



第46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29日（星期一）經文：詩篇89：11-18 背景：王下二四8-17

1. 天地與神有什麼關係？公義和慈愛呢？因著神的創造、公義和慈愛，我如何能夠更加豐富我的敬拜？
2. 哪些人是有福的？他們會有什麼福？我的日常生活中是否行在神的光中，因神的榮耀歡呼？

11月30日（星期二）經文：詩篇89：19-28 背景：王下廿四8-17 猶大王約雅斤被擄之時

1. 第20節「尋得」有什麼特別意思？第20-23節，耶和華怎樣幫助，保護他？我是神的僕人，如何靠神勝過罪惡、情慾和一切敗壞？
2. 第24-28節，神要怎樣與大衛同在？怎樣擴展他的境界？這與他有怎樣的關係？我所信的神是信實的、慈愛的嗎？舉出實際的例子來說明你如何享受神的慈愛。

12月1日（星期三）經文：詩篇89：29-37 背景：王下廿四8-17 猶大王約雅斤被擄之時

1. 第29節有什麼應許？第30-32節，若大衛的子孫離棄律法，耶和華將怎樣行？列舉罪惡會帶來神什麼公義的刑罰？
2. 第33-37節，當大衛的子孫失敗時，耶和華怎樣行？在我失敗時，神仍可信嗎？在這一方面，你有什麼得勝的經歷？

12月2日（星期四）經文：詩篇89：38-45 背景：王下廿四8-17 猶大王約雅斤被擄之時

1. 在第38-40節，大衛子孫受膏的君王犯罪，耶和華怎樣待他？當我不肯悔改，我是否經歷神的厭棄，失去了神的保護和看顧？你如何才能避免如此的厭棄？
2. 第41-44節，當一個人失去了神的保護，他的下場如何？在我的生命中，我如何不要離開神，以致於失去了祂的看顧和保護？

12月3日（星期五）經文：詩篇89：46-52 背景：王下廿四8-17 猶大王約雅斤被擄之時

1. 在第46-49節，詩人在痛苦中，發出了什麼疑問、掙扎和呼求？當我面對痛苦掙扎時，我先帶到人的面前還是神的面前？我的優先次序是否需要作出一些調整？
2. 在第50、51節，詩人在祈求什麼？第52節，他怎樣頌讚？即使在掙扎中，我是否還是可以因著信繼續不斷地頌讚神嗎？

12月4日（星期六）經文：詩篇90：1-6

1. 主與我們有什麼關係？主與諸山、大地又有什麼關係？神是永恆的，這對我有什麼特別的意義？
2. 第3節，耶和華在說什麼？人的結果如何？第5-6節，詩人如何從三個不同的角度來描述人生？檢驗一下你自己的生命，你覺得人生充實嗎？如何能夠使它更加精彩？

Week 46

Take Time to be Aware

"Take time to be aware that in the very midst of our busy preparations for the celebration of Christ's birth in ancient Bethlehem, Christ is reborn in the Bethlehems of our homes and daily lives. Take time, slow down, be still, be awake to the Divine Mystery that looks so common and so ordinary yet is wondrously present."

~ Edward Hays, A Pilgrim's Almanac



The Christian year begins with Advent, and includes the four Sundays prior to Christmas, as a time for each of us to focus on this first coming of Jesus and to anticipate the second coming.



ADVENT, the word, is of Latin origin meaning "coming." Its reference in this case is the coming of the Messiah to a world in need of salvation, a world in darkness looking for light, a world that desperately longs for a touch from God. Into such a world came Jesus, the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of God.

ADVENT is also a time to look to our future, a time when this same Jesus will return to earth at the end of time to a world looking for light, a world that again needs a touch from God.

In this first week of Advent, the goal is to set one's mind on what is coming. Reminders and prophecies of Christ's first advent are appropriate to remember, as are reminders and prophecies of his second advent. Recalling prophecies involves one's way of thinking, but one must also prepare with actions. Jesus Christ calls his own to walk in the way he did. Preparation involves getting back in step with Christ.

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.' (Jeremiah 33:14-16)

What does the Lord promise to do?

There are several items mentioned, including:

- "I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah"
- "I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David"
- "[the righteous branch] will execute justice and righteousness in the land"
- "Judah will be saved"
- "Jerusalem will dwell securely"

When does he promise to do it?

This will happen sometime in the future. "the days are coming" (v. 14); "in those days" (vv. 15, 16); "at that time" (v. 15). Note also the future component throughout the verses: "I will cause to spring up", "he shall execute", "will be saved", "will dwell securely", "it will be called".

How does this relate to our Advent preparation?

The Lord has promised to do something, and he has promised to do it in the future. This Scripture from Jeremiah may apply to both Christ's first advent (his birth in Bethlehem) and his second advent, his coming return. We are reminded that Christ's first coming was prophesied and it happened. His second coming will surely happen too. We must prepare, and be ready.

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