



第45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。

11月22日（星期一）經文：詩篇86：1-5

1. 詩人在第1節祈求什麼？他為何如此求？第2-3節中，詩人又祈求什麼？為什麼他如何求？在失敗困苦窮乏之時，我如何向神懇求？我仍堅持虔誠、倚靠和求告神嗎？
2. 第4-5節中，詩人祈求什麼？他為何如此求？在求的時候，他對主有什麼認識？我仰望主，求主賜喜樂嗎？

11月23日（星期二）經文：詩篇86：6-13

1. 在第7節，詩人在患難之日要作什麼？為什麼？在第8節，耶和華怎樣超越其他的神？患難中，我是否誠心求告神？我拒絕一切算命、偶像嗎？
2. 在第11-12節，詩人在祈求什麼？他有什麼心願？為什麼？我祈求明白神的話，榮耀神嗎？

11月24日（星期三）經文：詩篇86：14-17

1. 詩人在第14節遭遇什麼危險艱難？第15節描述神是怎樣的一位神？當惡人當道，我是為作惡的人而灰心或是因為思念神而得力量？
2. 第16節，詩人祈求得著什麼樣的能力？他在第17節進一步又祈求什麼？我相信靠神所賜的能力，能夠勝驕傲狂妄的人嗎？

11月25日（星期四）經文：詩篇87：1-7

1. 耶和華所立的根基在哪裡？錫安有什麼特別？第3節有什麼事指著他說的？我盼望天上的錫安嗎？（參詩二六，來十二22、23）
2. 第4-5節，錫安有哪些榮耀的事？第6-7節，歌唱的和跳舞的有什麼共同感受？

11月26日（星期五）經文：詩篇88：1-18

1. 詩人第3-9節中有何艱難痛苦？他在痛苦中作什麼？我在黑暗痛苦中如何求告神？
2. 第10-18節，詩人有什麼疑問和痛苦？我向神傾述內心的痛苦和懷疑嗎？



11月27日（星期六）經文：詩篇89：1-10

背景：王下二四8-17

1. 第1-2節，詩人如何稱頌神？理由是什麼？我相信神一切都出於慈愛嗎？絕對信實嗎？
2. 第5-10節，詩人怎樣稱頌神？神怎樣超越一切？我喜愛頌讚神嗎？

Week 45 PRUNING THE BRANCHES

John 15:2

*Every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it,
that it may bear more fruit*



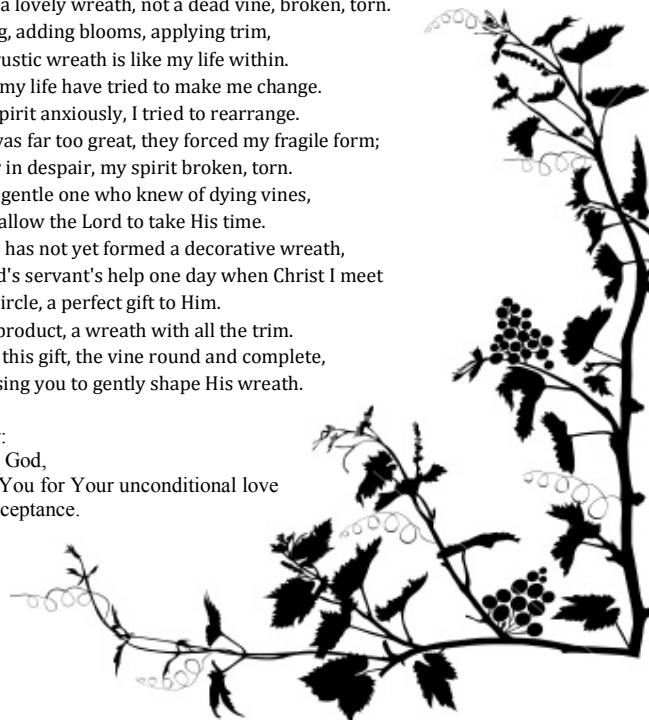
Our goal is to abide in Christ, not to bear fruit. Jesus promised that if we abide in Him, we will bear much fruit (John 15:5).

In order that we may bear more fruit, God the Father prunes us. Sometimes well-meaning Christians have cut too much too soon, hindering growth. A dear but sadly abused child of God pictured her experience in the following poem:

A friend of mine whose grapevines died was about to throw them away.
I said, "I'll take your vines and make something special of them today."
As I gently bent one vine, entwining round and round,
A rustic wreath began to form, potential did abound.
One vine would not go where it should, and anxious as I was,
I forced it so to change its shape, it broke--and what the cause?
If I had taken precious time to slowly change its form,
It would have made a lovely wreath, not a dead vine, broken, torn.
As I finished bending, adding blooms, applying trim,
I realized how that rustic wreath is like my life within.
You see, so many in my life have tried to make me change.
They've forced my spirit anxiously, I tried to rearrange.
But when the pain was far too great, they forced my fragile form;
I plunged far deeper in despair, my spirit broken, torn.
Then God allowed a gentle one who knew of dying vines,
To kindly, patiently allow the Lord to take His time.
And though the vine has not yet formed a decorative wreath,
I know that with God's servant's help one day when Christ I meet
He'll see a finished circle, a perfect gift to Him.
It will be a finished product, a wreath with all the trim.
So as you look upon this gift, the vine round and complete,
Remember God is using you to gently shape His wreath.



Prayer:
Father God,
thank You for Your unconditional love
and acceptance.



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