





VOLUME 10

This Journal Belongs To....

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

Welcome

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

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

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

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

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

Jenner

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Undated Planner

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

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

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

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

Day 1 – Genesis 1-3

Daily Planner *Satur day: July 19*

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

Month *July* Year *2026*

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

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

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 274 – Numbers 22–24

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

Notes:

Memory Verse:

“God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not establish it? Behold, I have received a command to bless: when He has blessed, then I cannot revoke it.” Numbers 23:11-20

Daily Devotion

“Then YHWH opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of YHWH standing in the way with his drawn sword in his hand; and he bowed his head down and prostrated himself to the ground. And the angel of YHWH said to him, ‘Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out as an adversary because your way was contrary to me. And the donkey saw me and turned aside from me these three times. If it had not turned aside from me, I would surely have killed you just now, and let it live.’” Numbers 22:31-33

The question (one of many) that arises in this passage is, ‘Why did YHWH become angry with Balaam for going with the men, when He has told him to go in the dream’ (Numbers 22:20)? We see a similar incident when Moses is heading back to Egypt, to tell Pharaoh to let YHWH’s people go (Exodus 4:18-24). So why, when YHWH has told them to go and they are apparently acting in obedience, does YHWH seek to put these two prophets to death? The answer to this question lies in (1 Samuel 16:7). Outwardly they appear to be doing as YHWH commanded, but there is disobedience and rebellion in their hearts. Moses’ rebellion comes in the form of disobedience to the statutes of YHWH passed down from Abraham, in particular failing to circumcise his son (Exodus 4:24-26). For Balaam, it would appear that he was planning to do as Balak asked him, and curse Israel (Numbers 22:34-35). Just as the people of Israel were following after YHWH through the wilderness in the physical sense, but their hearts were far from Him and their appetites were still in Egypt, and because of this, they rebelled against YHWH and that whole generation ended up dying in the wilderness. We need to be careful that our obedience is not just in word or action only, but that our hearts are wholly in submission to His will

Prayer: Abba Father, search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there is any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way”. Amen.

Bible Study

"How shall I curse whom God has not cursed? And how can I denounce whom YHWH has not denounced?" Numbers 23:8

Balak, the king of Moab, has called on Balaam the prophet, to curse the people of Israel. And although Balaam has made it clear that he can only speak what YHWH tells him to, and that YHWH is for Israel, Balak insists that He try to curse them. Three times Balak asks him to curse Israel, but each time it comes out as a blessing (Numbers 23:7-10, 18-24, 24:1-9). And the third time, Balaam ends his blessing with the same words that YHWH used at the end of His blessing to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3).

You cannot curse Israel, or denounce her, by the Spirit of God. To do so is to violate both the word of God and the heart of God, and to bring a curse upon yourself.

Discuss:

Question:

1. Why does Balak think that changing the place where Balaam is seeing the people of Israel from will change his mind and cause him to curse Israel?

Answer:

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Prayer Focus

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Day 275 – 2 Chronicles 11-15

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*'Gaze upon Him, consider
Him, contemplate Him, as you desire to
imitate Him.'
St. Claire of Assisi*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Then Asa called to YHWH his God and said, 'YHWH, there is no one besides You to help in the battle between those of abundant power and those who have no power: so help us. O YHWH our God, for we lean on You, and in Your name have come against the multitude. O YHWH, You are our God: let not mortal man prevail against You.'" 2 Chronicles 14:11

Daily Devotion

"Thus the sons of Israel were subdued at that time, and the sons of Judah were strong because they leaned upon YHWH, the God of their fathers. "
2 Chronicles 13:18

Though the men of Judah were outnumbered 2 to 1 by the men of Israel, their king, Abijah, rose up and declared the word of God, and their faith in YHWH their God. He turned the focus of the war from being one kingdom against the other and declared the truth, that it was a war over who was truly God, the idols and demon gods that Israel worshipped, or YHWH, the living God (2 Chronicles 13:3-12). And despite Israel's greater numbers and superior tactics, when the men of Judah raised a shout to YHWH their God, they defeated Israel and subdued them (2 Chronicles 13:13-18).

If God is for us, who can be against us (1 Samuel 14:6, Romans 8:31-32)! And when we declare our faith and trust in YHWH, He will not let us down (Psalm 22:5, 25:1-3, Isaiah 49:22-23, Romans 10:11, 1 John 5:15).

Prayer:

Abba Father, I put my faith and trust in You, for in You I will not be disappointed or put to shame, for when I declare my faith and trust in You, You will act powerfully on my behalf, for the sake of Your great name. Amen.

Bible Study

"Now it happened that when the kingdom of Rehoboam was established and strong, he and all Israel with him forsook the law of YHWH. " 2 Chronicles 12:1

Rehoboam had built up the kingdom of Judah, fortified and strengthened it, and the priests and Levites had come to him from all over Israel, and with them, all those who sought to follow YHWH with their whole heart (2 Chronicles 11:13-17), but it didn't take long for their comfort and security to becoming a stumbling block to them and YHWH sent an enemy against them (2 Chronicles 12:2, 5).

The sin of Rehoboam was not that he went after other gods, but that he did not set his heart to seek YHWH (2 Chronicles 12:14, Deuteronomy 4:29, Psalm 119:10, Jeremiah 29:13, Matthew 6:33). But as soon as Rehoboam and the people of Judah recognised their sin, they humbled themselves before YHWH and declared Him righteous (2 Chronicles 12:5-7, 12). But there was still a consequence for their sin (2 Chronicles 12:8).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Have you consider before, that not setting your heart to seek God first is sin?
2. How was the punishment on Rehoboam and the people important?

Answers:

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Day 276 – Psalms 117–118

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'Beloved, the secret of victory over fear is very simple - it is trusting Jesus! One of the most frequent expressions on His lips throughout His life here on earth was, 'Fear not!' So look up!'
Kathryn Kuhlman

Notes:

Memory Verse:

Praise YHWH, all nations: Laud Him, all peoples! For His lovingkindness prevails over us, and the truth of YHWH is everlasting. Praise Yah!

Psalm 117

Daily Devotion

"From my distress I called upon Yah; Yah answered me and set me in a large place. YHWH is for me; I will not fear; what can man do to me? YHWH is for me among those who help me; therefore I will look in triumph on those who hate me. It is better to take refuge in YHWH than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in YHWH than to trust in nobles." Psalm 118:5-9

YHWH is to take preeminence in every part of our lives. We are commanded to seek Him first (Matthew 6:33, 2 Chronicles 12:14), and it is evil in His sight if we do not seek Him. And we are to trust Him above all else and all others (Exodus 9:14, Deuteronomy 33:26, 1 Samuel 2:2, 1 Kings 8:23, 1 Chronicles 17:20, Psalm 86:8-10, Jeremiah 10:7), because there is no one like our God.

Prayer Abba Father, thank You that there is none like You, that You are the One that I seek, Your kingdom and Your righteousness; and You are the one I trust, the holy One of Israel, my God, my King, my Redeemer, my Provider. My hope is in You, and my hope is You. Amen

Bible Study

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is from YHWH; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which YHWH has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:22-24

Psalm 118, like many others, is a Messianic Psalm, prophetically pointing to the Messiah. This is the Psalm that Jesus is referring to after He has told the parable of the vine-growers (Matthew 21:42, Mark 12:10, Luke 20:17). The Pharisees knew He was declaring Himself to be the Messiah. It is also how Peter referred to Him (Acts 4:11-13, 1 Peter 2:7).

This is also the Psalm that the people cry out as Jesus was entering Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey (Psalm 118:15-16, 25-26, Matthew 21:8-9, Mark 11:8-11, Luke 19:37-40, John 12:12-13). They are hoping He will act and save them from the Roman occupation, but He is fulfilling the part that points to Him as the sacrifice (Psalm 118:27).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What does Hosannah mean?
2. What verse in Psalm 118 gives the meaning of Hosanna?

Answers:

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Day 277 – Proverbs 28

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*Grant me, O Lord my God,
a mind to know You, a heart to seek You,
wisdom to find You, conduct pleasing to You,
faithful perseverance in waiting for You,
and a hope of finally embracing You.*

Thomas Aquinas

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"He who cultivates his ground will be satisfied with food, but he who pursues empty things will be satisfied with poverty. A faithful man will abound in blessings, but he who makes haste to be rich will not go unpunished." Proverbs 28:19-20

Daily Devotion

"Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek YHWH understand all things." Proverbs 28:5

We've been talking about how important it is to seek YHWH, to set our heart to seek YHWH first and above all things; and here is one of the reasons why.

"Those who seek YHWH understand all things."

But here's the thing - we are not to seek understanding, we are to seek YHWH. We are not to walk by understanding, we are to walk by faith, for without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). Which means that to walk by faith, we will not always have understanding. But when we seek YHWH first, seek His kingdom and His righteousness by faith, understanding will be added to us . . . but the gaining of understanding must always be the byproduct of our seeking YHWH, never our source or our goal or we will fall into the foolishness of becoming wise in our own understanding (Isaiah 55:6, Jeremiah 29:13, Matthew 6:33, Proverbs 3:5-6, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Isaiah 5:21, 40:13-14, John 14:6, 15:5, Romans 11:33-36, 1 Corinthians 2:14-16).

This needs to be a continual ongoing process: Seek YHWH - Walk by faith
- Gain understanding - Seek YHWH - - -

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that You who did not spare Your own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, have with Him graciously given us all things. You are the Father of lights, and every good thing and perfect gift comes down from You. But it is You we seek, it is Your face we want to see, Your kingdom we call to earth, and Your righteousness we walk in by the power of Your Holy Spirit, through Your beloved Son. Amen.

Bible Study

"He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will receive compassion." Proverbs 28:13

The concept of confessing our sins is not a New Testament one, it goes all the way back to the establishment of the Law (Leviticus 5:5-6, 26:40-45, Numbers 5:7, 2 Chronicles 7:14, Daniel 9:1-5, 15-22), and is seen very clearly in the Psalms and life of king David (2 Samuel 12:7-13, Psalm 32:1-5, 51:1-19). But it is in the New Testament that we see the fullness of the forgiveness that comes by confession, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who died to pay the price for our sins (1 John 1:5-9, Romans 10:8-13).

This proverb is just as relevant today as it was when it was written, if not more so. In our modern churches we see confession preached without the turning from sin, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without transformation. Jesus Himself said that there would be those who would try to conceal their transgressions with "good works" (Matthew 7:21-23), but we are called to confess our sins and forsake them (Ezekiel 18:32, Joel 2:13, Matthew 3:7-9, 4:17, Luke 15:7, Acts 3:19, 17:30, 2 Corinthians 7:10).

Discuss:

Question:

1. What is the connection between repentance and transformation?

Answer:

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Prayer Focus

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Day 278 – Jonah

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*The remarkable thing
about fearing God is that when You fear
God you fear nothing else.
Oswald Chambers*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"While my soul was fainting within me, I remembered YHWH, and my prayer came to You, to Your holy temple." Jonah 2:7

Daily Devotion

"Then they said to him, 'Tell us, now! On whose account has this calamitous evil struck us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?' And he said to them, 'I am a Hebrew, and I fear YHWH, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land. '" Jonah 1:8-9

It is interesting that Jonah says that he fears YHWH, and yet his actions speak otherwise; he is not afraid to run away from Him, from what YHWH has called him to do. The Scriptures tell us that the fear of YHWH is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 9:10), so maybe it is his lack of fear that causes him to act so foolishly in this story. The ones who do show a healthy respect for YHWH are the men on the boat; they recognise that YHWH is the One Jonah said he was running from and become greatly fearful (Jonah 1:10, 14-16). Also the people of Nineveh, who believe God and repent in sackcloth and ashes (Jonah 3:4-10). How often do we who are bringing the message of YHWH, fail to walk in the things we speak; though we declare that we fear YHWH, our actions do not bear the fruit of wisdom?.

Prayer: Abba Father, cause me to walk in the reverence and respect due to You and Your holy name, so that I bear the fruit of wisdom that comes from fearing You. Amen.

Bible Study

"Then Jonah began to go into the city, one day's walk; and he called out and said, 'Yet forty days and Nineveh will be overthrown. ' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; and they called a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. " Jonah 3:4-5

We really have no idea what YHWH can do when we speak His word in obedience. Jonah's message was very simple, and yet the people of Nineveh believed in God and repented, and the whole nation was transformed (Jonah 3:6-10). When YHWH gives us a word to speak, it is for the sake of others, so that they might repent and be saved. He will give us the words, it's up to us to speak them trusting that He will bring His will to pass (Exodus 4:12, Numbers 22:35, Jeremiah 1:7, Ezekiel 3:27, Matthew 10:19-20, Luke 12:12, Hebrews 4:12, Isaiah 55:11).

But Jonah wasn't happy about the transformation that occurred in Nineveh. Nineveh was Israel's sworn enemy, so Jonah wanted them to be destroyed, he did not want them to repent (Jonah 4:1-3). But YHWH has compassion on all people and provides everyone with the opportunity to respond to His word (Jonah 4:9-11, Isaiah 45:22, John 3:16-19, 1 Timothy 2:1-4, 2 Peter 3:9).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Have you ever resisted speaking a word that God has given you to speak?
2. Do you struggle sometimes with God's forgiveness for those who have hurt you?

Answers:

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Day 279 – Acts 3–4

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'If there is anything that can render the soul calm, dissipate its scruples and dispel its fears, sweeten its sufferings by the anointing of love, impart strength to all its actions, and spread abroad the joy of the Holy Spirit in its countenance and words, it is this simple and childlike repose in the arms of God.'

S. D. Gordon

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'Let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead--by this name this man stands here before you in good health. He is the stone which was rejected by you, the builders, but which became the chief corner stone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.' Acts 4:10-12

Daily Devotion

"Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and comprehended that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were marveling, and began to recognise them as having been with Jesus. " Acts 4:13

The confidence of Peter and John came from the fact that they had been with Jesus, and that His Holy Spirit now dwelt in them, not from their education or lack thereof. This is similar to the confidence and authority we see in the prophets Elijah and Elisha (1 Kings 17:1, 2 Kings 3:14), but more similar to the confidence and authority of Jesus as a child, when He remains behind in Jerusalem talking to the teachers at the Temple (Luke 2:46-47). Just as the sons of the prophets recognised that the spirit of Elijah rested on Elisha (2 Kings 2:15), the rulers and elders and scribes of Israel who were there questioning Peter and John recognised them as having been with Jesus; they recognised that the Spirit of Jesus was upon them.

Prayer: Abba Father, fill me afresh with Your Holy Spirit, so that I may speak Your word with boldness, as You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place in the name of Your holy Servant, Yeshuah.
Amen

Bible Study

"But when Peter saw this, he replied to the people, 'Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this, or why do you gaze at us as if by our own power or piety we had made him walk?" Acts 3:12

As those who walk in the confidence and authority of the presence of the Living God, who is both with us and in us, it is important that we don't take any credit, or glory, for the work that YHWH does through us. It is the hand of YHWH that extends to heal, and signs and wonders happen through the name of Jesus (Yeshua) (Acts 3:16-21, 4:29-31).

God will not share His glory with another (Isaiah 42:1-8); in fact, we are in dangerous territory when we fail to give YHWH the glory and honour due to His name (Acts 12:20-23). When we claim for ourselves the glory due to YHWH for works done by the Holy Spirit of God, are we not blaspheming the Spirit (Matthew 12:30-32)? But the story doesn't end there - when we give ALL the glory to YHWH, He gives glory to us, just as He gives glory to His Son, Yeshua (John 17:5-24).

Discuss:

Question:

1. What is the difference between false modesty and giving all the glory to YHWH?

Answer:

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Day 280 – Hebrews 5–7

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*For God alone, O my
soul, wait in silence, for
my hope is from Him.
Psalm 62:5 ESV*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

For it is fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; first for his own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself." Hebrew 7:26-27

Daily Devotion

"In this same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and confirmed and one which enters within the veil. Where a forerunner has entered for us—Jesus, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. "
Hebrews 6:17-20

How strong is your hope? Is it founded on the unchangeableness of YHWH's purpose? Is it guaranteed with an oath? Is your hope sure and confirmed? Is it an anchor of your soul? Does it enter within the veil, into the most holy place? If not, then what is the hope you have taken hold of? Is it really hope, or just wishful thinking?

We have a sure and confirmed hope, who know YHWH, and His high priest, Jesus our Messiah, who endured the cross for the hope set before Him and became the forerunner for us who enter in through Him.

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You , for the sure and certain hope that we take hold of in Christ Jesus, in whom we live and move and have our being. Knowing that this is eternal life to know You and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. Amen

Bible Study

"In this way also Christ did not glorify Himself to become a high priest, but He who said to him, 'You are My son, today I have begotten You'; just as he says also in another passage, 'You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.' " Hebrews 5:5-6.

Melchizedek is an interesting character in scripture, some believe he is a pre-incarnation of Christ, others that he is a type of Christ. His name literally means king of Righteousness and king of Salem which means peace, he is a king, and a priest, and there is no genealogical record of his birth or death (Hebrews 7:1-3)

We first meet him in Genesis, Abram has gone out to rescue his nephew Lot from the kings that attacked Sodom and took hostages and spoil. After the battle where Moses and his men defeat the kings and bring back all the hostages and spoil he is met by the king of Sodom and the king of Salem (Genesis 14:17-24). We see Melchizedek mentioned again in the Psalms where the Messiah is declared to be a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek (Righteousness) (Psalm 110:1-4; Zechariah 8:8; 2 Peter 3:13).

Jesus hints to the fact that He is the Messiah and the high priest according to the order of Melchizedek when he references Psalm 110 while speaking to the Pharisees (Matthew 22:41-46). And then in Paul's epistle to the Hebrews he expounds on Jesus high priestly role, starting in Hebrews chapter five through to the end of chapter seven (Hebrews 7:23-28).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Why is it important that Jesus is a high priest after the order of Melchizedek?
2. Why is it important that He is the king of Righteousness and the king of Peace?

Answers:

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Day 281 – Numbers 25–27

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*Nothing can be more cruel than
the leniency which abandons others to their
sins. Nothing can be more compassionate than the
severe reprimand which calls another Christian in
one's community back from the path of sin.
Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'Then YHWH said to Moses, 'Go up to the mountain of Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the sons of Israel. So when you have seen it, you too will be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother was, for in the wilderness of Zin, during the strife of the congregation, you rebelled against My command to treat Me as holy before their eyes at the water.' (These are the waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin).' (Numbers 27:12-14

Daily Devotion

"These are those who were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the sons of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho. But among these there was not a man of those who were numbered by Moses and Aaron the priest, who numbered the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai. For YHWH said of them, 'They shall surely die in the wilderness.' And not a man was left of them, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun. "
Numbers 26:63-65

We don't typically quote these verses as shining examples of YHWH's enduring faithfulness, but that's exactly what they are. YHWH gave us the rainbow and swore that He would never again destroy all flesh by the flood (Genesis 9:11-17). Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness (Romans 4:3). Similarly, the ten spies CHOSE to make a bad report of the Promised Land and its inhabitants, and caused the people of Israel to shrink back in fear. In response to their choice, YHWH swore, in His faithfulness, that the Israelites would wander in the wilderness for forty years until that entire generation was dead, and that only Caleb and Joshua would remain alive long enough to enter the land (Numbers 14:26-36). From Genesis 3 to Revelation 21, all of human history has hinged on the answer to one question, "Did God really say?" Knowing that YHWH is utterly faithful and that He has set before us the blessing and the curse (Deuteronomy 30:19), let's make sure we respond in faith and trust, taking His word at face value.

Prayer: Abba Father, show me where my faith is weak or where I have placed my trust in things other than You, and bring me to the place of absolute trust in Your faithfulness. Amen.

Bible Study

"Then YHWH Spoke to Moses, saying, 'Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned away My wrath from the sons of Israel in that he was jealous with My jealousy among them, so that I did not consume the sons of Israel in My jealousy. Therefore say, "Behold, I give him My covenant of peace; and it shall be for him and his seed after him, a covenant of a perpetual priesthood, because he was jealous for his God and made atonement for the sons of Israel. "' Numbers 25:10-13

The actions of Phinehas may seem extreme to our modern sensibilities, and they are. What we need to realise is that the actions of the Moabites, in leading the people of Israel astray to sacrifice to thier God's was an act of warfare, an attempt to bring destruction on the people of Israel by geting them to turn from YHWH thier God who had led them out of Egypt and blessed them and given them victory at every trun.

The moabites were afraid to come against the peaple of Israel militarily because they had seen what they had done to Sihon the king of the Amorites, and Og the king of Bashan (Numbers 21:21-24, 33-35; 22:1-4), so they tried to defeat Israel by having them cursed, but this did not work (Numbers 22:5-6, 24:10-14). The next thing we see is that the people of Israel are being led astray by the daughters of Moab and sacrificing to their God's (Numbers 25:1-3) and we learn in later that the seduction of the sons of Israel by the daughters of Moab, to lead them into sexual immorality and the idolitry was a deliberate tactic by the Moabites, done at the advice of Balaam (Numbers 31:13-16).

When we recognize this we realize that Phinehas is responding militariy to an act of warfare against the people of Israel (Numbers 25:4-8; Ephesians 6:10-18).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What are the three areas of attack that we see in this account?
2. Have you recognized these areas of attack in your spiritual warfare?
3. How are we to respond to these tactics?

Answers:

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Prayer Focus

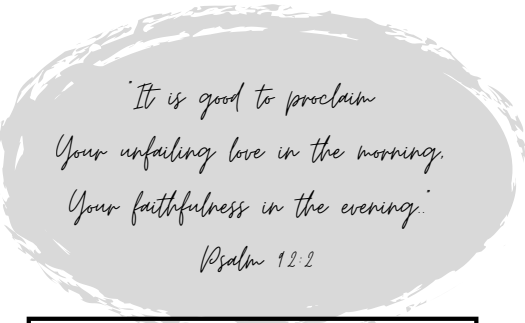
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Day 282 – 2 Chronicles 16–20

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Notes:

Memory Verse:

'And they rose early in the morning and went out to the wilderness of Tekoa; and when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, 'Listen to me, O Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, establish your faith in YHWH your God and you will be established. Establish your faith in His prophets and succeed.' When he had taken counsel with the people, he caused those who sang to YHWH and those who praised Him to stand in holy attire, as they went out before the army, saying, 'Give thanks to YHWH, for His loving kindness endures forever.' When they began singing for joy and praising, YHWH set ambushes against the sons of Ammon Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come out against Judah; so they were defeated.'

2 Chronicles 20:20-23

Daily Devotion

"Then on the fourth day they assembled in the valley of Beracah, for there they blessed YHWH. Therefore they have named that place 'The Valley of Beracah' until today." 2 Chronicles 20:26

The valley that had been full of the multitude of their enemies, the valley that brought fear to Jehoshaphat and the people of Judah (2 Chronicles 20:1-4), became the Valley of Beracah, the Valley of Blessings (2 Chronicles 20:24-26). How did this happen? Was it because of their valour on the field of battle?

No, it was because they set their face to seek YHWH (2 Chronicles 20:3-4), and because of this it was YHWH who fought for them (2 Chronicles 20:14-17, 21-25).

"For the eyes of YHWH move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is wholly devoted to Him." 2 Chronicles 16:9a

Prayer: Abba Father, search me and know me, and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way. Create in me a clean heart O YHWH, a heart wholly devoted to You. Amen

Bible Study

Body

"Now Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah and said to him, 'Because you have leaned on the king of Aram and have not leaned on YHWH your God, therefore the military force of the king of Aram has escaped out of your hand. Were not the Ethiopians and Lubim a vast military force with an exceedingly vast number of chariots and horsemen? Yet because you leaned on YHWH, He gave them into your hand. For the eyes of YHWH move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is wholly devoted to Him. You have acted foolishly in this. Indeed, from now on you will surely have wars.'" 2 Chronicles 16:7-9

Asa, king of Judah has reigned for 36 years as king over Judah, and in all that time he has been known to do what is right and good in the sight of YHWH, removing the foreign altars, the high places and detestable idols from the land. He has been attentive to the voice of the prophets, and most importantly he called the people of Judah to turn back to YHWH, and to do His commandments (2 Chronicles 14:1-5, 15:8-15). When Zerah the Ethiopian came against Judah with a military force that dwarfs that of Judah, he cried out to YHWH and leaned on Him for support, and YHWH brought Asa and the army of Judah a great victory.

But now, when Baasha king of Israel sets siege to Judah, he does seek YHWH, he does lean upon YHWH for support or strategy. He defeats Israel using his own cunning and wealth, but in so doing he has won the battle but lost the war (2 Chronicles 16:1-9). More importantly Asa's response to the voice of the prophet is to become "vexed". He imprisons the prophet and starts to oppressing the people of Judah. Three years later he dies ignominiously seeking the help of man instead of YHWH (2 Chronicles 16:12).

We see clearly in Asa's life the outworking of the words of Azariah (2 Chronicles 15:1-2), When we seek YHWH He will strongly support us (2 Chronicles 20:3-4, 14-17, 24-25, Jeremiah 29:11-14).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What are other examples from scripture of YHWH strongly supporting those whose hearts were wholly devoted to Him?
2. Where do we see this same principle being taught in the NT?

Answers:

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Day 283 – Psalm 119

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*To serve God, to love
God, to enjoy God, is the sweetest freedom
in the world.
Thomas F. Wilson*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'Deal bountifully with Your slave, that I may live and keep Your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wonderful things from Your law. I am a sojourner in the earth: do not hide Your commandments from me. My soul is crushed with longing for Your judgments at all times.' Psalm 119:17-20

Daily Devotion

"Instruct me, O YHWH, in the way of Your statutes, that I may observe it to the end. Cause me to understand, that I may observe Your law and keep it with all my heart. Cause me to walk in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it." Psalm 119:33-35

The whole of Psalm 119 is a love song about the law of YHWH. It is an expression of passion and delight in His law. It is a declaration of the hope and life that are found in it; a cry for YHWH to teach and guide the psalmist in His ways and His word. How have we come so far from this heart of passion and delight in the law and commandments of the Holy One of Israel?

Prayer: Abba Abba Father, create in me a hunger and a thirst for Your law and Your statutes; deal bountifully with me, that I may live and keep Your word. Cause me to walk not in the letter of the law but in the delight and passion for the heart of the law, seeking Your kingdom and Your righteousness above all else. Amen.

Bible Study

"YHWH is my portion; I have promised to keep Your words. I sought to please Your face with all my heart; Be gracious to me according to Your word. I thought upon my ways and I turned my feet to Your testimonies. O hastened and did not delay to keep Your commandments. " Psalm 119:57-60

YHWH is my portion..... what does this mean?

The first time we see this idea of YHWH being someones portion, is during the exodus, when Aaron and the Levites are separated out from among the people of Israel to the service of the tabernacle (Numbers 8:14-19, 18:20-21; Deuteronomy 10:8-9, 18:1-5; Joshua 13:33, 18:7; Ezekial 44:15-28). The Levites are assigned 48 cities spread throughout the inheritance of the other tribes six of these being the cities of refuge. Therefore when they are not serving in the Tabernacle/Temple they are in the midst of their brethren to teach and to guide them in the ways of YHWH.

We see it also in the life of the prophets (Lamentations 3:24).

In the Psalms we see the David declaring that YHWH is his portion (Psalm 16:5-6, 73:25-28, 142:5), in this we see that Davids heart response to YHWH is as His servant, wholly devoted to serving YHWH in whatever he does (Psalm 78:70-72, 89:20-21, 119:65-68; Acts 13:22).

YHWH is the portion of those who are separated to serve Him. Prophets, Priests and Kings.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Who else is set apart to the service of YHWH?
2. What scripture confirms your answer?

Answers:

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Day 284 – Proverbs 29–30

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*The vague tenuous
hope that God is too kind to punish the
ungodly has become a deadly opiate for the
consciences of millions.
A. W. Tozer*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Every word of God is tested: He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. Do not add to His words lest He reprove you, and you be proved a liar." Proverbs 30:5-6

Daily Devotion

"There is a generation that curses it's father and does not bless its mother. There is a generation that is clean in its own eyes, yet is not washed of its filthiness. There is a generation—oh how haughty are its eyes! And its eyelids are lifted up. There is a generation whose teeth are like swords and its fangs like knives, to devour the afflicted from the earth and the needy from among men." Proverbs 30:11-14

Does this sound familiar?

It should. Throughout history societies have seen generations that could easily be being described in this Proverb. Historically these generations are usually precursors to either extreme, violent civil unrest, or the end of that society.

And yet today, we are seeing this generation arising on a global level.

Prayer: Abba Father, More and more I am convinced that the time of Yeshuah's return is drawing near, and that if you do not shorten the days none would survive. Give me a heart of compassion for those who do not know you, and the courage to continue to share the good news of Your kingdom, even if it leads to persecution; let me be led by compassion rather than hindered by fear, for it is Your desire that none should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Amen

Bible Study

"The poor man and the oppressor meet together in this—YHWH gives light to the eyes of both. If a king judges the poor with truth, his throne will be established forever." Proverbs 29:13-14

One thing the Scriptures make clear is that God takes a personal interest in how we treat the poor (Psalm 41:1; Proverbs 14:31, 19:17, 22:9, 28:27; Isaiah 58:6-12; Matthew 6:2-4, 25:34-40; James 1:27; Hebrews 13:16; 1 John 3:16-18). It states that we will be judged accordingly (Psalm 12:5; Jeremiah 22:15-16; Ezekiel 16:49, 22:29; Amos 8:4-10). Jesus' ministry was predominated by the work that He and His disciples did for the poor, it was one of their main focuses (Luke 4:18-19; Matthew 6:1-4, 19:21; Mark 10:21; Luke 12:29-34). And He taught that when we give, we are to do so in secret, and give to those who are unable to repay our generosity, so that our giving is between us and God (Matthew 6:1-4; Luke 14:12-14).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What are we to do for the poor according to the great commission?
2. If we receive the praise of men for our giving do we still have a reward in eternity?

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Day 285 – Micah

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

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'But as for me, I will watch expectantly for YHWH. I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me. Do not be glad over me, O my enemy. Though I fall I will rise. I inhabit the darkness. YHWH is a light for me.'

Micah you 7:7-8

Daily Devotion

"Now it will be that in the last days the mountain of the house of YHWH will be established as the head of the mountains, and will be lifted up above the hills, and the peoples will stream to it. And many nations will come and say, 'Come and let us go up to the mountain of YHWH and to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may instruct us from His ways and that we may walk in His paths.' For from Zion will go forth the law, and the word of YHWH from Jerusalem." Micah 4:1-2

While today the nations plot and plan to establish a Palestinian state, with Jerusalem as its capitol, and the Al Aqsa mosque stands on the temple mount in Jerusalem, the prophecies of Scripture paint a very different picture of Jerusalem in the last days. The house of the God of Jacob rebuilt on the temple mount, the head of the mountains, and the peoples streaming to it. I don't know how YHWH will cleanse the temple mount and clear the way for the temple to be rebuilt; whether it's a natural disaster or one of Islam's own rockets doesn't matter, what is important is that YHWH will do it (Isaiah 62:1-12, 66:10-23, Ezekiel 37:22, Joel 3:2, Zechariah 12:2-3, 14:1-21), "and many nations will come and say, 'Come and let us go up to the mountain of YHWH and to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may instruct us from His ways and that we may walk in His paths.'"

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You, that it is Your will and Your word that will come to pass. Cause me to walk in Your ways, teach me and guide me in Your paths, and help me to walk by faith (trusting in what You have spoken) and not by sight, hoping in anticipation for the day when You make Jerusalem the praise of the whole earth. Amen

Bible Study

"Hear O peoples, all of you; give heed, O earth, as well as its fullness, and let Lord YHWH be a witness against you, the Lord from His holy temple. "

Micah 1:2

In the first few chapters of Micah we read of calamity and judgement for Jerusalem and Samaria, the capitols of Judah and Israel; of all that their sins and the sins of the prophets have brought upon them. All these things that YHWH Himself is witness against them. But towards the end of Chapter 4, the focus turns from the people and their sin, to YHWH, and who He is to His people other than a witness against them:

In Micah 4:11-5:5 we see Him as a Shepherd and Ruler of His people (Psalm 22:28, 23:1, 80:1, 103:19; Jeremiah 10:7; Daniel 4:34).

In Micah 6:1-2 He is portrayed as their Judge (Psalm 50:6, 76:8-9; Isaiah 33:22; Hebrews 12:33; James 4:12).

In Micah 7:7-8 we see Him as Light to His people (Psalm 44:3; Habakkuk 3:4; 1 John 1:5).

In Micah 7:9 YHWH becomes their Advocate (Psalm 35:1-5, 43:1, 119:154; Lamentations 3:58; Hebrews 8:1-2; 1 John 2:1-2).

And finally, in Micah 7:14, 18-20, He is once more shown as their Shepherd and also their Redeemer (Deuteronomy 7:8, 9:26; 2 Samuel 7:23; Nehemiah 1:10; Psalm 19:14, 79:13, 95:7, 100:3; Ezekiel 34:25-31; Luke 1:68; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 9:11-12).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What else does God call to be a witness against His people? Deuteronomy 30:19, 31:26; Joshua 24:27)
2. What are some of the other ways that YHWH represents Himself to His people?

Answers:

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Day 286 – Acts 5–6

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*Give me one hundred preachers
who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but
God, and I care not whether they be clergymen
or laymen, they alone will shake the gates of
Hell and set up the kingdom of Heaven upon
Earth. John Wesley*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

grumbling from the Hellenists against the Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving of food. So the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, 'It is not pleasing to God for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this need. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to service of the word.'" Acts 6:1-4

Daily Devotion

"But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison, and taking them out, he said, 'Go, stand and speak to the people in the temple the whole message of this Life.' " Acts 5:19-20

Read that last verse again I have heard these verses preached on many times, and every time the focus of the message has been on the miracle of the angel releasing them from the prison while the doors remained locked and the guards at their posts. But the true miracle of this passage is in the message they are told to speak; "the whole message of this Life". The first thing to note is that it is the message of THIS Life; it's not the message of salvation and a life after death.

This Life! Life here and now, life in its fullness (John 1:1-5, 3:16,36, 10:10, 17:1-3).

This Life! A Life of miracles and signs and wonders by the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus (John 14:12-14; Acts 5:12-16).

This Life! Note the capital "L" in Life. This Life is Jesus. We talk about dying to self and being alive to Christ but how often do we actually walk out the Life of Jesus (John 6:35,52-57, 14:6; Galatians 2:20). It is this Life we are to speak about, and this Life we are to live out on a daily basis.

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You, that You have given me Life in its abundance. Forgive me for living a life less than the Life of Jesus, and help me to let go of myself, so that Jesus can live daily through me. Amen

Bible Study

"But Peter and the apostles answered and said, 'We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you put to death by hanging Him on a tree. This One God exalted to His right hand as a Leader and a Saviour, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God gave to those who obey Him. '" Acts 5:29-32

There is so much in this passage that it's hard to know where to start. So let's begin by breaking this down, verse by verse.

Verse 29: There is an imperative here, to the disciples there is no option, they **MUST** obey God rather than man (Exodus 1:15-17; 1 Samuel 15:22; Acts 4:19).

In verse 30 they tell us why. The Disciples know God the Father, because Jesus has shown Him to them, and they know Jesus is the Son of God (Matthew 11:27). They also know that these men, the spiritual leaders of Israel, who are commanding them not to speak in Jesus name are responsible for causing his death on the cross (John 5:18-23, 18:33-35). They are standing on the authority of those who know God before those who do not, though they know the letter of the Law (1 Kings 17:1).

They go on in verse 31 to teach these teachers of the law what they were unable to see for themselves; that Jesus came at the appointed time, as the Messhiach Ben Joseph, the suffering servant who came to redeem Israel (Isaiah 53).

And then go on in verse 32 to declare themselves as witnesses to these things, they and the Holy Spirit. In doing so they are calling on the law itself (Deuteronomy 17:6, 19:15) and declaring the guilt of the Sanhedrin in the wrongful death of Jesus. The Sanhedrin thought they were sitting in judgment on the disciples, but the disciples stood as witnesses against them and declared that God Himself is witness against them

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How do the disciples both submit themselves to earthly authority, and walk in the authority of the Holy Spirit of God?

Answers:

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Day 287 – Hebrews 8–10

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*'All the darkness in the
world cannot extinguish the light of a
single candle.'*

Francis of Assisi

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their minds, and upon their hearts I will write them. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. And they shall not teach everyone his fellow citizen, and everyone his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all will know Me, from the least to the greatest of them.' Hebrews 8:10-11

Daily Devotion

"Therefore, do not throw away that confidence of yours, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise. For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay. But My righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him. But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul." Hebrews 10:35-39

There is a cost to following Messiah; we need confident endurance to both do the will of God, and persevere to the end so that we might receive the reward (Matthew 10:22, 24:13; Mark 13:13; Luke 9:57-62; Hebrews 3:14). We are to live by faith (Habakkuk 2:4; Hebrews 11:6, 12:1-3). How often do we find ourselves shrinking back from the life of faith that we are called to live, knowing that if we shrink back His soul has no pleasure in us, but allowing fear or pride, or the opinion of others or whatever else it may be, to keep us from walking in the fullness of the life that YHWH has prepared for us to walk in. Can we say, with the Apostle Paul, "But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul?" Hebrews 10:39

Prayer: Abba Father, cause Your perfect love to infiltrate every part of my being, breaking through into those places where any shred of fear resides, casting out anything that would keep me from confidently walking by faith, to do Your will, and to endure until the day of Yeshua's return. Amen

Bible Study

"Now the main point in what is being said is this: we have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a minister in the holy places and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man." Hebrews 8:1-2

This paints a beautiful picture, one that we tend to think of as being "out there" somewhere, beyond the clouds, beyond the known universe, a place that is "other", unattainable, beyond our reach. A place at a great distance where God sits, untouched by our cares.

But ask yourself this: "What is the tabernacle of YHWH (1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 2:17-22; 1 Peter 2:4-5; Revelation 21:2-3)? Where is the Most Holy Place (Ephesians 3:14-19; Hebrews 3:5-6)? Where is the place that Jesus and the Father have chosen to dwell (John 14:23)?"

Now, I want you to reframe the picture painted in Hebrews in the light of the answers to those questions. YHWH enthroned in your heart (not the pump, but the very core of who you are), with Jesus seated at His right hand, a minister to your heart mind, soul, and body.

And now that you have these two pictures, both painted by this verse, remember, that like most things in the kingdom of YHWH, it is not "either or" but "both and". Both of these pictures are true, and they also contain everything in between.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How is your heart the Most Holy Place?
2. How does knowing this change the way you look at yourself?

Answers:

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Day 288 – Numbers 28–30

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*'Above all these things put on
love, which is the perfect bond of unity.
And let the peace of Christ rule in your
hearts, to which indeed you were called in
one body, and be thankful.'*

Colossians 3:14-15

Notes:

Memory Verse:

Then Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the sons of Israel, saying,

"This is the word which YHWH has commanded. If a man makes a vow to YHWH or swears an oath to bind himself with a binding obligation, he shall not violate his word: he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth." Numbers 30:1-2

Daily Devotion

"Then YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 'Command the sons of Israel and say to them, "You shall be careful to bring near My offering, My food for My offerings by fire, of a soothing aroma to Me, at their appointed time. "'"

Numbers 28:1-2

The people of Israel are to bring before YHWH their offerings continually, at the appointed times:

Daily: morning and at twilight.

Weekly: each Shabbat (seventh day).

Monthly: at the new moon, the beginning of each month.

Yearly: The feasts of Remembrance; Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Feast of Weeks, Feast of the Harvest (Pentecost/Shavuot) – Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, Feast of Booths.

These are the appointed times to bring a sacrifice before YHWH; how much more should we bring the sacrifice of Jesus before YHWH, and to our remembrance, at the beginning and end of each day, at the end of each week and the beginning of each month; and celebrate the feasts of remembrance in the light of the risen Messiah?

Prayer: Abba Father, forgive us for thinking we can bring the sacrifice of Your Son to remembrance, only occasionally. For taking His sacrifice for granted. For thinking that just because He died once for all, that we no longer need to focus our days, weeks, months, and years around You and the sacrifice of Yeshua. Help us to prioritize spending time in Your presence and in Your Word, to focus our days around You and Your Son. Amen

Bible Study

"Now in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall also have a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work. It will be to you a day for blowing trumpets. " Numbers 29:1

The Feasts of the seventh month in the Jewish calendar are significant for us as these are the Feasts that we are waiting to be fulfilled (Numbers 29:1,7, 12). These three Feasts, along with one more Jewish holiday that follows right after them, are all symbolic of the last days.

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Rosh Hashanah (The Feast of Trumpets): Is a day of judgement and the crowning of God as King.

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Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement): Is a day of fasting and prayer and seeking forgiveness, a day of drawing near to God.

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Sukkot (The Feast of Tabernacles): A time of remembering those who dwelt in tents in the wilderness, and celebrating God dwelling among man.

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Simchat Torah (The Joy of the Torah): A time of celebration and dancing as the Torah (the Word) is celebrated and presented to the whole congregation.

Discuss:

Question:

1. What is the picture of Jesus and the last days that we see in these feasts?

Answer:

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Day 289 – 2 Chronicles 21-24

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*"For thus Lord YHWH,
the Holy One of Israel, has said, 'In repen-
tance and rest you will be saved, in quiet-
ness and trust is your might.'"*

Isaiah 39:15

Notes:

Memory Verse:

So those who did the work laboured, and the repair work progressed in their hands, and they restored the house of God according to its specifications and strengthened it. 2 Chronicles 24:13

Daily Devotion

"Now the Spirit of God clothed Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest; and he stood above the people and said to them, 'Thus says God, "Why do you trespass against the commandments of YHWH and do not succeed? Because you have forsaken YHWH, He has also forsaken you. "' 2 Chronicles 24:20

"Why do you trespass against the commandments of YHWH and do not succeed?" Some of the commandments of YHWH are commandments with a promise (Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:1-3) but all of them are for our benefit and success, even those seemingly random commandments that make little sense to us (Deuteronomy 22:11). Why would YHWH command that the priests not wear wool and linen blended together? Recent scientific studies have shown that wool and linen worn separately are both extremely beneficial to the human body, but when they are combined they completely neutralise that benefit; they cancel each other out. The foods that YHWH originally gave to mankind to eat have been shown by long-term scientific studies to be the optimal diet, even today, for health, wellness and longevity (Genesis 1:29-30). The commands of YHWH are ALWAYS for our benefit, and by following them we will find success; so, why do we trespass against His commands and do not succeed?

Prayer: Abba Father, why do I trespass against Your commands and do not succeed? Why do I choose what is harmful to my body, mind, soul and spirit, over what is good. Search me and know me, and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in Your way everlasting. Amen.

Bible Study

"Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for Ahab's daughter was his wife; and he did what was evil in the sight of YHWH. " 2 Chronicles 21:5-6

Who we align ourselves with, who we bring into our inner circle, who we seek counsel from, is so important (2 Corinthians 6:14-18)!

We see over and over in the reading from today how those we take counsel from affect our walk with YHWH, either for good or evil (2 Chronicles 22:2-5, 24:1-2; Proverbs 15:22). We also see that more important than good counsellors is cultivating our own relationship with YHWH (2 Chronicles 24:17-19; Proverbs 3:5-7; Isaiah 55:6-9; James 1:5, 3:17).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How can we know who are good counsellors?
2. What are some ways we can be unequally yoked with unbelievers?

Answers:

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Day 290 – Psalms 120–121

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*"Behold, I am laying in
Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of
offence, and the one who believes upon Him
will not be put to shame."
(Isaiah 28:16; Romans 9:33)*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

*"I will lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall my help come?
My help comes from YHWH, who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2*

Daily Devotion

"In my distress I called to YHWH, and He answered me." Psalm 120:1

This is the heritage of those who love YHWH: When we call out to Him, He hears and answers (Psalm 18:6-19, 34:4-7, 118:5-9). When we look to Him, He helps us (Psalm 54:4, 121:1-4; Isaiah 41:10; Hebrews 13:5-6). And no weapon formed against us will prosper (Psalm 2:1-6; Isaiah 54:17; John 10:28-30; Romans 8:28-39).

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to recognise all that I have, and am, in You.
Amen.

Bible Study

"Woe is me, for I sojourn in Meshech, for I dwell among the tents of Kedar! Too long has my soul had its dwelling with those who hate peace. I am for peace, but when I speak, they are for war. " Psalm 120:5-7

I can't think of any more apt Scripture to describe the current condition of the people of Israel. And Psalm 120 & 121 are powerful prayers that we can pray on behalf of Israel. But I also know that there are many whose personal lives feel just like this; living in an abusive relationship where you spend your entire time seeking peace with the other, but they are for war;

living your life constantly walking on eggshells, hoping that they won't crack, but knowing that inevitably they will. I want you to know that there is hope. Pray these prayers, Psalms 120 & 121, for yourself, and know that YHWH will answer when you cry out to Him. Reach out to someone who will believe you, and be willing to help you. Ask YHWH to guide you to the right person, the one who is willing and able to help in practical ways, as well as in prayer and counsel (James 2:14-17). And know that YHWH will make a way for you where there is seemingly no way (Isaiah 41:10-13, 43:19; Jeremiah 29:11-13; 1 Peter 5:6-11).

If you have ever been in an abusive relationship, I pray that you are able to recognise the gaslighting that is occurring regarding Israel, and are able to pray with empathy for what they are enduring. And when you are able, ask Abba to show you ways that you can help those who are still suffering abuse.

If you have never experienced abuse, praise Yah! And pray that He will show you practical ways that you can help those who are, or have been.

If you haven't already, take a look at the daily devotion.

Discuss:

Question:

1. How can you know that YHWH will hear and answer when you cry out to Him?

Answer:

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Day 291 – Proverbs 31

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"Dare to declare who you are. It is not far from the shores of silence to the boundaries of speech. The path is not long, but the way is deep. You must not only walk there, you must be prepared to leap."
Hildegard of Bingen

Notes:

Memory Verse:

‘It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, or for rulers to desire strong drink, lest he drink and forget what is decreed, and pervert the justice of all the afflicted. Give strong drink to him who is perishing, and wine to those whose soul is bitter. Let him drink and forget his poverty and he will not remember his trouble any longer. Open your mouth for the mute, for the justice of all those passing away. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and render justice to the afflicted and needy.’ Proverbs 31:4-9

Daily Devotion

“Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears YHWH, she shall be praised. Give to her from the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.” Proverbs 31:30-31

I used to have a problem with this last verse of Proverbs 31; the problem was not with the verse, but my perception of it. I would read this and hear, ‘A woman who fears YHWH has to work for approval, and if she wants anything good, she has to do it herself’. This perception came from my own insecurities, but also the attitude toward women that prevailed in the church, and in the workplace; that women were lesser, that they were worth less than men, that they were emotional and easily deceived and therefore not worthy of leadership, that they were weaker in body, mind, and moral character. These things weren’t often spoken in so many words, but they were made clear by the way women and girls were, and often still are, treated. But that is not what this verse is saying, quite the reverse; Proverbs 31 is written to Solomon (Lemuel, his mother’s name for him), not as an unattainable goal of what a woman should be, but as an instruction for him to value and appreciate his wife and afford her the trust and recognition she deserves and in so doing, he will prosper (Proverbs 31:10-12, 23).

To recognise the value of her wisdom and instruction (Proverbs 31:26), and give to her according to the fruit of her hands and according to her work (Proverbs 31:31).

Proverbs 31 is instruction as to how a husband should perceive his wife, and could equally be applied to how women should be treated in the church and the workplace (Ephesians 5:25-30).

Prayer: Abba Father, release the voice of every woman who has been silenced by teaching and attitudes that do not come from You. Thank You that You create woman to be a “helper” to man, and that the only other times that word is used in Scripture is to describe You. Help us to break this perception that You created woman as weak and lesser than man, but to recognise that she is a strong help in a time of need. Amen.

Bible Study

"An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above pearls. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She deals bountifully with him for good and not evil all the days of her life."

Proverbs 31:10-12

Woman was created for man, not to be his servant or slave, but to complete him. Man has a woman-shaped hole that only woman can fill, just as mankind has a God-shaped hole that only God can fill (Genesis 2:18-25). The word that God uses to describe what woman would be to man is ezer; helper. This word appears twenty-two times in Scripture: Twice it is referring to woman, the other twenty times, it is referring to YHWH himself. And neged; suitable, a helper corresponding to, equal to, a counterpart to; which comes from the root word negad; manifest, conquer, overcome, to be courageous, vigorous, effective, efficient. In the New Testament, we see the word helper referring to the Holy Spirit (John 14:15-17, 26; Hebrews 13:6). YHWH refers to the role of woman in the same way that he refers to himself, and the Holy Spirit.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How is the role of women like that of YHWH and the Holy Spirit?
2. How does that effect the way you will treat women, or how you will allow yourself to be treated as a woman?

Answers:

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Day 292 – Nahum

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Wherever you find real love, you will also find humility. Remember something: humility is not a weak and timid quality . . . It is the sign of strength and security." Kathryn Kuhlman

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"A jealous and avenging God is YHWH. YHWH is avenging and wrathful. YHWH is avenging against His adversaries, and He keeps His anger for His enemies. YHWH is slow to anger and great in power, and YHWH will by no means leave the guilty unpunished." Nahum 1:2-3

Daily Devotion

"Behold, on the mountains the feet of him who proclaims good news, who announces peace! Celebrate your feasts, O Judah; pay your vows. For never again will the vile one pass through you; he is cut off completely." Nahum 1:15

This sounds very familiar, doesn't it? It should – Nahum was a contemporary of Isaiah, who spoke a very similar word (Isaiah 52:1, 7-8). No, I don't think Nahum plagiarised Isaiah, I don't think he copied him. What I do know is this: That when YHWH is speaking the same word through the mouths of two or more prophets, it's important to take that word seriously. The other thing that is important is to take that word in context; the verses before and after the verse we're looking at are significant, as they show us the context in which the good news is being declared (Isaiah 52:1-10; Nahum 1:2-3, 8-14, 2:1-2). In the midst of darkness, death and the destruction of those who devise evil against YHWH and His people, we are to declare the good news of YHWH's salvation to Israel; we are to declare the good news of the kingdom to the Jew first, and then to the Gentiles.

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to be a light in the darkness, the bearer of good news in the midst of destruction, a carrier of contagious life in the midst of death. Amen.

Bible Study

“Whatever you devise against YHWH, He will make a complete destruction of it. Distress will not rise up twice. Like tangled thorns, and like those who are drunken with their drink, they are consumed as stubble fully dried up. From you has gone forth one who devised evil against YHWH, a vile counselor. Thus says YHWH, ‘Though they are at full strength and likewise many, even so, they will be cut off and pass away. Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no longer’” Nahum 1:9-12

Over and over in Scripture, YHWH shows us that the strength and number of our adversaries is of no account (Leviticus 26:6-9; Deuteronomy 32:28-31; Joshua 23:10; Judges 7:1-8; 1 Samuel 14:6, 17:34-37; 2 Kings 6:17; 2 Chronicles 14:11-13; Psalm 91:7; Isaiah 30:15-18). It doesn’t matter how big or how many your problems are, they are no match for YHWH, our God. When we lean on YHWH, when we look to Him for help, He will hear and answer, and He will fight our battles for us (Deuteronomy 3:22, 20:4; Proverbs 21:31; 2 Chronicles 20:3-4, 15-17, 20-25; Joshua 23:3).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. If YHWH fights for us, do we need to fight also?

Answers:

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Day 293 – Acts 7–8

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*The Holy Spirit is a
healing spirit. When the Holy Spirit is
present, anything is possible.
Reinhard Bonnke*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over and join the chariot.' And Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' And he said, 'Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this: 'As a sheep is led to slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He does not open His mouth. In humiliation His judgment was taken away; who will recount His generation? For His life is removed from the earth.' And the eunuch answered Philip and said, 'I ask you earnestly, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself or of someone else?' Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he proclaimed the good news about Jesus to him.' Acts 8:29-35

Daily Devotion

"Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray earnestly to the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you." Acts 8:22

Simon the magician wanted to be able to lay hands on people and impart the Holy Spirit, as he saw the Apostles doing, but his heart went to the place of his past and immediately thought it was something that could be bought and sold. Peter recognises the corruption in of his heart and calls him out on it, not to condemn him, but so that he might repent and find forgiveness (Acts 8:18-24).

YHWH will very often keep us from something that in itself is good because our heart is not right before Him. He is not being stingy or mean, and is not punishing us.

He is keeping us from the damage that good thing would do to us because of the condition of our heart, and the dishonour we would bring to His name (Acts 8:21, 23).

Prayer: Abba Father, I thank You that You care more about the condition of my heart towards You than anything I could do for You, or in Your name. Thank You that You protect me from the good things that would corrupt my heart, and work within me to bring my heart into alignment with Your own. Amen.

Bible Study

"Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he proclaimed the good news about Jesus to him." Acts 8:35

In Acts 7 & 8, we see both Stephen and Philip using the Scriptures, what we would call the Old Testament, to preach the good news of Jesus, the Messiah. Stephen from the books of the Law (Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy), the books of History (Joshua), and the books of the prophets (Isaiah, Amos); and Philip from the book of Isaiah (Isaiah 53:7). I'd really like to see us change the way we divide up the Bible; rather than the Old Testament and the New Testament, recognise the original division of the books: the books of the Law, the books of History, the books of poetry, the books of prophecy (OT), the books of the Testimony/Witness, and the Epistles (NT). The way we divide the Bible at present gives the impression that one has superseded the other, that the OT is now obsolete and all we need is the NT.

One of the prerequisites for the twelfth Apostle to replace Judas was that they had been with Jesus from the beginning and had witnessed His resurrection (Acts 1:21-22). What were they a witness of? Was it just telling the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection? Would that be sufficient? No, they were witnesses of his life, death and resurrection as it fulfilled the Law and the prophets (Luke 24:44). In just the same way, how can we be witnesses of Jesus the Messiah if we have no knowledge of what we are witnesses of? If we cannot first see Jesus in the books of the Old Testament, and secondly proclaim the good news about Jesus from the Old Testament, then our testimony is flawed and without substance, and the Jesus we preach is only a shadow of the truth. If the Jesus we preach is not recognisably Jewish, then He is not the Messiah of the Scriptures, and our testimony is misleading at best and at worse, false.

Discuss:

Question:

1. How would you preach the gospel of Jesus using Isaiah 53?

Answer:

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Day 294 – Hebrews 11-13

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*Nothing is a surprise
to God: nothing is a setback to His plans;
nothing can thwart his purposes; and
nothing is beyond His control.
Joni Eareckson Tada*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect. Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, laying aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us, let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary, fainting in heart. You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin. Hebrews 11:39-12:4

Daily Devotion

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old gained approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible." Hebrews 11:1-3

There are several verses that we quote regarding faith; Hebrews 11:1 is one of them, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, and the conviction of things not yet seen." Another is Hebrews 11:6a, "And without faith it is impossible to please Him". We encourage ourselves with these verses but we seldom stop to think about what they really mean.

Why is it impossible to please God without faith? Why was YHWH so pleased with Abraham's faith that He imputed it to him as righteousness? Hebrews 11:6 gives us part of the answer (Hebrews 11:6b). He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him, believing that He is! But the fuller answer is to be found in Hebrews 11:2-3. God Himself is a God of faith – He had faith when He spoke, that what He spoke would come into being. When we have faith, when we speak, believing that it will be done, we are walking in and expressing the image of God that we were created in (Genesis 1:27; Matthew 21:20-22; Mark 11:22-24). This is why faith so pleases Abba God – because when we walk in faith, we are walking in His image, we are acting in the same manner that He did at creation, and we are showing ourselves to be His children.

Prayer: Abba Father, make me more like You, and Your Son, Yeshuah. Amen

Bible Study

"It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. " Hebrews 12:7-8

I can't read this passage without thinking about the last couple of generations - generations of young people who are marked by increasing anxiety, depression, offence, and a lack of identity. And I can't help but think that there is a direct correlation between a lack of discipline and the condition of our young people today. Because they have not received the discipline of their earthly fathers, for whatever reason, they have not had the opportunity to mature into responsible adults, and therefore fail to discipline their own children (Hebrews 12:9-11). And because discipline is foreign to them, the discipline of the Lord is rejected as offensive (Hebrews 12:5-6; Job 5:17; Proverbs 3:11-12, 13:24, 15:5). No, the Scriptures are not advocating child abuse, but the idea of what is considered appropriate discipline in our society has become so perverted that parents have been stripped of their authority to raise their children in righteousness and the discipline of the Lord. And the result is generations who are illegitimate children, without the knowledge and understanding of their sonship in God, bereft of the anchor to their identity, the knowledge of who they are in the Father (Psalm 103:13; 1 John 3:1; James 1:7; 1 Corinthians 8:6).

Discuss:

Question:

1. How does Godly discipline affect a child's identity?

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Day 295 – Numbers 31–33

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*Are you willing to stay
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great things through you, though no one may
seem to notice at all?*
Keith Green

Notes:

Memory Verse

'Then they came near to him and said, 'We will build here sheepfolds for our livestock and cities for our little ones; but we ourselves will be armed ready to go before the sons of Israel, until we have brought them to their place, and our little ones live in the fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land.

We will not return to our homes until every one of the sons of Israel has possessed his inheritance.'" Numbers 32:16-18

Daily Devotion

"Then the officers who were over the thousands of the army, the commanders of thousands and the commanders of hundreds, came near to Moses, and they said to Moses, 'Your servants have taken a census of men of war who are in our charge, and no man of us is missing. '" Numbers 31:48-49

The people of Israel went to war against the Midianites with 12,000 men, one thousand from each of the tribes of Judah, at YHWH's command (Numbers 31:1-5). And when they had defeated the Midianites and their five kings, they realised that not one of the men of Israel had been lost (Numbers 31:7-8, 49).

When we act in obedience to YHWH, His favour goes with us; the odds, the numbers, the statistics, don't count. Twelve thousand men going up against the armies of five kings should not have been able to prevail and win the war, let alone win it without a single casualty. Don't let the numbers keep you from doing what YHWH has told you to do (1 Samuel 14:6). YHWH has the numbers to overcome on your behalf (2 Kings 6:15-17), whatever the numbers may pertain to.

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that You are not restrained to save, by many or by few. That it doesn't matter how much or how little I have; but when I move in obedience to You, it is You who gives the victory. Glorify Your name in me and through me by Your mighty outstretched arm, and the power of Your Holy Spirit, so that I can declare Your glory and faithfulness in the midst of the congregation. Amen

Bible Study

"So Moses said to them, 'Have you spared all the women? Behold, these caused the sons of Israel, through the word of Balaam, to act unfaithfully against YHWH in the matter of Peor, so the plague was among the congregation of YHWH. '" Numbers 31:15-16

When YHWH commanded the people of Israel to 'take full vengeance for the sons of Israel on the Midianites it was because they had led the people of Israel astray to worship other gods (Numbers 31:1-2, 25:1-9). So when they returned from battle and had left the women alive, the ones who had led them astray, Moses became angry with them (Numbers 31:13-14, 17-21).

It was vitally important that when the people of Israel defeated their enemies and took their land that they destroyed completely the inhabitants of the land, otherwise they would become a stumbling block to the people of Israel, just as the Midianites had been (Numbers 33:55-56). The land that YHWH was giving to the sons of Israel as an inheritance had been forfeited by the inhabitants of the land due to the extent of their sin (Genesis 15:12-21). They were to destroy them completely so that they would not be led astray to follow after their gods or do the detestable practices of the peoples of the land (Deuteronomy 18:9-14, 20:16-18). And we see the results of their failure to do so throughout the books of history, and even after they had been sent into exile (Ezra 9:1-15; Nehemiah 13:23-27).

When we give our lives to the Lord, we become a new creation, a new and fertile land, and we need to be careful to put to death the old man with all his practices, or we will easily be led astray and follow after the practice of the old man (2 Corinthians 5:17). This is why it is so important that we take up our cross daily and follow Jesus (Matthew 10:38-39, 16:24-26; Mark 8:34-37; Luke 9:23-25, 14:25-33).

Discuss:

Question:

1. How does YHWH's command to Israel to completely destroy the people of the land apply to us, as believers today?

Answer:

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Day 296 – 2 Chronicles 25–28

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

Larry Norman

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Memory Verse:

'And he (Amaziah) Hired also 100,000 mighty men of valor out of Israel for one hundred talents of silver. But a man of God came to him saying, 'O king, do not let the army of Israel go with you, for YHWH is not with Israel nor with any of the sons of Ephraim. But if you do go, do it, be strong for the battle; yet God will cause you to stumble before the enemy, for God has power to help and to cause to stumble.' Then Amaziah said to the man of God, 'But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the troops of Israel?' And the man of God answered, 'YHWH has much more to give you than this.'" 2 Chronicles 25:6-9

Daily Devotion

But a prophet of YHWH was there, whose name as Oded; and he went out before the army which came to Samaria and said to them, 'Behold, because of the wrath of YHWH, the God of your fathers, against Judah, He has given them into your hand, and you have killed them in a rage which has even reached heaven. So now you are intending to subdue for yourselves the people of Judah and Jerusalem for male and female slaves. Surely, do you not have your own matters of guilt against YHWH your God?'" 2 Chronicles 28:9-10

Because of the sins of Ahaz king of Judah, YHWH handed Judah over to the king of Aram and the king of Israel to execute His judgement on them, but the army of the king of Israel became overzealous in the treatment of the people of Judah, their brothers (2 Chronicles 28:5-8; Obadiah 1:12). Some of the leaders of Israel listened to Oded's warning and took action, showing compassion to the people of Judah and returning them to their land (2 Chronicles 28:11-15). Several times in Scripture, YHWH punishes a nation that He has raised up to judge His people, because they have become arrogant, and not acknowledged that it is Him who gave them victory; or because they have taken pleasure in inflicting cruelty. God does not delight in judging His people, it is not His desire that any should perish (Matthew 18:14; 2 Peter 3:9). We are to love those who hate us, and bless those who curse us, and we are not to rejoice when our enemy falls (Matthew 5:44-45; Luke 6:35-36; Proverbs 24:17-18).

Prayer: Abba Father, give me a heart of compassion for everyone, whether they are friend or enemy. Let me see them through Your eyes, so that I can know Your heart for them and speak Your word into their lives, in the hope that they might hear and respond. Amen.

Bible Study

"But when he became strong, his heart was so proud that he acted corruptly, and he was unfaithful to YHWH his God. And he entered the temple of YHWH to burn incense on the altar of incense." 2 Chronicles 26:16

There are two things we need to keep watch for in our walk with the Lord; times of trial, and times of prosperity. In times of prosperity, when we become strong, wealthy, or influential, we can become proud and forsake God, relying on the strength and resources YHWH has given us as if they were our own. And in times of trial, we can turn to other things or people for the help instead of to YHWH our God, especially if those trials have come because of our own sin (2 Chronicles 28:22-23).

We must stand watch over our hearts during times of trial and times of prosperity, to continually turn our hearts towards YHWH that whatever state we find ourselves in, our heart remains pure and content before Him (Proverbs 4:23, 30:7-9; Philippians 4:11-13). Do not turn from wealth if YHWH gives it to you, it is for His glory and for the needs of others (1 Samuel 2:7; Deuteronomy 8:18); and do not turn from need, for it is for your growth and to strengthen your relationship with Him (James 1:2-4).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How can we guard our hearts?
2. What do you find harder to receive from YHWH, blessing or trials?

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Day 297 – Psalms 122-124

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*If you don't have a definite call to stay
here, you have a call to go.
Keith Green*

Notes:

Memory Verse

To You I lift up my eyes, the One enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of the servant-girl look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to YHWH our God, until He is gracious to us. Psalm 123:1-2

Daily Devotion

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you. May peace be within your walls, and tranquility within your palaces.' For the sake of my brothers and my friends, I will now say, 'May peace be within you.' For the sake of the house of YHWH our God, I will seek your good." Psalm 122:6-9

Many people ask me how they can pray for Israel and Jerusalem, and this Psalm of David is a good place to start because not only does he tell us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, but he gives us clear steps in how to do that.

"May they prosper who love you." The first step is remembering all the promises of YHWH to Jerusalem and Israel and those who love and bless them. The blessing of all the nations is in Israel, and YHWH will bless those who bless her (Genesis 12:3; Zechariah 14:16-17) and prosper those who love her (Psalm 122:6, 128:5) and remember the place Israel and Jerusalem have in the heart of YHWH (2 Chronicles 6:6; Psalm 125:2; Isaiah 52:1-2; Ezekiel 5:5; Zechariah 1:17, 8:1-3). We remember these things to align our hearts with the Father's.

"May peace be within you." The second is to declare peace to Jerusalem. Jerusalem is the place where YHWH has chosen to place His name (2 Chronicles 6:5-6). It is the place that YHWH has promised He will hear and answer the prayers of His people when they pray toward it (2 Chronicles 7:12-16). It is the apple of YHWH's eye (Zechariah 2:8). This is the place we are to declare peace to, not the peace that the world is offering (Jeremiah 8:11), but the lasting peace that comes only through the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6, 26:3; John 14:27, 16:33; Colossians 3:15). Not the peace that means the cessation of war, or a temporary ceasefire that comes at great cost, but the lasting peace and prosperity that is shalom (which speaks to wholeness, well being and abundance in all aspects of life, to the point of overflow). And when we do so, the Biblical principle of overflow occurs (Jeremiah 29:7).

Prayer: Abba Father, give me Your heart for Israel and Jerusalem, so that I can declare with You, "Shalom within her walls," because in the blessing and prosperity of Israel, all the nations of the world are blessed. Amen.

Bible Study

“Had it not been YHWH who was on our side, ‘let Israel now say, ‘Had it not been YHWH who was on our side when men rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us alive, when their anger was kindled against us.’” Psalm 124:1-3

This verse sums up the whole history of the people of Israel! In fact, the theme of almost all of their feasts and festivals is: “They tried to kill us, YHWH delivered us, let’s eat!” And this is as pertinent today as it has ever been.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people recognised Him as the Messiah and called out “Hosannah, Hosannah, Baruch ha-ba b’shem ADONAI!” In that moment, the eyes and hearts of the people were opened to see Jesus for who He really was (Psalm 118:25-26), but shortly afterwards, as Jesus looked upon Jerusalem, He lamented over her, knowing that the same people who had just celebrated Him as the Messiah would turn against Him and offer Him up to die at the hands of the Romans (Matthew 23:37-39). His statement is clear, “You will not see me again until once more your eyes are open to see me as I AM, as Your Messiah (Saviour and King).” YHWH is on Israel’s side. He will protect them and keep them until the time when their eyes are opened once more and they look upon their Messiah (Zechariah 12:10-13:1, 14:1-21).

“Had it not been YHWH who was on our side, let Israel say, ‘Had it not been YHWH who was on our side when men rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us alive, when their anger was kindled against us.’”

This will be Israel’s testimony for eternity (Psalm 118:5-7, Romans 8:31).

Discuss:

Question:

1. What is the significance of Jesus saying, " You will not see Me again you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord?"

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Day 298 – Ecclesiastes 1-2

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'We cannot evangelise until we have been evangelised. This happens most powerfully through solitary prayer.'
John Michael Talbot

Notes:

Memory Verse:

There is nothing better for a man than to eat and drink and have his soul see good in his labor. This also I have seen that it is from the hand of God.

Ecclesiastes 2:24

Daily Devotion

"So I turned to see wisdom, madness, and simpleminded folly. What will the man do who will come after the king except what has already been done? And I saw that there is advantage in wisdom over simpleminded folly as light has an advantage over darkness. The wise man's eyes are in his head, but the fool walks in darkness. And yet I know that the fate of one becomes the fate of all of them. " Ecclesiastes 2:12-14

The Psalmist says many times, "...I cry to the LORD with my voice!" (Psalm 142:1). It is a constant refrain throughout the Psalms. He cries out for the needy, the afflicted, the orphan, the widow, for those who are oppressed.

He cries out for the nation, and for himself in times of need. We have the privilege of coming before the very throne of God, to bring our case or the case of others, before Him, to call for righteous judgment, and justice. To cry out with our voice, "Arise, O YHWH, O God!" Because YHWH hears the desire of the afflicted; He strengthens their heart; and inclines His ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth will strike terror no more (Psalms 10:17-18).

Prayer: Abba Father, keep me from the folly and excesses of Solomon, who sought in earthly things the fulfillment that can only come from You. Help me to keep my eyes on You as I seek Your kingdom and Your righteousness, knowing that it is my relationship with You, knowing You, that is eternal life.

Amen

Bible Study

"I, the Preacher, have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I gave my heart to seek and explore by wisdom concerning all that has been done under heaven. It is a grievous endeavour which God has given to the sons of men with which to occupy themselves. I have seen all the works which have been done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and striving after wind. What is bent cannot be straightened, and what is lacking cannot be counted. " Ecclesiastes 1:12-15

I have often stated that how we see things depends on our perspective, the lens through which we view the world. And Ecclesiastes is a good example of what happens when we take our eyes off YHWH, seeing things through the lens of His law and His love, and seek to understand the world through other things. Solomon has neglected the counsel of his mother and father, and the word of YHWH who appeared to him (1 Kings 2:1-4; Proverbs 31:4-9; 1 Kings 9:4-9), and tried to understand the world by his own wisdom, and experimenting with substance abuse and the gratification of the flesh (Ecclesiastes 2:3, 10; 1 John 2:16).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Was Solomon acting wisely in the things he describes in Ecclesiastes?
2. How did God's gift of wisdom to Solomon become foolishness?

Answers:

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Day 299 – Habakkuk

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Notes:

Memory Verse:

Though the fig tree should not blossom and there be no produce on the vines, though the yield of the olive should fail and the fields yield no food, though the flock should be cut off from the fold and there be no cattle in the stalls, yet will I exalt in YHWH. I will rejoice in the God of my salvation." Habakkuk 3:17-18

Daily Devotion

"YHWH, the Lord, is my strength, and He has set my feet like hinds' feet and makes me tread on my high places." Habakkuk 3:19

Many of you will be familiar with this verse, particularly those who have heard of or read the book 'Hind's Feet On High Places'. In it, this passage is taken to mean that if we go through all of the struggles, if we endure to the end, God will take us up to the high places of His glory where we will be in His presence. But the word that is translated "high places" here is the Hebrew word "Bāmā", which is talking about the high places where the people of Israel met to worship the sun and the moon and the stars, and foreign gods and idols (2 Kings 17:32-40). This is the place that it is talking about when it says, "He has set my feet like hinds' feet and makes me tread on my high places". It is stating that God will give us the strength and the ability to crush any form of idolatry that is in us. Hinds' feet are hard and sharp, and can break up quite hard objects and eventually grind them to dust. The book of Habakkuk is a book that is speaking of the judgement that God is bringing upon Israel for their idolatry. He is bringing the nation of the Chaldeans against them to judge them (Habakkuk 1:5-12), but this last part, this last verse of the book is our encouragement; it tells us that we have the strength in YHWH God to crush and trampled down any places of idolatry in our lives.

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that in You I have everything I need for life and godliness. You are my strength, and you have given me feet like hinds' feet to trampled down my high places, those places of idolatry in my life that hinder me from serving You. Amen.

Bible Study

"I heard, and my inward parts trembled; at the sound my lips tingled. Decay enters my bones, and in my place I tremble. Because I must wait quietly for the day of distress, for the people to arise who will invade us." Habakkuk 3:16

Those of you who are intercessors will be familiar with the feeling that Habakkuk is expressing in this verse. Habakkuk knows that YHWH is a God of Justice. He knows that YHWH is a God of compassion. And he knows that YHWH is a God who is for His people. But he also knows that YHWH is a God of justice and He will bring judgement on His people for their sins. Seeing this vision that God gave him has caused Habakkuk to tremble, it has caused his lips to tingle and to feel like his bones are decaying within him, because of the distress that will come upon on his people; and he knows that there is nothing he can do about it except wait for God to bring about His judgement.

When God gives you a hard word to speak, do not be tempted to water it down, to sugarcoat it, or to only speak the "nice" bit. We need, as intercessors, to be willing to speak the hard word and to wait in trembling before the Lord for Him to do what He has spoken; trusting in Him that He will cause His word to have the impact that He desires (Matthew 5:18-20). He is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). The modern schools of the prophets tell you that any word you speak should be comfortable, should be nice, should be uplifting, should make people feel good. And sometimes that is the case, but all of the prophets of the Old Testament were called to speak hard words so that peoples' consciences would be pricked and they would turn back to God. It's not about fear mongering, but it is about speaking the truth that God has spoken to you and not taking away from His word or adding anything to it, because to do so brings a curse upon the speaker (Deuteronomy 4:2, 12:32; Proverbs 30:5-6; Isaiah 55:11). As prophets we have a responsibility, particularly those who are called as watchmen on the walls, as prophetic intercessors for the nations. We have a responsibility to speak what God has spoken to us fully unedited, so that He can do the work that His word is intended to do (Ezekiel 3:17-21). We need to have the courage of Habakkuk to speak the word in fear and trembling, even if it makes us feel sick inside, in hopes that maybe the people will hear and respond to the word and turn from their sin and He will hear from heaven and forgive their sins and heal their land. And in the midst of it all, we must worship Him.

Discuss:

Question:

1. When hard times come are you able to face them in fear and trembling and still worship YHWH?

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Day 300 – Acts 9–10

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*the world not by making converts
but by making disciples.
John Wesley*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"And opening his mouth, Peter said: 'I most truly comprehend now that God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the one who fears Him and does righteousness is welcome to Him. As for the word which He sent to the sons of Israel, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ-- He is Lord of all.'" Acts 10:34-36

Daily Devotion

"Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias, and the Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' And he said, 'Here I am, Lord.' And the Lord said to him, 'Rise up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying.'" Acts 9:10-11

One thing that becomes clear as we read through Acts 9 & 10 is that YHWH will go to extraordinary lengths to answer the prayers of those whose heart is toward Him when they pray (Jeremiah 29:11-13; James 5:13-18). In the case of Saul, YHWH meets with Ananias in a vision and gives him very specific instructions about what he is to do; He also meets with Saul in a vision and tells him in detail who is coming and what he will do for him and why (Acts 9:11-16).

In Acts chapter 10, it is Cornelius who is praying (Acts 10:1-6, 30-33). Cornelius sees an angel of God enter his house and it speaks to him, again giving very specific directions of what he is to do. And while Cornelius is obeying the command of the angel, YHWH is also at work in Peter to break through the prejudices and prohibitions that he has grown up with by giving him a vision that is repeated three times (Acts 10:17-20). The vision had the desired effect on Peter and he went willing with the men and entered the house of Cornelius (Acts 10:28-29).

The answer to Cornelius' prayer transformed the lives of every person there, including Peter and those who came with him (Acts 10:34-36, 44-48). And the answer to Saul's prayer had an immediate effect as well (Acts 9:17-18, 20).

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to never underestimate the power of prayer.

Amen.

Bible Study

“Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.” Acts 9:1-2

Jesus told His disciples that a time would come when those who killed them would think they were offering a service to God (John 16:1-4). This prophecy started to come to pass shortly after His death with the stoning of Stephen by a mob of religious zealots (Acts 7:54-60), and continues to this day with the religious extremists of terrorist groups like Hamas, Hezbollah, Isis, et al, believing that they are serving the one true god by killing all Jews and Christians. Saul was among the crowd and heartily approved of them putting Stephen to death (Acts 8:1-3). To all outward appearances, Saul was an enemy of the Way (Acts 9:13-14). But YHWH knew Saul’s heart, that he desired to please God with his actions, and so appeared to him in a vision because He had a purpose for his life (Acts 9:3-6, 15-17; 1 Samuel 16:7).

Paul knew the Scriptures and loved God, but did not know God. But once he had this encounter with Jesus, his understanding of the Scriptures went from a religious exercise to a relationship with the living God and he was transformed immediately (Acts 9:20-22). God is moving in the hearts of people in the same way today; members of terrorist groups, who encounter Jesus in dreams and visions, are turning from hatred of Jews and Christians into vocal advocates for Israel. They, too, are encountering Jesus because He knows their hearts despite what they’ve been brought up to believe, and He has a purpose for their lives. They are discovering a personal relationship with the living God.

Discuss:

Question:

1. Is anyone so evil that YHWH will not give them a revelation of Himself, and His son?

Answer:

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Day 301 – James 1–3

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*"You can't go back and change
the beginning, but you can start where
you are and change the ending."
C. S. Lewis*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith brings about perseverance. And let perseverance have its perfect work, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives generously and without reproach, and it will be given him. But he must ask in faith, doubting nothing, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.' James 1:2-8

Daily Devotion

"What use is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,' and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead by itself." James 2:14-17

The best way I can think of to describe the relationship between faith and works is one of symbiosis and synergy – together they are alive and dynamic and produce fruit in the natural and in the eternal, the effect of which goes far beyond the sum of the parts; but either one without the other is dead and has no eternal value. There are some who have misread this passage to mean that we can earn our salvation through works, that works alone can be added up to accumulate against the weight of our sin, and in so doing, we will tip the balance in our favour with YHWH. But if that were the case, there would have been no need for Jesus to pay the price for our sin, as we could become worthy of knowing YHWH by our own merit. Rather, our faith, if it is faith in the Living God and His Son Jesus Christ, will spur us to good works by the power of His Spirit as we become doers of the word and not hearers only (Galatians 2:21; Ephesians 2:10; James 1:22).

Prayer: Abba Father, may my faith in You spur me to walk in the good works that You have prepared beforehand that I should walk in them, and my love for You cause me to keep Your commandments. Amen.

Bible Study

"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruits, without doubting, without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. " James 3:17-18

The Scriptures have a lot to say about wisdom and when we look closely at those passages, what we discover is that wisdom bears the character and characteristics of YHWH (Proverbs 3:13-26). So when we ask Him for wisdom, we are asking that He work His character in us, and this is a prayer request He is only too happy to fulfill (Ephesians 1:17-23; Colossians 3:5-17).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Why do we think that wisdom can stand alone, apart from God?

Answers:

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Prayer Focus

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Day 302 – Numbers 34–36

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*What wings are to a bird,
and sails to a ship,
so is prayer to the soul.
Corrie ten Boom*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'Now YHWH spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan opposite Jericho, saying, 'Command the sons of Israel that they give to the Levites from the inheritance of their possession cities to live in: and you shall give to the Levites pasture lands around the cities. And the cities shall be theirs to live in: and their pasture lands shall be for their cattle and for their herds and for all their beasts.' Numbers 35:1-3

Daily Devotion

"Then YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 'Command the sons of Israel and say to them, "When you enter the land of Canaan, this is the land that shall fall to you as an inheritance, even the land of Canaan according to its borders. "' Numbers 34:1-2

YHWH was very clear about the land that he was giving to the sons of Israel as an inheritance. He named the people who were living in the land that they were to displace and He set the boundaries for them (Genesis 12:6-7; Deuteronomy 7:1-11). They were to take the whole land that He was giving them, no more and no less.

When YHWH gives us a sphere of influence or authority, we are to walk in the authority he has given us, we are not to defer that authority to another, nor are we to overstep our bounds. When we are walking in the authority He has given us, we also walk in His blessing and help (Genesis 26:2-5). But when we defer that authority to others or overstep our bounds, the blessing and help are withheld, His presence is no longer with us (Deuteronomy 11:26-32).

Prayer: Abba Father, show me clearly the authority You have given me, so I can walk in it. Forgive me for the times I have deferred Your authority to another, and keep me from pride that would cause me to overstep Your authority. Draw me close to Yourself, so that whatever I do, it comes from a heart that is humble before You and secure in Your love. Amen.

Bible Study

"The blood avenger himself shall put the murderer to death; he shall put him to death when he meets him. " Numbers 35:19

This seems like a strange verse to highlight for our Bible study today, but it is very important and significant. If someone was murdered they were to be put to death, it wasn't the courts or the authorities that were responsible to do this but a relative of the one who was murdered. When the murderer was found guilty on the testimony of two or more witnesses, it was the avenger of blood who was to carry out the sentence, someone who was personally affected by their sin (Numbers 35:12-21, 26-28). Why is this important? Because it speaks to the character of YHWH. He did not leave the task of avenging the death of His creation up to an impartial third party. When sin entered into the world, and death through sin, He took it upon Himself to put sin to death so that we might live (Genesis 2:15-18; Isaiah 25:8; Romans 5:12, 15; 2 Timothy 1:10; 1 Peter 2:24; Revelation 21:4). He took it upon Himself to avenge the blood of mankind. And He takes it upon Himself to avenge the blood of His chosen ones (Deuteronomy 32:35-36; Joel 3:1-2, 12-17; Romans 12:19).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How does YHWH being our avenger of blood, fit with Him as our kinsman redeemer?

Answers:

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Prayer Focus

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Day 303 – 2 Chronicles 29–32

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*when God calls you
to something. He is not always calling
you to succeed. He's calling you to obey! The
success of the calling is up to Him; the
obedience is up to you.*
David Wilkerson

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be dismayed because of the king of Assyria nor because of all the multitude that is with him; for the one with us is greater than the one with him. With him is only an arm of flesh, but with us is YHWH our God to help us and to fight our battles." And the people were sustained by the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

2 Chronicles 32:7-8

Daily Devotion

*"And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok said to him, 'Since the contributions began to be brought into the house of YHWH, there has been much to eat and be satisfied with and have left over, for YHWH has blessed His people, and this great quantity is left over.' "*2 Chronicles 31:10

I can't think of a better example of Matthew 6:33 than the reign of Hezekiah, king of Israel (2 Chronicles 29:1-3; Matthew 6:33). His very first act as king, in the first month of the first year of his reign, was to reopen the doors of the house of YHWH, to repair them and gather the priests and Levites to cleanse and purify the temple. Because Hezekiah, as the king, sought first of all YHWH's kingdom and His righteousness, the blessing was poured out on the whole nation, not just the king. And because of that, the people gave abundantly and the priests and Levites had more than enough and Hezekiah became extremely wealthy (2 Chronicles 31:4-9, 14-19, 32:27-29).

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that Your word is true and You are faithful to fulfill it. Help me, from a pure heart, to seek after You with my whole heart, to seek Your kingdom and Your righteousness first above all else, and to trust You for the rest. Amen.

Bible Study

"Hezekiah became king when he was twenty-five years old; and he reigned twenty nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah. And he did what was right in the sight of YHWH, according to all that David his father had done. In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of YHWH and repaired them. And he brought in the priests and the Levites and gathered them into the square on the east. Then he said to them, 'Listen to me, O Levites. Set yourselves apart now as holy, and set apart as holy the house of YHWH, the God of your fathers, and bring out the impurity from the holy place.' " 2 Chronicles 29:1-5

When we open the doors of our heart to Jesus, we set ourselves apart as holy to YHWH and become the temple of the living God, the house of His dwelling (Ephesians 2:19-22). It is then up to us to bring out every impurity from the holy place. To cleanse and purify our body, mind, soul and spirit, so that we are a dwelling place set apart (holy) to Him (Leviticus 11:45, 19:2, 20:7, 26; 2 Chronicles 29:11, 15; Romans 12:1-2; Colossians 3:12-17; 1 Peter 1:15-16).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What does it mean to be holy?
2. How do we bring out the impurity from our heart?

Answers:

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Day 304 – Psalms 125–127

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*Faith is not to get you
out of a hard place but to change your
heart in the hard place.*

David Wilkerson

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Do good, O YHWH, to those who are good and to those who are upright in their hearts. But as for those who turn aside to thier crooked ways, YHWH will lead them away with the workers of iniquity. Peace be upon Israel."

Psalm 125:4-5

Daily Devotion

"Unless YHWH builds the house, they labour in vain who build it; unless YHWH watches the city, the watchman keeps awake in vain. " Psalm 127:1 5

At first glance, this verse might appear to highlight the futility of fighting against God, and this is certainly true. But as I sat and pondered the verse a bit more, I began to see that it is an invitation INTO something greater! He desires that we succeed more than we can possibly imagine, and sometimes that can be a difficult truth to digest. How often do we stumble through life, not understanding fully how much God loves us and is FOR us? Let us begin to apply our faith in this area, to truly seek His face and find His heart for us, and His plan for our life. Then we will find our life's work and true fulfillment (Ephesians 2:10).

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to take your word at face value, and let faith arise that You are truly good and want the absolute best for me, so I can respond to Your call and be the person You created me to be, nothing more and nothing less. Amen.

Bible Study

"Those who trust in YHWH are as Mount Zion, which will not be shaken but will abide forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, So YHWH surrounds His people from now until forever. " Psalm 125:1-2

What a powerful declaration!

How often do you find yourself declaring this to yourself when you wake in the morning, "Abba, I will not be shaken, ever, because my trust is in You and You protect me on every side!"?

And yet that is what the scriptures tell us over and over again (Psalm 28:7, 91:1-16, 118:6; Proverbs 3:6, 16:3; Isaiah 12:2, 41:10; Jeremiah 17:7-8; Nahum 1:7; John 14:1; Romans 8:28; Philippians 4:19; 1 John 5:14), these are just a sampling of the scriptures that we can draw confidence from and declare over ourselves, there are many, many, more.

Physiological studies have shown that a person's physical posture can effect the way they feel emotionally. There have been studies that have shown that standing in the Superman pose (feet hip distance apart, hands on hips, elbows out, chest and head held high) for just 2 minutes a day can have a dramatic effect on a person's well being. It was shown to Boost Confidence, Improve Posture, Enhance Breathing and Lung Capacity, Strengthen Core Muscles and Create a Mind-Body Connection. If such a simple change in posture can have such a dramatic effect on our physical and emotional wellbeing, can you imagine what can happen when we change our posture before God, by declaring, like the Psalmist, what the scriptures say about us, on a daily basis.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What is your posture before God?
2. How does knowing what the Word of God says about you change your posture?
3. Do you have biblical declarations that you speak over yourself daily?

Answers:

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