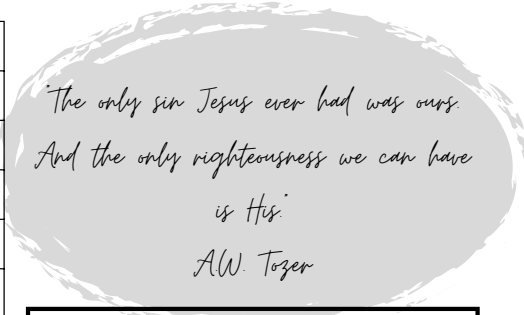
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Day 223 – John 3-4

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Memory Verse:

'For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged: he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.' John 3:16-19

Daily Devotion

"But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been done by God." John 3:21

When we practice the truth, walking in God's ways, there is no room for ego or boasting, because as we start to walk out His purpose and plan for our lives, we realise very quickly that we can't do it on our own. It is only by the power of His Holy Spirit dwelling in us that we can walk in His ways (Acts 1:8). We have been made the righteousness of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21), and by the power of the Holy Spirit we can walk in that righteousness. And like Yeshua, we can speak what we hear the Father speaking and do what we see the Father doing (John 5:19). We truly become His hands and feet on the earth, so that our works are not our own but have been done by YHWH through us. They have been done by God; therefore, we delight to come to His Light so that those deeds can be manifested as having been done by Him.

Prayer: Abba Father, I know that nothing I do in my own strength or according to my own plans has any eternal value. I know that You are Light, and there is no darkness in You. Help me to walk in the light, even as Jesus is in the light, walking in fellowship with You as I do what I see You doing and speak what I hear You speaking, that Your light might shine forth through me to those in darkness. Amen.

Bible Study

"The wind blows where it wishes and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who has been born of the Spirit. " John 3:8

In this study, we will be looking at two individuals and their interactions with Jesus. They come from very different backgrounds but there are some distinct similarities in the way Jesus speaks to them both; let's have look at some of the differences and similarities:

Meeting: One came to Jesus by night to question him; this was Nicodemus.

The other came to draw water from the well, and Jesus "just happened" to be sitting by the well while His disciples went to find food (John 3:1-2a, 4:7-8).

Recognition: They both recognized that Jesus was from God (John 3:2b, 4:19).

Mystery: Jesus reveals to both of them spiritual mysteries, and they both respond in the natural (John 3:3-7, 4:9-14).

Jesus challenges their beliefs: Nicodemus questions how he can believe such things, and the Samaritan woman questions where she should worship; but Jesus' response to them both is very similar (John 3:9-11, 4:20-22).

Response: Jesus reveals more spiritual truths and Nicodemus' response is one of disbelief; but the Samaritan woman's response is one of belief (John 3:12-21, 4:23-30).

I will point out that Nicodemus' disbelief was not the disbelief of rebellion, pride, or denial, but the disbelief of things that are too wonderful, a disbelief of joy and wonder at what he is hearing (Luke 24:41); for we know that he became a secret disciple of Jesus and was one of those who prepared Jesus' body for burial (John 19:38-40).

The Samaritan woman, whose name was Photini, went on to become "a significant figure in the Johannine community, the Samaritan woman, like many other women, contributed to the spread of Christianity. She, therefore, occupies a place of honor among the apostles. In Greek sermons from the fourth to the fourteenth centuries, she is called "apostle" and "evangelist."

In these sermons, the Samaritan woman is often compared to the male disciples and apostles and found to surpass them." (An excerpt from Brian Simmons' upcoming book "The Forgotten Disciples".

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Questions:

1. Why is it significant that Jesus said almost identical things to Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman?
2. What is the belief system He is challenging in them both?

Answers:

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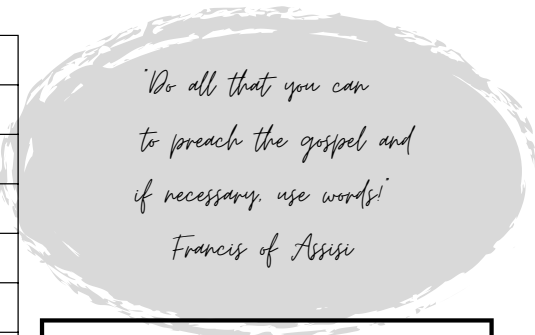
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Memory Verse:

"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word." 2 Thessalonians

2:16-17

Daily Devotion

"To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill all your good pleasure for goodness and the work of faith with power." 2 Thessalonians 1:11

There are two really significant things that are found in this verse: That we would be found worthy of our calling, and that YHWH would fulfill our good pleasure as it pertains to goodness, and faith with power. YHWH has placed a calling on each one of us (Ephesians 2:10) and given us all that we need to fulfill that calling (2 Peter 1:3). But how often do we recognise that we must be found worthy of that calling (2 Timothy 2:15)? We must be willing to step into that calling and draw on the Spirit of YHWH, that He has placed within us to walk it out, as we show ourselves to be workmen who need not be ashamed. And when our good pleasure is for goodness and the work of faith with power, then He will fulfill it (Psalm 37:3-4).

"So that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Thessalonians 1:12

Prayer: Abba Father, my desire is to be found worthy of my calling, a workman who need not be ashamed. Fulfill in me my good pleasure for goodness, and the work of faith with power. Amen.

Bible Study

"These (those who do not obey the gospel of Jesus Christ) will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His might, when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed — for our witness to you was believed. " 2 Thessalonians 1:9-10

This is eternal destruction (hell), to be separated from the presence of YHWH and the glory of His might. To see from a distance, as He is glorified in His saints and marveled at by those who believe, but to never be able to bridge the gap (Luke 16:23-26).

When people ask, "Why would a loving God send good people to hell?", the question they should be asking is, "Why would you expect to spend eternity in YHWH's presence, when you've spent your lifetime separate from and ignoring Him?" (Matthew 7:23)

We choose each day whether we want to spend eternity with YHWH, through our choices about how we spend our time, where we place our attention, and what we make our priority. If we are not seeking, as our first priority, the kingdom of YHWH and His righteousness, then why would we expect to attain it when He comes in His glory?

If we are seeking after and prioritizing the things of this world, then that is what we will attain (for as long as they last), but they will not go with us into eternity. But when we seek as our first priority the kingdom of YHWH and His righteousness, not only will we attain it but all these other things will be added to us (Matthew 6:31-34).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How does this differ from what you have thought about "heaven" and "hell"?
2. Where does the idea of "hell" being a place underground, or in the depths, come from?

Answers:

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Day 225 – Numbers 1-3

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If you are serious about becoming like Christ. He is going to put you in circumstances where your only true choice is to become like Him.

Francis Frangipane

Notes:

Memory Verse:

Now, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the sons of Israel instead of every firstborn, the first offspring of the womb among the sons of Israel. So the Levites shall be Mine. For all the firstborn are Mine; on the day that I struck down all the firstborn of the land of Egypt. I sanctified to Myself all the firstborn in Israel, from man to beast. They shall be Mine. I am YHWH.

Numbers 3:12-13

Daily Devotion

"With you, moreover, there shall be a man of each tribe, each one head of his father's household. These then are the names of the men who shall stand with you: ... So Moses and Aaron took these men who had been designated by name."

Numbers 1:4-5a,17

When YHWH gives you a task that is bigger than you can do alone, He has already chosen and prepared those who are to work alongside you; people He has called by name (Exodus 31:1-6, 35:30-36:1). It can be easy to try to search out the people that we think will be the best fit, or have the skills or gifts that we think are needed, or sometimes it's just a matter of who's available. But like any other decision we make, it is vital that we seek God's face and listen to what He is speaking to us, to listen for the names of the people that He has designated for that task. And when He does give us their names, to call them to the task (Genesis 36:2), so that the team we are working with is the one YHWH has prepared beforehand for the work that is at hand.

There are many skilled and gifted people sitting in congregations that are waiting for that call. It's up to us to call on those whom YHWH has named, not just the ones who have volunteered or who we are familiar with.

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to listen attentively for Your voice as You guide me and direct me in the way that I should go, that I will call on the people You have designated to work alongside me in the task ahead. Amen.

Bible Study

"Now YHWH spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, "The sons of Israel shall camp, each by his own standard, with the banners of their fathers' households; they shall camp around the tent of meeting at a distance. "
Numbers 2:1-2

The layout of the camp of Israel was very specific, with the tabernacle in the centre. The families of the Levites to camp around the Tabernacle on the south (Numbers 3:29), and north (Numbers 3:35), and Moses, and Aaron and his sons before the Tabernacle in the east (Numbers 3:38). Then tents of the other twelve tribes, three tribes on each side around the Tabernacle, east (Numbers 2:3-8), south (Numbers 2:10-15), west (Numbers 2:18-23), and north (Numbers 2:25-30), at a distance.

Each tribe had a specific place in the camp, and a specific order that it was to break camp and set up camp (Numbers 2:9,16,24,31); and each of the families of the Levites having specific roles to perform in the breaking down and setting up of the Tabernacle (Numbers 3:31-32, 36-37), always with the Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant in the very centre, whether they are camping or traveling (Numbers 2:17).

At all times the place of meeting, the place of YHWH's presence and glory, were central to all that they did.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What is the significance of the layout of the camp of the Israelites?
2. What is central to your life?

Answers:

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*‘Spiritual joy
arises from purity of the heart and perse-
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Francis of Assisi*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

They (the sons of Gad) made war against the Hagarites, Jetur, Naphtali, and Rodan. They were helped against them, and the Hagarites and all who were with them were given into their hand: for they cried out to God in the battle, and He was moved by their entreaty because they trusted in Him. 1

Chronicles 5:19-20

Daily Devotion

"Now these are the singers, heads of fathers' households of the Levites, who lived in the chambers of the temple free from other service; for they were over them in their work day and night." 1 Chronicles 9:33

The role of the singers, those who worship YHWH day and night in the Temple, was considered so important that they had no other work to do in the Temple (1 Chronicles 6:31-32). The work of the singers was to worship YHWH day and night, to sing and prophesy with musical instruments (1 Chronicles 25:1,6).

They also lived in the chambers of the temple.

The role of music and song in worship continues to this day, but the significant importance of those who sing and the role of music in prophecy has been lost, to a large degree. And a life dedicated to continual 24/7 worship and singing is almost unheard of today, and does not even rate a mention in what we now consider the pillars of the church, the five-fold Ministries.

Maybe it's time to reprioritise the roles that are considered to be important in the church, and take another look at the role of a life dedicated to prayer and intercession, worship, and the study of God's word.

Prayer: Abba Father, I know that there are many in Your body who feel called to a life of worship, of intercession, and of the study of Your word, but who find no place for their calling in the modern church. Abba, my prayer is this: That You would make a way where there is no way, for those who are called, like the Levites, to serve and dwell in the Temple, in the place of Your presence, day and night, to fulfill their calling. Amen.

Bible Study

"All these who were chosen to be gatekeepers at the thresholds were 212. These were recorded by genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer established in their office of trust. " 1 Chronicles 9:22

The role of the gatekeepers was the other role, along with the singers, that dwelt continually, day and night, in the house of YHWH; the Tabernacle once they had settled in the land, and the Temple (1 Chronicles 9:22-27). But unlike the singers, they had other roles in the Temple also, keeping an account of the utensils, looking after the furniture, care of the fine flour and oil and wine, the mixing of spices and baking of bread (1 Chronicles 9:28-32). Their role was to be envied as they, like the singers, lived and served in the presence of the Most High God (Psalm 84:10, 27:4)!

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What is the significance of the layout of the camp of the Israelites?
2. What is central to your life?

Answers:

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Day 227 – Psalms 96–98

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*God never hurries.
There are no deadlines against which He
must work. Only to know this is to quiet
our spirits and relax our nerves.
A. W. Tozer*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Sing to YHWH a new song, for He has done wondrous deeds. His right hand and His holy arm have worked out His salvation. YHWH has made known His salvation: He has revealed His righteousness in the eyes of the nations. He has remembered His lovingkindness and His faithfulness to the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God." Psalm 98:1-3

Daily Devotion

"Splendour and majesty are before Him, strength and beauty are in His sanctuary." Psalm 96:6

Today we are revisiting the subject of who we are in Christ, and who or what we are being built up into, in Him. In Exodus, we see the garments for Aaron and his sons, the priests, to wear in the Tabernacle being made, or more appropriately crafted, "for glory and for beauty" (Exodus 28:2,40, 31:1-6). And we know that we are to be a kingdom of priests to our God (Exodus 19:6, Isaiah 61:6, 1 Peter 2:9, Revelation 1:6), imbued with the glory and beauty of the righteousness of Christ. We are also being built into a sanctuary for our God (1 Corinthians 3:16, Ephesians 2:19-22, 1 Peter 2:5).

Now that we have established these things, read that verse again . . .

Now personalise it

You need to know that both strength and beauty are in you.

This is the truth that you can use as a defence against the lies of the enemy, by coming out of agreement with the lie and declaring the truth!

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to recognise who You have created me to be, and who You are transforming me into; to see myself through Your eyes so that I can walk according to Your vision of me, as I come out of agreement with the lies of the enemy and start to declare to truth, no matter how awkward that may feel at first. Amen.

Bible Study

"Say among the nations, 'YHWH reigns; indeed, the world is established, it will not be shaken; He will render justice to the peoples with equity.'"

Psalm 96:10

"Indeed, the world is established, it will not be shaken." In these last days, many things will be shaken: people will be shaken, nations will be shaken, rulers will be shaken. In fact, anything that can be shaken will be shaken (Hebrews 12:26-27).

Those things that will not be shaken are the ones that have set YHWH continually before them, who make YHWH their strength (Deuteronomy 31:6, Psalm 16:8-11, Isaiah 41:10, Acts 2:25).

We know that the heavens and the earth declare continually the glory of YHWH (Psalm 19:1-4, 108:5, Habakkuk 3:3, Romans 1:18-20), and that the whole of creation eagerly awaits the revealing of the sons of God (Isaiah 55:11-13, Jeremiah 12:4).

The earth will not be shaken because it is anxiously awaiting the day of God's salvation, the judgement of the peoples of the earth, and the revealing of the sons of God, for then it will be freed from the curse of sin, and will rejoice in its Creator (Psalm 96:11-97:9, Isaiah 44:23, 49:13, Romans 8:18-22).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What role does the gatekeeper play in the modern church?
2. Why has the role of the singer (worshipper-prophet) and gatekeeper diminished in our times?

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Day 228 – Proverbs 17–18

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Meekness is calm confidence, settled assurance, and rest of the soul. It is the tranquil stillness of a soul that is at rest in Christ. It is the place of peace. Meekness springs from a heart of humility, radiating the fragrance of Christ.
Matthew Henry

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"From the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach will be satisfied; with the produce of his lips he will be satisfied. Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit." Proverbs 18:20-21

Daily Devotion

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity... A man of too many friends comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." Proverbs 17:17, 18:24

In this day of social media, a person's worth, their value, is so easily based on how many friends or followers they have on social media; talent shows are turned into popularity contests when a large percentage of the score is based on social media "Likes"; and actors are losing roles on TV shows and in movies because their social media following is not big enough. And yet, these "friends" often have no personal relationship with that person and know nothing about them other than what they present in a virtual world. Social media may seem like it is here to stay, but its allure is already fading and people are seeking out more personal, one on one, human interactions. Since the rise of social media, there has also been a rise in the rates of loneliness, and the number of friendships like those described in Proverbs have become few. Treasure those friends, but more importantly, be that kind of friend, and break away from the lie that the number of "friends" you have is what's important.

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that You created us for relationship: Relationship with You, with with the earth and all it contains, and with each other. We are created in Your image, and our need for deep, intimate personal relationships is hardwired in. Help us to find all that we need in You so that we can pour into others from the overflow of Your love, rather than looking to others to meet our own needs. Help us to be that friend, who loves at all times and sticks closer than a brother. Amen.

Bible Study

"The name of YHWH is a strong tower; the righteous runs into it and is set securely on high. A rich man's wealth is his strong city, and like a high wall in his own delusion." Proverbs 18:10-11

What an amazing contrast these two pictures paint!

The righteous, who trust in the name of YHWH, the invisible God, who fills us to overflowing with intangible riches, and are secure. And the rich man, who surrounds himself with his tangible wealth but his security is a delusion.

And yet in the world, those of us who put our trust in YHWH are the ones who are thought to trust in a delusion. It is human nature to trust in what we can see, hear, taste, touch and smell. And there are those who will refuse to believe in anything they cannot see or touch, and yet, we aren't even able to experience the full range of the known natural spectrum of light, sound, smell, taste and touch. Our ability to experience the natural realm is so incredibly limited that to base our understanding and belief on only that is foolishness. And to think that this transient, temporal realm is the only reality and to deny the eternal, spiritual realm because we cannot see it is like denying the existence of the rest of the world because we can't see past the horizon; this truly is delusion (Psalm 94:11, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, 3:18-23).

We are called to live by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7) and without faith it is impossible to please Him (Hebrews 11:6); trusting in the invisible, the intangible realm far above the natural one. Trusting in the spoken word of YHWH above our own natural experiences. If we look at the electromagnetic spectrum, we see that sound becomes light which becomes matter, and we grasp at the tangible end of the spectrum and declare that only that is real. Whereas YHWH spoke and there was light, and then there was matter; therefore, that which is truly real is Him from whom original sound emanated. That is why the Scriptures tell us that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17).

Discuss:

Question:

1. What are some of the intangible riches of God?

Answer:

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Day 229 – Daniel 7-12

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When an athlete is getting ready to compete, they come to a place of complete stillness before starting. In this place, a moment can seem like an eternity and they can centre and focus themselves for the race ahead. Stillness does not mean inactivity.

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Now at that time, Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will stand. And there will be a time of distress such as never happened since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued." Daniel 12:1

Daily Devotion

"Daniel answered and said, 'I was looking in my vision by night . . . " Daniel 7:2a

In Daniel chapter 7, Daniel is recounting the vision he saw in the night, and he states, "I was looking in the vision by night, (emphasis added)." We don't often think about looking, or seeing, in the Spirit. We talk a lot about hearing the Word of God, and listening for the voice of God, yet we don't put anywhere near the same emphasis on looking and seeing (Proverbs 20:12). In this chapter, "looking" is mentioned eight times: the first time in the above verse, and then seven times he says, "I kept looking", "I kept looking, and . . . , I kept looking until . . . , I kept looking because . . .". How often, when we get a glimpse of something in the Spirit, do we keep looking, pressing in to see more?

Seeing is not just for the seers (2 Kings 6:15-17, Psalm 119:18, Acts 26:12-19, Revelation 1:9-12). Let's all ask the Father for eyes to see, as well as ears to hear (Matthew 13:13-17, Luke 8:10).

Prayer: Abba Father, I pray with Elisha, "O YHWH, I pray, open our eyes that we might see!" Give me eyes to see in the spirit realm, and a heart that is willing to keep looking. Amen

Bible Study

"Now it happened when I, Daniel, had seen the vision, that I sought to understand it; and behold, standing before me was one who had the appearance of a man. And I heard the voice of a man between the banks of Ulai, and he called out and said, 'Gabriel, give this man an understanding of what has happened.' " Daniel 8:15-16

When we seek understanding of what YHWH has shown us in the Spirit, He will move mountains to bring us that understanding (Daniel 9:1-3, 20-22, 10:7-8, 10-12). So, no matter how long it takes, keep pressing in to Abba for the understanding of what He has shown you; He will bring understanding, or let you know if the time is not right (Daniel 12:8-9, Proverbs 25:2).)

Discuss:

Question:

1. What Scripture talks about pressing in to know YHWH?

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Day 230 – John 5–6

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*We don't seek God's
power. we seek His presence. His power and
everything else we need is always found in
His presence.
John Wimber*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing from Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in the same manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel.' John 5:19-20

Daily Devotion

"Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; and He gave Him authority to execute judgement, because He is the Son of Man. " John 5:25-27

There is so much going on in this passage that I could spend hours here; but for the purpose of brevity, I will come straight to the point. This passage is a nutshell description of Jesus, as both the Son of God and the Son of Man. As the Son of God (the Eternal One, the Uncreated), He has the power and the right to create and bestow life; so that at the sound of His voice, those who are dead will live (John 5:28-29, Daniel 12:2, Colossians 1:12-20, John 1:1-4, 1 Thessalonians 4:16). And as the Son of Man (the temporal, created one), He has the authority to judge creation (Daniel 7:13-14, Matthew 25:31-46, Mark 8:38, 9:31, Luke 9:22, 2 Timothy 4:1, 1 Peter 4:5-6).

Prayer: Abba, Father, thank You that Yeshua, Your Son, is a complete representative of You to mankind, and also a complete representative of mankind to You, so that He is able to both give life to those who seek Him, and judge with justice and equity all mankind. That in Him, we have everything we need for life and godliness, and therefore we have no excuses; only grace and justice. Amen.

Bible Study

"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that bear witness about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life." John 5:39-40

"It is these that bear witness of Me."

The Scriptures; what does that bring to mind when you hear it? For most people in the church that means the Bible, and for many of those, it is the New Testament (Matthew through Revelation), but mostly the Pauline epistles. And yet, what Jesus is speaking about is what we consider the Old Testament: The books of the Law, the books of Poetry, and the books of Prophecy in particular (Luke 24:44). The Pharisees made the mistake of searching the Scriptures thinking that in them they had eternal life, and failed to recognise the One that the Scriptures bore witness of (John 5:45-47). We in the church, on the other hand, try to recognise Yeshua without searching the Scriptures that bear witness of Him. The white Anglo-Saxon, Protestant (or Catholic) Jesus that we envision is not the Messiah of the Scriptures. How can we provoke the Jew to jealousy by our relationship with the Messiah, their Messiah, if the Messiah we worship is not recognisably Jewish, and does not represent the Messiah of the Scriptures? If we want to truly know Christ, we need to know the Scriptures, the Scriptures that Jesus opened the minds of His disciples to understand (Luke 24:45).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What are some of the Old Testament Scriptures which speak of Yeshua?
2. Could you preach the gospel of Jesus Christ from the O.T. Scriptures?
3. Are you willing to pursue an understanding of the Messiah as He is portrayed in the books of the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms?

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Day 231 – 1 Timothy 1-3

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*It seems the more I
think about not sinning, the more I sin, but
the more I think about just loving Jesus, the
less I seem to sin. Falling
in love seems to be the key.*

John Wimber

Notes:

Memory Verse

"It is a trustworthy saying and deserving full acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost. Yet for this reason I was shown mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Christ Jesus might demonstrate all his patience as an example for those who are going to believe upon Him for eternal life. Now to the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen." 1

Timothy 1:15-17

Daily Devotion

"First of all, then, I exhort that petitions and prayers, requests and thanksgivings, be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth." 1 Timothy 2:1-4

In this passage, Paul is exhorting the church but like many of Paul's exhortations, we tend to skip over it or tell ourselves, "If Paul knew what things are like now, he wouldn't be saying this." So let's deal with this first. At the time that Paul is writing this, the church is being hunted down and persecuted by both the religious Jews and the Romans. Paul himself had been on assignment to arrest and murder the believers in Yeshua HaMashiach before Yeshua Himself appeared to him in a vision while on the road to Damascus. And the Roman emperor was known to use Christ-ones as human torches in his garden, as well as feeding them to wild animals for the enjoyment of the masses. So Paul makes this exhortation knowing how bad things can get.

What is the exhortation? That petitions and prayers, requests and thanksgivings be made (2 Chronicles 7:14, Romans 12:12, Ephesians 6:18, Philippians 4:6, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, James 5:16).

For whom? All men, kings, and all who are in authority (Jeremiah 29:7, Matthew 5:43-44, Romans 13:1, Colossians 1:16-17, 1 Peter 2:17).

Why? So that we may live a peaceful and tranquil life, and all men may be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (Psalms 2:10-11, Proverbs 21:1, Matthew 5:45-48, Romans 10:1, Hebrews 12:14). This may seem like an impossibility, or a pipe dream, but we are to pray believing that our God is able (Matthew 7:7, 21:22, Luke 18:1-8, John 14:13, 2 Peter 3:9).

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to pray with faith for all men, trusting in You to fulfill Your word and Your promises, looking to You, the Promise Keeper, and trusting You rather than my circumstances.
Giving thanks to You in all things. Amen.

Bible Study

"But the goal of our command is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and an unhypocritical faith. For some, straying from these things, have turned aside to fruitless discussion, wanting to be teachers of the Law, even though they do not understand either what they are saying or the matters about which they make confident assertions. But we know that the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully. " 1 Timothy 1:5-8

The verses I want to focus on in this discussion are verses 5 and 8: the two "Buts". The first "But" is this, "the goal of our command is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and an unhypocritical faith" (verse 5). Why is this a "But"? To answer that, we need to look at 1 Timothy 1:3-4. There are those in Ephesus who are teaching doctrines that stir up contention and speculation, wanting to appear wise before men by their many arguments (1 Timothy 1:6). Wanting to be teachers of the Law, without either knowledge or understanding of the Law (1 Timothy 1:7).

We see this a lot today, people speaking about the Law without ever studying the Law, and actually believing that it is not necessary to do so. And this leads us to the second "But" (1 Timothy 1:8): "But we know that the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully." Now, I want to make it clear, this statement is coming from the Apostle Paul, who many use to declare that the Law is no longer valid, or has been done away with. But to do this, they have to ignore the rest of what Paul writes about the Law, and also the words of Jesus Himself, regarding the Law (Matthew 5:17-20, Luke 24:44-45, John 5:39-47, Romans 2:12-16, 7:7-12).

When we recognise that the Law is good, and that in it we find the witness of the Messiah, Jesus Christ the Righteous, then we can teach the Law from the place of love personified in Christ, "love from a pure heart a good conscience, and an unhypocritical faith" (verse 5). Holding ourselves to a higher standard than that of the scribes and Pharisees; walking in righteousness that has been attained by faith, and holiness by the power of His Holy Spirit that dwells in us.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Who is Paul quoting when he says, 'the righteous shall live by faith'?
2. What does it look like to use the Law lawfully?

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Day 232 - Numbers 4-5

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*"Be sure that you never
try to work God into your schedule, but
always work your schedule around Him."
Joyce Meyer*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Then YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the sons of Israel,

'When a man or woman commits any of the sins of mankind, acting unfaithfully against YHWH, and that person is guilty, then he shall confess his sins which he has committed, and he shall make restitution in full for his wrong and add to it one fifth of it and give it to him whom he has wronged.'" Numbers 5:5-7

Daily Devotion

"Then YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 'Command the sons of Israel that they send away from the camp every leper and everyone having a discharge and everyone who is unclean because of a dead person. You shall send away both male and female; you shall send them outside the camp so that they will not defile their camp where I dwell in their midst. ' And the sons of Israel did so and sent them outside the camp; just as YHWH had spoken to Moses, thus the sons of Israel did. " Numbers 5:1-4

It was vitally important that the Israelites kept any uncleanness out of the camp, where YHWH dwelt in their midst. Why? Because uncleanness, like germs, spreads. What does that mean? It means that if you touch something that is unclean, you become unclean, and so on. Because YHWH is dwelling in the midst of His people, they are required to be holy, even as He is holy (Leviticus 11:44-45, 19:2, 20:7, 26, Isaiah 59:2, Habakkuk 1:13a). We, too, need to recognise that because the Spirit of YHWH dwells in us, we are required to be holy, even as He is holy; to not allow any unclean thing to enter into our midst, because even a tiny part of uncleanness can spread through our whole being, and the Spirit of the Living God cannot look upon sin (Romans 8:4-11, 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 6:15-20, James 3:10-11, 1 Peter 1:16, 1 John 3:2-9, Revelation 21:27).

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You, that You have called us to be holy even as You are holy, and that You have provided everything that we need for life and godliness. Forgive us for those times when we allow the unclean and the unholy to enter into Your tabernacle, through the things we listen to or see or think upon. Cleanse me, YHWH, and I will be clean, wash me and I will be whiter than snow, and lead me in the everlasting way. Amen.

Bible Study

"Then YHWH spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 'Do not let the tribe of the families of the Kohathites be cut off from among the Levites. But do this to them that they may live and not die when they approach the most holy objects: Aaron and his sons shall go in and set each of them to his service and to his load; but they shall not go in to see the holy objects even for a moment, or they will die. '" Numbers 4:17-20

The Kohathites, one of the tribes of the Levites, are tasked with the responsibility to carry the most holy things whenever the people of Israel set out. But the only people who can come near them and live are Aaron and his sons, and then only after going through the ritual cleansing, and wearing the special clothes that have been set apart as holy. So the priests have been commanded to cover the most holy things in a specific way so that the Kohathites will not die as they are carrying out their duty (Numbers 4:4-15). The role of the priests is not just to be the ones to enter into the most holy place and minister before the presence of YHWH, but also to protect others from accidentally looking upon or touching the most holy things and dying (1 Chronicles 13:7-12).

Because of Jesus' death on the cross and the forgiveness of sin through His blood, the veil that separated us from the most holy place has been torn and we can freely enter into the presence of God. But we would do well to remember that He is still a Most Holy God, and we are not to enter in presumptuously, but always through the blood of Messiah and recognising Who it is we are presenting ourselves to. This is why, when Jesus taught His disciples to pray, the first thing they are to do is remind themselves of who YHWH is, that he is both "our Father", and that he is HOLY.

The God before whom we stand is the Most Holy God, so we are to enter His presence with an attitude of awe and wonder; rejoicing in our sonship, because of who He is and the intimacy that affords us in His presence. The privilege we have is not to be taken for granted, and we are to protect others from unworthily entering into the most holy place, or looking upon the most holy things. This is why Jesus warns us not to give what is holy to dogs (Matthew 7:6), and the Apostle Paul warns that some are becoming sick and dying (1 Corinthians 11:27-31).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How are we to show YHWH as holy before those who do not know Him?
2. What does it mean to be holy as He is holy?

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Day 233 – 1 Chronicles 10-14

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'We may sing, 'welcome, welcome, Holy Spirit, but He does not come because of our welcome. He is no guest, no stranger invited in for an hour or two. He is the Lord from heaven and He invites us into His presence.'

Reinhard Bonnke

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Then all Israel gathered to David at Hebron and said, 'Behold, we are your bone and your flesh. Previously, even when Saul was king, you were the one who led out and brought in Israel, and YHWH your God said to you, 'You will shepherd My people Israel, and you will be a ruler over My people Israel.'" 1 Chronicles 11:1-2

Daily Devotion

"All these, being men of war who could draw up in battle lines, came to Hebron with their whole heart to make David king over all Israel; and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king." 1 Chronicles 12:38

Once Saul was dead, all Israel came to David to make him their king (1 Chronicles 11:1-2), remembering all that David had done and all that God had spoken of him; and they rejoiced in David (1 Chronicles 12:39-40). But there were others who came to David while he was in the wilderness, who stood by him and fought alongside him when all he had was the word that God had spoken. These became David's mighty men. Those who stand by you when you have nothing but a vision and the promise of God are the ones you can trust to stand by you in all circumstances. Others may come and celebrate with you when God fulfills His word to you but these are not the ones you can entrust yourself to. Even Jesus knew that there were many who were His followers who would depart from Him when things got tough, but He entrusted himself to the twelve, even knowing that one of them would betray Him (John 2:23-25, 6:66-71).

Prayer: Abba Father, give me wisdom to know who to entrust myself to, who will become my "mighty men of valour" as I seek to serve You; those who will stick by me through good times and bad. And thank You for Your Son, who is the Friend who loves me at all times, and sticks closer than a brother. Amen.

Bible Study

"And the Spirit clothed Amasai, who was the chief of the thirty and he said, 'We are yours, O David, and with you', O son of Jesse! Peace, peace to you, and peace to him who helps you; indeed, your God helps you!" 1 Chronicles 12:18

While David was in the wilderness, hiding from Saul who was attempting to kill him, many men came to him from throughout the land of Israel, even some of the relatives of Saul (1 Samuel 22:1-2, 1 Chronicles 12:1, 22).

Why did they come to David? What was it that they saw in him?

They came to David because they saw that his God was with him (1 Samuel 16:18, 18:14-16, 25:23-31, 1 Chronicles 12:18).

Discuss:

Question:

1. Why is Saul's response to seeing that God is with David so different from that of the people who came to him in the wilderness?

Answer:

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Day 234 – Psalms 99–101

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*Nothing in or of this
world measures up to the simple
pleasure of experiencing the presence of God.
A. W. Tozer*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Make a loud shout to YHWH, all the earth. Serve YHWH with gladness: come before Him with joyful songs. Know that YHWH, He is God: it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves: we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For YHWH is good: His lovingkindness endures forever and His faithfulness, generation unto generation." Psalm 100:1-5

Daily Devotion

"O YHWH our God, You answered them; You were a forgiving God to them, and yet an avenger of their evil deeds. " Psalm 99:8

Moses and Aaron and Samuel knew the voice of God. He spoke with them face to face and He answered them, but He also judged them for their sins (Psalm 99:6-9).

So what were their sins and how did God judge them?

Moses' sin was to not treat YHWH as holy before the people, when he allowed his anger at the people to rise up so that he struck the rock the YHWH had commanded him to speak to. His punishment for this was to be excluded from entering the Promised Land. He would see it from a distance but not enter it (Numbers 20:9-13).

Aaron's sins all stemmed from pride. He was the older brother and wanted to be the one in charge. He led the people astray while Moses was on the mountain with YHWH, making a golden calf for them to worship, and then he and Miriam, his sister, challenged Moses for the leadership of the people of Israel. In both cases, Aaron's punishment was to watch as others suffered because of his sin: In the first instance,

3,000 people died before the Lord, and in the second, his sister Miriam became a leper. But he also was not allowed to enter the Promised Land, and died in the wilderness with the rest of the people who had acted unfaithfully toward God, as he shared in Moses' sin at Meribah (Exodus 32:1-6, 19-29, Numbers 12:1-15, 20:9-13).

Samuel's sin was to hold on to his own idea of what should have happened, rather than to trust that YHWH had a plan. His punishment was in the form of a gentle rebuke and call to serve (1 Samuel 15:35-16:1).

The judgement not only fits the sin, but also the one who sinned.

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that You don't treat us all the same, but You meet each one of us where we are, in Your grace and in Your severity. Amen.

Bible Study

"My eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may abide with me; he who walks in the way of the blameless is the one who will minister to me." Psalm 101:6

Who we choose to work with us, whether it is in business or ministry, is just as important as who we choose as our friends, and partner in life (2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1). This is a theme that runs throughout the Scriptures (Psalm 1:1-3, Psalm 37:1-4, 18-20, Psalm 119:63, Proverbs 4:14, 13:20, 22:24-25, 24:1, Amos 3:3, 1 Corinthians 5:11, 15:33, Hebrews 10:25, 2 Thessalonians 3:6).

We are to set a standard of righteousness for ourselves, and for those who serve with us, both as a testimony of our faithfulness, and as the plumb line by which we choose those that we surround ourselves with.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How can we show ourselves faithful?
2. How can we test the faithfulness of others?

Answers:

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Day 235 – Proverbs 19

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'We are always in the presence of God. There is never a non-sacred moment! His presence never diminishes. Our awareness of His presence may falter, but the reality of His presence never changes.'

Max Lucado

Notes:

Memory Verse

"A foolish son is destruction to his father, and the contentions of a wife are a constant dripping. House and wealth are an inheritance from fathers, but a wife who has insight is from YHWH." Proverbs 19:13-14

Daily Devotion

"He who is gracious to a poor man lends to YHWH, and He will repay him for his bountiful deed." Proverbs 19:17

When we give to the poor, we release any control over what we give. Giving without conditions, as an act of love, so that the Father heart of God is expressed through our giving; recognising that as we give, we're placing that gift in the hands of the Father, to use for His glory. If we give for any other reason, or with any conditions on our giving, we are withholding that gift from God and therefore forfeit any blessing that might come with the giving. Our heart attitude in giving needs to be that we are giving our best to God without any thought of return, without any accolades from others, and releasing control of what we give once it leaves our hands (Matthew 6:1-4).

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You for the freedom that comes with releasing what I give into Your hands to do with as You will; not asking for an accounting from man for how the gift was used, or recognition for the gift, for whatever purpose. But giving as an act of worship to You, from the secret place of Your presence; a private act of intimacy that no one else need know of.
Amen.

Bible Study

"What is desirable in a man is his lovingkindness, and better is a poor man than a man of falsehood. The fear of YHWH leads to life, so that one may sleep satisfied, not visited by evil. " Proverbs 19:22-23

What is desirable in a man?

Lovingkindness, honesty, and the fear of YHWH!

What God desires to see in a man is the same as what king Solomon looked for, and also what a godly woman wants.

Lovingkindness, honesty, and the fear of YHWH!

If you are a single man, looking for a Rebekah or a Ruth, then you need to work on being an Isaac or a Boaz, both of whom had these qualities.

Lovingkindness, honesty, and the fear of YHWH!

If you are a married man and want your wife to submit herself to you, then make sure you are walking in these qualities.

Lovingkindness, honesty, and the fear of YHWH!

If you are looking for promotion at work, or in the kingdom, work on displaying these qualities in everything you do.

Lovingkindness, honesty, and the fear of YHWH!

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How did Isaac and Boaz display the qualities of lovingkindness, honesty, and the fear of YHWH?
2. Are these qualities only for men?

Answers:

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Day 236 – Hosea 1-7

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*"We can ignore, but we
can nowhere evade, the presence of God.
The world is crowded with Him.
He walks everywhere incognito."
C. S. Lewis*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

For the sons of Israel will remain for many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, and without ephod or household idols. Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek YHWH their God and David their king; and they will come in dread to YHWH and to His goodness and the last days.' Hosea 3:4-5

Daily Devotion

"And it will be in that day", declares YHWH, 'that you will call Me Ishi and will no longer call Me Baali.' " Hosea 2:16

What does it mean, "you will call Me Ishi and will no longer call Me Baali"? Baali means "My Master", from the verb "ba'al", to be master, owner or lord.

This is how the people of Israel, and many in the church, see YHWH. But YHWH looks for the day when Israel and the church no longer call Him Baali, but "Ishi", which means "My Husband" (Hosea 2:19-20)!

YHWH is both Master and Husband to us, but where does your heart and mind go to first when you think of Him? God's desire is that our hearts cry to Him is, "My Husband!" But if you are not yet at that point, know that He will draw you lovingly to that place (Hosea 2:14, Isaiah 54:4-8, Zephaniah 3:17).

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that You are my Husband, my Maker, and my Redeemer; You are the Holy One of Israel, and I rejoice in You! Amen.

Bible Study

"For the sons of Israel will remain for many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, and without ephod or household idols. Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek YHWH their God and David their king; and they will come in dread to YHWH and to His goodness in the last days. " Hosea 3:4-5

The house of Israel has remained for many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, and without ephod or household idols. The time has come for the people of Israel to return and seek YHWH their God and David their king (Hosea 6:1-3)!

The time has come for the eyes of the people of Israel to be opened so that they can see (Isaiah 29:17-19, 35:4-5), and recognise their Messiah and King (Zechariah 12:10). The One who is spoken of in their Scriptures (John 5:39, Luke 24:44), who came at the appointed time (Galatians 4:4-5), and Who is about to come again (Matthew 24:4-28, Revelation 1:7).

Dsicuss:

Questions:

1. How do we know when the time of Jesus' return is near?
2. What should our prayer for the people of Israel be at this time?

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Day 237 – John 7-9

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*Having the reality
of God's presence is not dependent on our
being in a particular circumstance or place,
but is only dependent on our determination
to keep the Lord before us continually.*

Oswald Chambers

Notes:

Memory Verse:

“So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, ‘If you abide in My word, then you are truly My disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.’” John 8:31-32

Daily Devotion

“And after these things Jesus was walking in Galilee, for He was unwilling to walk in Judea because the Jews were seeking to kill Him.” John 7:1

Jesus was not willing to walk in Judea, not because He was afraid of the Jews, or because He was afraid of dying, but because He knew that it was not yet His time. In the face of peer pressure from His family, He refused to be swayed by their arguments, knowing that the time was not right (John 7:2-9). And later, when He did turn up at the feast and was speaking and teaching in the synagogue and they were seeking to seize Him, they were unable to because it was not the appointed time (John 7:30).

When we are walking according to YHWH's will, His timing is always perfect. We may not know the exact moment of His timing, but we can know by the Spirit if the hour has come or not; and we need to be led by His Spirit, trusting in God's timing, because not only is it perfect, but it is a protection to us and works out His purpose in us (Psalm 105:16-19, Luke 4:28-30, John 10:39).

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that I can trust Your word, and Your will for my life; and that I can trust Your timing in everything. You are never late, so help me to walk in the confidence that Your word will keep me and refine me until the time for it to come to pass. Amen.

Bible Study

"As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but this was so that the works of God might be manifested in him. '" John 9:1-3

This passage has always fascinated me. The disciples assume that the man being born blind must be a punishment for sin – the only question they think to ask Jesus is, whose sin it was. But Jesus turns their whole way of thinking upside down (John 9:3). This is the spiritual equivalent of Him turning over the tables of the money changers (Matthew 21:12-16): He has just entered into their consciousness and started flipping over the tables of their belief systems. The things we think we know are not always true and therefore sometimes, we, like the disciples, ask the wrong questions at the right time. Are we, in that moment, willing to allow God to upend our thinking and our belief systems so that the truth has room to move?

So how were the works of God manifested in him?

There is the obvious miracle that someone born blind received his sight (John 9:32). This miracle set Jesus apart from all others – no one has ever done this miracle before, and it is a sign to ALL that He is the Messiah, an irrefutable sign that He is who He says He is. So that the religious Jews are without excuse; even if they are unwilling to believe His words, His works speak for themselves and testify of Him (John 10:24-25).

But the other work that we tend to overlook, is the work of God manifested in the man himself. He spent his life overlooked or looked down upon; thought to be the product of sin; a part of the furniture at the temple gates, and yet he has spent his life hearing the Scriptures and the teaching in the temple, and taking it all in, gaining a better understanding of them both because he was unburdened by the pride and self importance that blinded the religious elite of the day (John 9:39-41). This man is then put in the position to teach the teachers of the Law (John 9:24-34). His very life has become a challenge to the ideas and beliefs of the religious Jews AND a testimony to both the deity of Jesus and to the love and compassion of the Father.

Dsicuss:

Questions:

1. Why is God still having to turn the tables on our belief systems?
2. How can we keep our knowledge of God and the understanding of His word and His ways pure?

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Day 238 – 1 Timothy 4-6

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*Don't equate the presence
of God with a good mood or a pleas-
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Max Lucado

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, by the hypocrisy of liars, who have been seared in their own conscience." 1 Timothy 4:1-2

Daily Devotion

"But godliness actually is a means of great gain, when accompanied by contentment. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. And if we have food and covering, with these we shall be content." 1 Timothy 6:6-8

This statement is so powerful! And one that we all smile and nod, and say yes to; but it's so easy to be content when you have everything you need and most of what you want. Especially in a society where most of what we consider needs are actually luxuries and conveniences that we've become accustomed to. Could you truly be content with just food and covering? How would your godliness hold up? Can you truly say with the Apostle Paul, "I know how to get along with humble means" (Philippians 4:11-13), or with Jesus, "the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head" (Matthew 8:20, Luke 9:58), and still consider your godliness great gain? These are questions that we cannot truly answer until we've experienced walking in that place, but it does us good to honestly assess what we'd be willing to do without for the sake of godliness.

Prayer: Abba Father, in You I have everything I need for life and godliness; help me to trust You in those times that I feel like I'm going without, that everything I have is what I need, no matter how little that may be. Help me to place my trust and my hope in You alone. Amen.

Bible Study

"But you, O man of God, flee from these things, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. " 1 Timothy 6:11-12

What is Timothy to flee? The love of money, the pursuit of riches, and the temptations, and foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction (1 Timothy 6:9-10). So what is he to pursue? Righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, gentleness . . . sound familiar? Yes, the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22,23). Why is he to pursue these things? So that he can fight the good fight of faith (Isaiah 41:10, Ephesians 6:10-18, James 4:7), and take hold of the eternal life to which he was called.

What does it mean to take a hold of eternal life? Surely eternal life is the gift of God, we don't need to take hold of it, do we? A gift that is received and sits on the shelf is not of much practical use, even if it is opened, unless it is taken up and used for its intended purpose. We, as believers, have many gifts given to us by the Lord, but unless we use them, claim them as our own and walk in them, they remain of little use; righteousness is a gift from God, but we must put it on and learn how to walk in it. It's the same with eternal life - this gift from God is rarely taken up and used by believers, we think of it as something that we must wait on for after we die. But we are to take hold of the gift of eternal life and clothe ourselves in it and learn to walk, and run, and fight in it; to change our perspective, in all that we do, from the temporal to the eternal, from the natural realm to that of the Spirit (Matthew 7:13-14, John 10:28-30, 17:3, 2 Corinthians 4:17, 1 John 2:17, 5:11).

This is the surprising hope for peace in the Middle East!

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Why are we now to take hold of eternal life, when after the fall God blocked the entrance to the garden so that man could not eat of the tree of life?
2. How do we walk out eternal life here on earth?

Answers:

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Day 239 – Numbers 7–9

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*To stand in the presence
of God, that is what the Gospel is.
The Gospel is not primarily about forgiveness.
It's not primarily about good feelings. It's not primarily
about power. All those things are by-products, sparks.
It's primarily about the presence of God.
Timothy Keller*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

Thus you shall separate the Levites from among the sons of Israel, and the Levites shall be Mine. Then after that the Levites may go in to serve the tent of meeting. But you shall cleanse them and present them as a wave offering; for they are wholly given to Me from among the sons of Israel. I have taken them for Myself instead of every first issue of the womb, the firstborn of all the sons of Israel.' Numbers 8:14-16

Daily Devotion

"At the command of YHWH the sons of Israel would set out, and at the command of YHWH they would camp; as long as the cloud settled over the tabernacle, they remained camped." Numbers 9:18

The people of Israel have finished all the preparations for the tabernacle and set it up, and the pillar of cloud has settled on the tabernacle (Numbers 9:15-17). And now they are being led by the Spirit of God in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night (Numbers 9:18-23). It is important that we move according to the leading of the Spirit of God; to remain in the place where the Spirit of God is evident, and only move when we are aware that the Spirit has lifted from that place. Unfortunately, we don't have a literal pillar of cloud and fire to guide us, so we have to attune ourselves to the presence of the Spirit of God, and be sensitive to His moving. Not blown about by every wind of doctrine (Ephesians 4:14-15), but moving here and there, like the wind, as the Spirit leads (Isaiah 30:21, John 3:8, 14:17, Acts 1:8, Romans 8:26-27, Ephesians 4:30)

Prayer: Abba Father, create in me a heart sensitive to the moving of Your Spirit, and attuned to Your voice, so that wherever I go and whatever I do, it will be at the leading of Your Spirit, and in concert with You; that like Jesus, I will only do what I see You doing and only speak what I hear You speaking.
Amen.

Bible Study

"Wait and I will listen for what YHWH will command concerning you."
Numbers 9:8b

In this passage, a group has come to Moses concerning a matter. They have become unclean because of a dead body, but don't want to be excluded from celebrating the Passover feast; and this is Moses' response to them (Numbers 9:6-8).

If we can learn just one thing, it would be this: To learn to wait and listen for what YHWH commands (Psalm 85:8, Micah 7:7, Lamentations 3:25)! Over and over in Scripture, we are told to wait for the Lord. The Psalms particularly are full of it (Psalm 27:4, 38:15, 62:5, 130:5, Isaiah 40:31, Lamentations 3:26). And to listen to the voice of God (Deuteronomy 28:1-2, Psalms 25:4-5, Proverbs 2:1-5, Jeremiah 33:3, John 8:47, 10:27-28, James 1:19-22). And over and over, we see examples of men and women of God enquiring of YHWH (Genesis 5:22-23, Judges 18:5-6, 1 Samuel 23:2, 2 Samuel 2:1, 1 Chronicles 14:10,14, Acts 1:24-26).

We also see times in Scripture where the people of Israel did not enquire of the Lord, and suffered the consequences of not doing so (Joshua 9:14-16, 22-23, 1 Chronicles 15:11-13, Zephaniah 1:4-6).

Let's make this our default position: To wait and listen, to hear what YHWH would command concerning us.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What is another example from Scripture of someone not waiting on YHWH?
2. What was the result of his disobedience?

Answers:

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Day 240 – 1 Chronicles 15–19

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'We rarely think of the air we breathe, yet it is in us and around us all the time. In similar fashion, the presence of God penetrates us, is all around us, is always embracing us.'

Thomas Keating

Notes:

Memory Verse

"O YHWH, there is none like You, and there is no God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears. And what nation in the earth is like Your people Israel, whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people, to make You a name by great and awesome things, in driving out nations from before Your people, whom You redeemed out of Egypt! Yet You gave Your people Israel to be Your own people forever, and You, O YHWH, have become their God." 1 Chronicles 17:20-22

Daily Devotion

"And David said, 'No one is to carry the ark of God but the Levites; for YHWH chose them to carry the ark of God and to minister to Him forever.'"
1 Chronicles 15:2

YHWH has prepared good works for each one of us to walk in (Ephesians 2:10); some of those works are grand and have historical significance (Esther), others may seem quite normal and ordinary but also have historical significance (Ruth), and some are about everyday faithfulness in the service of YHWH, like the Levites. The Levites were set apart as holy to YHWH because of their faithfulness to Him (Exodus 32:25-29). And were chosen by YHWH to be His in place of the firstborn of all Israel (Numbers 3:40-45); they were set apart for service to YHWH, and He would be their inheritance (Numbers 18:6, 21, Deuteronomy 18:1-2). We do not know what effect on history, or on eternity, our service to YHWH may have, but we can know that God has prepared for us good works that we should walk in them, and is preparing us for those good works. But the thing that matters more than anything else is that we are walking in a faithfulness and obedience to Him that comes from a deep love relationship with Him.

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that You have claimed us as Your inheritance, and that You are ours. I delight myself in You, and desire to serve in Your house every day of my life. Help me to remember just how much You love and delight in me. Amen.

Bible Study

"Go and say to David My servant, 'Thus says YHWH, "You shall not build Me a house to inhabit; for I have not inhabited a house since the day that I brought up Israel to this day, but I have been from tent to tent and from one dwelling place to another. Wherever I have gone about with all Israel, did I speak a word with even one of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'"'" 1 Chronicles 17:4-6

David is proposing something that no one in the history of the people of Israel, including God Himself, had yet suggested – that a house be built for YHWH to inhabit, a permanent dwelling place for the name of YHWH (2 Samuel 7:1-7). This marks a transition point in the relationship between the people of Israel and YHWH, and the land. To this point, they had not yet fully taken possession of the land that YHWH given them; it was this work that David completed, and for this reason He was not the one to build the house for YHWH (1 Chronicles 17:7-13, 22:7-10). But in the days of his son, YHWH would establish peace for Israel (2 Samuel 7:10) and establish David's house through his son Solomon (1 Chronicles 17:14). David's desire to build a house for YHWH is a sign of the transition that has taken place in the people of Israel from a nomadic people, who saw themselves as sojourners in the land, to a people who have taken full possession, and see themselves as the people of the land.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How is this a picture of our walk with YHWH?
2. The people have taken possession of the land, but what does YHWH claim possession of in the passages we've look at in this study?

Answers:

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Day 241 – Psalms 102–104

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*Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your presence? If
I ascend to heaven, You are there; if I make
my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.*

Psalms 139:7-8

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'Bless YHWH. O my soul! O YHWH my God. You are very great. You are clothed with splendor and majesty, wrapping Yourself with light as with a cloak, stretching out the heavens like a tent curtain. He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters; he sets up the clouds to be His chariot; he walks upon the wind; he makes His angels the winds, His ministers flaming fire.' Psalm 104:1-4

Daily Devotion

"Bless YHWH, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. "
Psalm 103:1

How often do we instruct ourselves to, "Bless YHWH, O my soul"? How often do we recount to ourselves all the good things God has done for us (Psalm 103:1-5)? How often do we instruct all the works of YHWH to bless Him (Psalm 103:19-22)?

This is not just an act of worship that we do when we come together; this is also an act of discipline that we train ourselves to do on a daily basis. Don't get me wrong, because we are disciplining ourselves to do this daily does not make it any less an act of worship. Everything that we do in obedience to His word, from a place of love, is an act of worship.

Prayer: Abba Father, I want to make it my daily habit to bless You with every part of my being, to bless You as I remember all Your works, and to bless You together with all of the angels, all of Your hosts in heaven and on earth, with all of the works of Your hand. Bless YHWH, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Amen.

Bible Study

"You will arise and have compassion on Zion — for it is time to be gracious to it, for the appointed time has come. " Psalm 102:13

One of the main functions of prayer is to remind YHWH of who He is and of His promises to His people. Not out of disrespect, or because YHWH is in any way forgetful; but because just as YHWH declares to us who we are, we are to declare to Him what He has spoken of Himself (Psalm 74:1-2, Isaiah 62:6-7, Jeremiah 14:21). We are to come into agreement with Him about who He is, and what He is going to do; and when we pray the Scriptures, this is exactly what we are doing (1 Corinthians 3:9). So when we pray for Israel, we can pray the prophecies and promises of Scripture over them and know that our prayers will be answered, as we are simply reminding YHWH of His word and His will (Psalm 102:12-13, 18-22).

Discuss:

Question:

1. What are some examples of men reminding God of who He is and His promises to His people?

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*We should establish
ourselves in a sense of GOD's Presence
by continually conversing with Him.
Brother Lawrence, The
Practice of the Presence of God*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'Do not say, 'I will repay evil': hope in YHWH, and He will save you.'

Proverbs 20:22

Daily Devotion

"There is no wisdom, there is no discernment and there is no counsel against YHWH. " Proverbs 21:30

So what does this mean? Does it mean that we cannot argue with God, discuss matters with Him, or change His opinion? The Scriptures tell us that God says, "Come now, and let us reason together" (Isaiah 1:18). And we know that Moses and Abraham both discussed matters with God, and Moses changed God's mind with regard to how He should deal with the people of Israel (Genesis 18:16-33, Exodus 32:11-14).

Does it mean that we have no choice about our lives and what will happen, or if we will serve YHWH or not? Predestined, and therefore we have no choice, or any need to witness or spread the gospel of the kingdom? Yet the Scriptures tell us that we choose life or death, blessing or curse (Deuteronomy 30:19-20). That we choose whom we will serve (Joshua 24:14-15).

What it means is that we can take confidence in this: That no matter what is going on in the world, no matter how the nations rage against God and His anointed, His plans and purpose will come to pass (Psalm 2:1-12). That we can focus on His word, the prophecies and promises of Scripture, go about the business of the kingdom of YHWH without being affected by what is happening in the world around us (Matthew 6:33). That if we are doing His will, speaking what we hear Him speak, and doing what we see Him doing, then whatever we do will prosper, and no weapon formed against us will prosper, because we are His ambassadors (Isaiah 54:17, John 5:19-20, 2 Corinthians 5:20).

"There is no wisdom, no discernment and there is no counsel against YHWH."

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You for the confidence of knowing that when I serve You, when I walk according to Your will, that no matter what my circumstances may be, You will bring Your will to pass. Amen.

Bible Study

"The breath of man is the lamp of YHWH, searching all the innermost parts of his body. " Proverbs 20:27

Think about what you have just read. This is another one of those verses that although you've read it many times, when you actually see it, it just blows your mind. So, let's try to comprehend this. To do this, we need to go back to the beginning.

In the beginning God . . . "Then YHWH God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and so the man became a living being" (Genesis 2:7). This word, "NeShama", that is translated breath in Proverbs 20:27 and in Genesis 2:7, also means spirit. This is one of two words that have the same meaning 'wind, breath, mind, spirit'. We find the other used with NeShama in Job 34:14-15. This word is "Ruah". So in the beginning, God breathed into man His spirit, and this spirit is the lamp of YHWH. We see this again in John 1:1-4. God breathed into man His spirit and His light and man became a living being; and that breath, the breath of man, the very air we breathe, the light of YHWH that illuminates the innermost parts of our body, is Jesus Christ, the Righteous. YHWH tests us and knows us and weighs the intentions of our heart (1 Samuel 16:7, Psalm 51:10, 139:23-24, Proverbs 21:2-3, Jeremiah 17:10, Hebrews 4:12) by the Spirit of His Son, through whom all things were created and through whom all creation is sustained (John 1:3, 1 Corinthians 8:6, Colossians 1:17, Hebrews 1:3). The very air we breathe. God breathed into us His spirit and He longs for that part of Him to return to Him (James 4:5). That is what creates in us the longing for the Father, for the eternal and spiritual; the spirit of God in us yearning to return to Him. There is a tension between the natural and the spiritual, the earthly and the heavenly, and it is His spirit at work within us that makes it possible for us to return to Him (Ecclesiastes 12:7, Luke 23:46).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What are the three different ways in which we have the spirit of God dwelling in us?
2. We can begin to comprehend just how big God is, but we often find it difficult to understand how small He is. How small does Proverbs 20:27 indicate that God is?

Answers:

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*'never let the presence of a storm cause
you to doubt the presence of God.'
Craig Groeschel*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Sow with a view to righteousness, reap in accordance with lovingkindness; break up your fallow ground, indeed, it is time to seek YHWH until He comes and rains righteousness on you."

Hosea 10:12

Daily Devotion

"Yet I have been YHWH your God since the land of Egypt; and you were not to know any god except Me, and there is no saviour besides Me." Hosea 13:4

YHWH's love for the people of Israel has not failed; from the time they became a nation when they came out of Egypt and to eternity, His love remains constant. His desire for mankind was that we should know only good, but we desired to know evil also and so stole that knowledge in the Garden of Eden. In the same way, YHWH's desire for His people Israel was that they should know no god besides Him, that they would only know life and blessing, but they chose death and the curse. But, despite YHWH's anger toward them because they continually rejected Him, His love prevails (Hosea 11:1-4, 8-11). YHWH chose the people of Israel, despite and quite possibly because they are a stubborn and stiff-necked people (Exodus 32:9, 33:3-5, 34:9). He took them as His own possession, knowing that they would turn away from Him. And I am so thankful, because through their turning, the opportunity was made for my salvation, for the Gentiles to hear the gospel of the kingdom, and to be adopted as sons of the Living God; and when the people of Israel return as a nation to the heart of their Father God, what a great time of rejoicing that will be.

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that the love, patience and persistence that You have shown to Your people Israel encourages me that You will be just and patient, persistent and loving with me, for I know that I can be a stubborn and stiff-necked person at times. Thank You for never giving upon me, and for never giving up on Your people, Israel. Amen.

Bible Study

*"Return, O Israel, to YHWH your God, for you have stumbled in your iniquity.
Take words with you and return to YHWH. " Hosea 14:1-2a*

The importance of speaking aloud before YHWH, of making declarations to Him, is emphasized in the passage, "Take words with you and return to YHWH". What words are they to take (Hosea 14:2b-3)? Not only is it important to take words with them as they return to YHWH, but He gives them the words they are to speak.

There are so many reasons why it's so important to speak aloud the words that YHWH gives us to speak. Firstly, we were created in YHWH's image, so the power of life and death, creation and destruction are in our words, so we need to be careful to speak only what we hear Him speak so that our words bring life and blessing (Genesis 1:26-27, Psalm 33:6-9, Proverbs 18:21). Secondly, when we speak His word aloud, we not only speak but we also hear, and faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17). Thirdly, when we speak the words of YHWH, the power of YHWH, the Creator of all things, the living God who raised Jesus from the dead, is in those words we speak.

YHWH is calling to His people Israel to return to Him, and He has given them the words they are to bring with them, the words they are to speak before Him, so that He will heal their turning away from Him (Hosea 14:4-7). So that He will forgive their sins and heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:14) and they will see their Messiah (Matthew 23:39).

"Whoever is wise, so let him discern these things; whoever is discerning, let him know them. For the ways of YHWH are right, and the righteous will walk in them, but transgressors will stumble in them." Hosea 14:9

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What words do you take with you when you turn to YHWH?
2. What other verses talk about God giving us the words to speak?

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