



第47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。

12月6日（星期一）經文：詩篇90：7-12

1、在第7節中，為什麼我們會被消滅、驚惶？神怎樣看罪惡？第9-10節怎樣形容我們的人生？我們愁煩、痛苦、生活空虛，跟我們容忍罪惡有什麼直接的關係？

2、第11節，人對什麼無知？詩人在第12節祈求什麼？我曉得，神對罪忿怒的權勢嗎？我敬畏神，深怕得罪神嗎？我祈求神賜智慧，每天生活能討神喜悅嗎？

12月7日（星期二）經文：詩篇90：13-17

1、人生勞苦愁煩，在第14-15節中，詩人祈求什麼？我如何感受到神的愛？我是否祈求飽得神的慈愛？

2、詩人在第16-17節有什麼心願？我求神使我看見祂的榮耀偉大嗎？我渴慕一生榮耀祂嗎？

12月8日（星期三）經文：詩篇91：1-8

1、第1節，詩人要住在哪裡？此決定必定有什麼結果？我如何常親近神，得著祂的保護看顧？

2、第2節，耶和華與我有什麼關係？第3-7節有什麼應許和責任？第8節，惡人會如何？我信靠神，遵行祂的吩咐，滿有平安，不擔心憂慮嗎？

12月9日（星期四）經文：詩篇91：9-16

1、第9節，詩人進一步與耶和華關係如何？第10-12節有什麼保護？第13節，對仇敵又是如何呢？我常遵行神的命令，住在他裡面，勝過罪惡、情慾嗎？（約十四21-23）

2、神在第14節要搭救什麼樣的人？第15-16節有什麼應許？我愛神并信靠祂嗎？

12月10日（星期五）經文：詩篇92：1-8

1、第1節，作者呼籲作什麼？第2-3節，詩人怎樣歌頌？第4節，他為何歌頌？我天天都在歌頌神什麼呢？

2、第5節，詩人怎樣稱頌耶和華？有哪些人不能明白？惡人如何？第8節說到耶和華如何？我如何注意神的工作，思想神的心意？

12月11日（星期六）經文：詩篇92：9-15

1、第9節，耶和華的仇敵要如何？第10節，耶和華的僕人呢？我深信惡人必遭報受罰嗎？

2、第12節，義人將如何？他們在哪裡成長？義人年老時會如何？這能夠顯明什麼真理？我堅持一生行義，常常親近神，讚美神嗎？

Week 47

Everlasting Joy

Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. (Luke 21:28)

Even though our hearts fail us in these evil days, when sign after sign predicts the great and terrible Day of Judgment is drawing near, we who are the Lord's can lift up our heads in joyful expectation. For all of these terrifying signs are for us unfolding buds on the tree of time pointing to our final and everlasting redemption at the Lord's final Advent.

But we could have no such joyful expectations without the Lord's first Advent. Without His coming as a gentle child to save us, we could only quake in dread and fear when He comes as the powerful Lord to judge us. Unless He first gave us His perfect life as our own, we could never stand in confident joy before His judgment seat. And unless He had first suffered the full wrath of God for our sins through His death on the cross, we would stand in those sins and have nothing to look forward to but the torment of His unending punishment in hell.

But because of Christ's first Advent, his Second Coming on Judgment Day will be our great day of emancipation!

He will bring us eternal redemption from sin, which here causes so much pain and suffering.

He will bring us eternal redemption from death that here still frightens with its dark specter of sickness, pain, and sorrow at the grave of our loved ones.

He will bring us eternal redemption from the power of the devil, who daily assails us with his temptations to unbelief, despair, and other great shame. On that day, all of our trials and hardships will end.

God will wipe away all our tears from our eyes, and there will be no more sorrow and no more pain for the former things will pass away. We will have everlasting joy.

Though we all must appear before the court of divine justice, we are saved and declared not guilty. We are saved and redeemed through the Word of our Savior.



THE PRAYER:

Lord God, heavenly Father,
send forth Your Son that He may lead home His bride,
the Church, that we with all the redeemed
may enter into Your eternal Kingdom. Amen.



The God We Hardly Knew by Oscar Romero

No one can celebrate
a genuine Christmas
without being truly poor.

The self-sufficient,
the proud,
those who, because
they have everything,
look down on others,
those who
have no need even of God-
for them there
will be no Christmas.

Only the poor,
the hungry,
those who need someone
to come on their behalf,
will have that someone.

That someone is God.
Emmanuel.
God-with-us.

Without poverty of spirit
there can be
no abundance of God.

