



第49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20日（星期一）經文：詩篇 98：1-9

- 1、第1節告訴我們當怎樣歌頌？為什麼？我對神有新的認識，用新歌頌揚祂嗎？
- 2、第4節，全地要怎樣歌頌？為什麼？我因神必有公義的審判，歌頌祂嗎？

12月21日（星期二）經文：詩篇 99：1-9

- 1、耶和華作王，萬民和大地當如何？第4節怎樣描述耶和華？我們當怎樣讚美、敬拜祂？我因神的威嚴、榮耀和聖潔，而尊崇祂，頌讚祂嗎？
- 2、在第6節，有哪些人求告耶和華？結果如何？第8節，耶和華的赦罪和公義怎樣並行？在第3、5、9節，有哪句話相同？我生活聖潔，遠離罪惡嗎？

12月22日（星期三）經文：詩篇 100：1-5

- 1、第1節提醒普天下的人應當如何？在第2-3節中，神的百姓應當如何？我屬於神，一生事奉祂嗎？
- 2、第4節，我們到聖殿當怎樣敬？第5節，原因是什麼？我歌頌神的善良、慈愛和信實嗎？

12月23日（星期四）經文：詩篇 101：1-8

- 1、第1-4節，詩人歌頌什麼？我們怎樣在家中遵行神的道？我是否追求慈愛公平，恨惡罪惡？
- 2、第6-8節，大衛怎樣在國中遵行神的道？我追求誠實完全，除去一切罪惡嗎？

12月24日（星期五）經文：詩篇 102：1-11

背景：被擄時期，身心煎熬，深信錫安必重建

- 1、第1節，詩人怎樣祈求？第3-7節有什麼煎熬？即使身心煎熬，我仍堅持禱告嗎？
- 2、第2節是什麼日子？詩人在求什麼？第8-9節有什麼痛苦？在受辱痛苦時，我依然懇切禱告嗎？

12月25日（星期六）經文：詩篇 102：12-22

背景：被擄時期，身心煎熬，深信錫安必重建

- 1、我們在困苦中對耶和華有什麼認識？（第12-13節）第15-16節，我們相信祂必作什麼事？即使在困苦艱難時，我仍相信神的應許必兌現，神的國度必來到嗎？

- 2、第18節，當被毀壞的錫安，重新建造起來，人將如何？為什麼？第17節，耶和華垂聽了哪些人的禱告？這對我有什麼安慰？在困苦窮乏中，我如何呼求神？



Week 49 THE GIFTS

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. (Matthew 2:11-12)

The Wise Men came to Bethlehem with gifts-wonderful gifts. There was gold, a royal gift, appropriate for one who is the King of kings.

There was incense, a common tool of priests, indicating his future priesthood. There was myrrh-expensive and used in a variety of ways: perfumes, anointing oil, medicine, and embalming. Jesus would be anointed with perfume; He would be given wine mixed with myrrh while on the cross; He would be buried with spices that included myrrh. The gifts were appropriate.

We come to our Bethlehems bearing gifts.

- Some are for dear ones to express our love for them.
- Some will go to our favorite charities so they may do their work of love to the least, the last, and the lost.
- Some will go to our worshipping communities so they may continue to express God's heart for His people.

But Mary and Joseph came to Bethlehem with the very best gift of all.

They came with Jesus, the Christ, the Savior of the world.

They came with Him who is both true God and true man.

They bring to Bethlehem the Lamb of God who will take away the sin of the world.

They bring to Bethlehem One who will be tempted even as we are tempted, but does not sin.

They bring to Bethlehem One who will conquer death.

They bring to Bethlehem the very best gift of all-the gift of life, peace, forgiveness, and hope.

It is the gift that means everything.



THE PRAYER:

O heavenly Father, you gave us the best Christmas gift ever. We gladly join with the angels, the shepherds, the Wise Men, and our brothers and sisters around the world to praise and glorify You. Please bless our gifting. Amen.

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I Heard The Bells On
Christmas Day
by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I heard the bells
on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
the words repeat
Of peace on earth,
good will to men.

And thought how,
as the day had come,
The bellfries of all
Christendom
Had rolled along the
unbroken song
Of peace on earth,
good will to men.

Till ringing, singing on its way
The world revolved from
night to day,
A voice, a chime,
a chant sublime
Of peace on earth,
good will to men.

And in despair
I bowed my head
"There is no peace
on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong and
mocks the song
Of peace on earth,
good will to men."

Then pealed the bells
more loud and deep:
"God is not dead,
nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail,
the right prevail
With peace on earth,
good will to men."

