

第 18 周 馬可福音靈修默想

5月3日(星期一) 經文: 馬可福音十三 9~13

公會是猶太人民間的最高議會,除了解釋聖經,安排各類猶太節期內容外,也是猶太教的宗教法庭。會堂是猶太人安息日聚會的場所。

- 1. 第 9 及 12 節,為著信仰將遇見什麼苦難? 第 9 及 13 節,應存什麼態度面對? 謹慎能使我們不出差錯,忍耐使我們能走過苦難。V13「得救」意為「得勝」,即勝過苦難。
- 2. 受苦時,神會丟棄我們不顧嗎?為什麼不必憂慮?第11節,神應許如何幫助?

5月4日(星期二) 經文: 馬可福音十三 14~23

「行毀壞可憎的」(但十一 31)指希臘王安提阿哥伊法比,168B.C.他毀壞耶路撒冷,在聖殿中築祭壇獻豬,褻瀆聖殿,行可憎的事。此人預表末世的「敵基督」。 「行毀壞可憎的」在此處及但以理九27都是指末世出現的「敵基督」。

- 1. 第 14~19 節,末日災難來到時,什麼可能成為避難的纏累?在我的生活中,有什麼我看得太重要,成為我順服主的攔阻?
- 2. 第 21~23 節,末世有什麼迷惑出現? 為什麼他們能迷惑人? 神蹟奇事不是基督的 特徵,異教中也有不少超自然的奇事。主耶穌要我們存什麼態度? 信徒如何處理 靈界的事? (參約壹四1~4)末世當追求什麼? (約十七17,猶20.21)

5月5日(星期三) 經文: 馬可福音十三 24~31

- 1. 第 24~25 節,末世還有那些災難? 第 26~27 節,如何描寫主耶穌的再來? 苦難中,必須有希望。盼望主耶穌再來,是基督徒的特權。我盼望主耶穌再來嗎?
- 2. 末世災難是極大的考驗,需要有更大的信心。無花果樹與夏天有什麼關係?第 29 節,「這些事」指第 14~25 節顯出之事。當這些事發生時,我們應有什麼認 知?知道主耶穌正在門口,災難就快要結束,給我們信心和勇氣堅持下去。
- 3. 第 31 節,天地要廢去嗎? 主的話能廢去嗎? 即使天地變色,我仍相信主的話嗎? 我相信主耶穌必定榮耀地再來嗎?

5月6日(星期四) 經文: 馬可福音十三 32~37

- 1. 第 32 節,主再來時,有誰不知道? 只有誰知道? 子不知道的意思:即使主耶穌站在人的地位上,也不知道。根據第 32 節,我們可以清楚分辨真偽:若有任何人或團體,宣稱知道主耶穌何時再來,他們所說的就是謊話,所傳的就是異端。
- 2. 主耶穌要我們用什麼態度,迎接祂的再來?我謹慎,不容罪惡進到我的生活嗎? 有什麼人或事,使我無法聖潔?
- 3. 我儆醒禱告嗎? 儆醒和祈禱是一體的兩面,藉著禱告省察自己,不容靈命沈睡。 我天天禱告,使自己生活聖潔嗎?我天天禱告,不容許世界的名利權勢霸佔我的 心,使我愛神愛人不折扣嗎?我天天禱告,使我在工作上,扮演好自己的角色, 盡該盡的本分嗎?我禱告,使我按著神給我的恩賜,盡力服事、傳福音嗎?

5月7日(星期五) 經文: 馬可福音十四1~9

真哪噠香膏是昂貴的,猶太家庭在女孩出生後,就開始為她存錢。及至她成年,就用 所存的錢買瓶香膏,預備在結婚當天,把這瓶香膏澆在新郎頭上。三十兩銀子是一個 工人,工作一年的工資。

- 1. 為什麼耶穌稱讚這女人作的是件美事?請注意她作了什麼事?就她能力而言,付出了多少代價?她作這事的目的?第 8 節作這事的時機? (再過兩天就是逾越節,也是主耶穌受難釘十架的日子,這是她唯一表達愛主耶穌的機會。)我愛主嗎?我把握機會愛主嗎?我現在可以作什麼,表達對主的愛?
- 2. 在場有「幾個人」對澆香膏在耶穌頭上,態度如何?他們說了什麼?理由是什麼?耶穌對他們的行為,說了什麼?不愛主,不能體會主的心,反覺得為主付出是多餘浪費。教會是基督在地上的代表,我知道教會的各樣需要嗎?

Day 18

THE PRAYER OUR LORD GAVE US Bible Reading: Matthew 6:5-14

One of our problems in praying is not what to say or what to ask for, but how we should say it. The disciples felt that need. They said to the Lord, "Lord, teach us to pray." (Lk 11:1)



Our Lord responded by giving them a pattern, a guide for their prayers. We call this "The Lord's Prayer". But it is not really the "Lord's". For example, this prayer asks for forgiveness of sin. That is one matter about which we often need to pray but Jesus Christ never needed to do so.

Therefore, it is our prayer, yet it is not a prayer which we should repeat over and over without thinking. It was given as a definite guide for all our praying. Our prayers should be the grateful opening of our hearts to our Heavenly Father, even if we are asking Him to supply our needs.

The background of this model prayer is given to us in Matthew's Gospel. In speaking about our praying Christ said that our prayers should be:

- 1. Sincere (Mt 6:5). The danger of hypocrisy is always present with all of us. As we pray, are we praying out of a deep sense of need? Or are we merely wanting someone else to see how well we can pray? Christ told us to be sincere when we pray.
- 2. Simple (Mt 6:7). It is not merely repeating our requests that Christ is objecting to. He repeated His own requests in Gethsemane several times. Nor does He mean we should not have long periods of prayer. He himself spent whole nights in prayer.
 - What Christ was warning us about is the empty and meaningless repetition of words which, because of their great number, are supposed to count with God. In our praying, let us be sincere and simple.
- Sample. Then Christ gave a sample prayer a model, a guide for our praying. It teaches us so many aspects of prayer. Most of all when we pray, remember we are talking with our Father. Read the prayer again. Notice those points and the requests which this model prayer covers. These are the points which all our prayers should include, and which our Father will be looking for as we pray.