



第33周 靈修默想

每日靈思：請信徒齊來歡然取水，

請先翻開聖經，恭讀相關詩篇，禱告，默想經文，然後再回答問題。

8月16日（星期一）經文：詩篇44：9-26

1. 作者在第9節中對神有什麼感受？他在第10-11節說出自己受了什麼痛苦？第12-16節用哪些詞來形容所受的侮辱？在受苦被辱時，我是立刻到神面前訴苦還是來到人面前投訴？
2. 在第17-18節中，當詩人面對痛苦侮辱中，他堅持了什麼？第20-22節，他怎樣省察、表明清白？第23-26節，詩人再有什麼感受和祈求？在我個人的痛苦侮辱中，我流淚禱告、省察、等候、仍堅持神的路嗎？

8月17日（星期二）經文：詩篇45：1-17

1. 本詩論到主的榮美（第2節），並且論到主的威嚴（第3-5節）主的國權（第6-7節），主的榮耀（第8-9節）。祂滿有恩惠，祂是大能、公義、得勝、永遠、喜樂、平安、榮耀的王。你對主的認識有多深？你了解祂嗎？你愛慕祂嗎？你願意快跑跟隨祂嗎？
2. 本詩的後半段（第10-15節）論到新婦的部份，是指著教會和信徒說的，提醒我們要忘記過去，完全的委身；當敬拜祂；要歡喜快樂，被引導進入王宮。自從我們被主買贖，就是主的人了。我們是否向主忠貞，專心愛主，毫無保留地獻上自己，永不回頭？

8月18日（星期三）經文：詩篇46：1-11

1. 第1節，神和我們有什麼關係？第2-3節帶給我們什麼結果？我患難中求告主，相信即使山崩、地裂，海嘯來臨，我也不必害怕嗎？
2. 第4節，這城有什麼特別？第5-9節，神有什麼作為？第10節有什麼勸告？

8月19日（星期四）經文：詩篇47：1-9

1. 詩人怎樣呼籲萬民（第1節）？第2-3節指出什麼原因？神是我的至高者嗎？我是否有尊他為大？
2. 第6節，我們要怎樣讚美神？為什麼？祂有什麼作為？我在生活中看見神什麼大作為，并因此而樂意常歌頌神？

8月20日（星期五）經文：詩篇48：1-14

1. 第1節怎樣描述神？我們該怎樣對待祂？第2-8節如何描述錫安山？我如何思念神？
2. 第9節，詩人在神的殿中要作什麼？在第10-11節中，我們該怎樣稱頌神？在生活中，我經歷了神的慈愛之後，我如何感謝祂？

8月21日（星期六）經文：經文：詩篇49：1-12

1. 第1-4節強調什麼？在第5節中，作者有什麼樣的信心？我如何建立自己的信心，相信神并不怕奸惡？
2. 在第6節中，詩人指出富人依靠及誇耀什麼？詩人在第10-11節中看見什麼？他的心裡怎樣想？第7-9節對生命有什麼無知？我追求什麼？以什麼誇耀？

Week 33 YOUR ADVOCATE

1 John 2:2 NIV

He [Christ] is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world

When Mandy came to see me, she appeared to have her life all together. She was a Christian who was very active in her church. She had led her alcoholic father to Christ on his deathbed. She was pretty, and she had a nice husband and two wonderful children. But she had attempted suicide at least three times.

"How can God love me?" Mandy sobbed. "I'm such a failure."

"Mandy, God loves you, not because you are lovable, but because it is His nature to love you."

"But I've tried to take my own life, Neil. How can God overlook that?"

"Just suppose, Mandy, that your son grew despondent and tried to take his own life. Would you love him any less? Would you kick him out of the family? Would you turn your back on him?"

"Of course not. I'd feel sorry for him and try to love him more."

"Are you telling me that a perfect God isn't as good a parent to you as you, an imperfect person, are to your children?"

Mandy got the point. She began to realize that God, as a loving parent, can overlook weaknesses and forgive sin.

God wants us to do good, of course. The apostle John wrote: "I write this to you so that you will not sin." But John continued by reminding us that God has already made provision for our failure so His love continues constant despite what we do: "But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:1, 2 NIV).

One reason we doubt God's love is that we have an adversary who uses every little offense to accuse us of being good-for-nothings. But your advocate, Jesus Christ, is more powerful than your adversary. He has canceled the debt of your sins--past, present and future. No matter what you do or how you fail, God has no reason not to love you and accept you completely.



Prayer: *Father in heaven, thank You for being my perfect parent, my haven of security and trustworthiness, and the victor over my enemy.*

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God Knows Best

Our Father knows what's best for us,
So why should we complain...
We always want the sunshine,
But He knows there must be rain.

We love the sound of laughter
And the merriment of cheer;
But our hearts would lose their tenderness
If we never shed a tear.

Our Father tests us often
With suffering and with sorrow;
He tests us, not to punish us,
But to help us meet "tomorrow."

For growing trees are strengthened
When they withstand the storm;
And the sharp cut of the chisel
Gives the marble grace and form.

God never hurts us needlessly,
And He never wastes our pain;
For every loss He sends to us
Is followed by rich gain.

And when we count the blessings
That God has so freely sent;
We will find no cause for murmuring
And no time to lament.

For Our Father loves His children,
And to Him all things are plain;
So He never sends us "pleasure"
When the "soul's deep need is pain."

So whenever we are troubled,
And when everything goes wrong,
It is just God working in us
To make "our spirits strong."

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