Day 16

He Will Care For You

“You, my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are people, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign LORD.” Ezekiel 34:31 (NIV)

This is a tender moment when God is seeking a close communion with those he loves. That includes you, because God wants all to come to Him. Jesus is the mediator, being both God and man, seeking your love. He is the “Tree of Life”, bearing the fruits of salvation, supplying the spiritual food desired by the soul. Those who profess Him and knowledge of His word will be filled with righteousness.

Day 17

Ask And You Will Receive

“Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)

Ahaz would not ask God for a sign for his pending victory. So, God decided to furnish one anyway, even though an obstinate and proud ruler would not ask. A prophecy is given that says a child will be born of a virgin and he will be able to distinguish between good and evil. His name would signify that God is with them and is their protector. God will demonstrate his power and majesty and confirm that He is the one true God.

Day 18

What Are You Afraid Of?

“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust’.” Psalms 91:1-2 (NIV)

Those who live in the refuge of the Lord, can only wish for everyone to know what they know and feel. Those who are seeking spiritual fulfillment can find everything they need for their spiritual sustenance. Knowledge of His word and faith in his love brings the promise of His security. Seek God at His “mercy seat” and He will receive you and release you from the burdens of your sin.
Day 19

Feel No Pain

“Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.” 2 Timothy 2: 11-13 (NIV)

Paul wrote to Timothy while a prisoner in Rome. He is reminding Timothy to be strong during his times of trial, remembering that Jesus also suffered, died and rose from the dead. As long as we have the knowledge of the word of God in our minds and our hearts, there is no human force that can cause us to fear. Often times our faith during our sufferings as believers brings encouragement to our brothers and sisters in Christ. This is what provides us the advantage, the knowledge of living forever with our Savior in another world. Faith in Christ is the key to unlocking the fear of the unknown and suffering.

Day 20

Repent

“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication.” Zecariah 12:10a (NIV)

Revelation 1:7 tells about the period when Jesus returns to the earth. It says that the people who “pierced” him will weep, which means people will be very sorrowful and sad about what they had done. Yet, God will offer his grace and supplication. Grace is unearned mercy and supplication is prayer for others, so God, who IS love, shows mercy on those who repent and turn from their wicked ways. Even though he was God and also man, Jesus bore the pain of the cross for our sins. Be ready, choose everlasting life before He returns.

Day 21

Rejoice

“I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.” Psalms 16: 8-10 (NIV)

To be a saint in heaven, we must be a saint on earth. Not without blemish, but assured of our renewal by God’s grace and devoted to the glory of God. We must have no fellowship with darkness and looking instead to that heavenly light of our Father’s house. It is our duty, as Christians, to keep our eyes on the Lord and rejoice in Him with our hearts and our tongues. The fleeting pleasures of this life will pass, but the joys of heaven will be forever.
Day 22

“Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those to those who take refuge in him.”
Proverbs 30:5 (NIV)

Pure Is The Word

It is to the word of God where we must turn for what is pure and Holy. Every part of it is true. Do not rely upon the words of man. We can obtain the knowledge of God through revelation of His word and through trust in Him. God is a shield to those who trust in Him. Knowledge of His word protects you from error, false doctrines and the world. The purity of God’s word brings happiness to those who trust in Him. No matter the trials the word of God may be exposed to, like gold, it can withstand the fire and come through with the same luster and purity.

Day 23

Be A Servant

“On that day, declares the Lord Almighty, I will take you, my servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, declares the Lord, and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you, declares the Lord Almighty.” Haggai 2:23 (NIV)

The Lord will save Zerubbabel and the people of Judah while they are still among their enemies. Zerubbabel is in the line of Christ. His people are sealed with the Holy Ghost and set aside from all others. All power is given to Christ and is the signet ring of the right hand of God, the seal of the Holy One. The Kingdom of Christ will defeat His enemies and control their empires. He will fulfill the promises of God. All that will happen on earth will in some way comfort the servants of the Lord and bring honor to God, The Father. Be a servant of God today.
Day 24

Remember the Sabbath

“In that day,’ declares the Sovereign Lord, ‘I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your religious feasts into mourning and all your singing into weeping…” Amos 8:9-10a (NIV)

Power and wealth can alter people’s ethics. As the wealthy and powerful were improving their lot in life, they were disregarding the Sabbath and the lower class. God did not approve of them and explained the consequences for their actions. Like the apostle Paul, we should be content with what we have and where we are in life. Wealth gained by alienating the poor is unmerciful and unjust and a reproach to our Creator. In both your business life and in your personal life, do not take advantage of others. Recall how Jesus died for ALL and you are a servant to ALL.

Day 25

Be Reconciled To God

“Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.” Psalms 2:12 (NIV)

A kiss is a sign of love among friends when meeting or parting. To be loved by Christ is the ultimate love. Jesus is seen as the lamb, but yet there can be wrath in Him. When the great day of wrath comes, do not be on the side with the goats. All judgement is committed to Christ and you are exhorted to submit to Him and certain of your future. Be reconciled with The Lord and obey His commandments. Be blessed by putting your trust in Him. The more we trust Him, the more we are blessed.

Day 26

Talk With Him

“The woman said, ‘I know that Messiah’ (called Christ) ‘is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.’ Then Jesus declared, ‘I who speak to you am he’.” John 4:25-26 (NIV)

Jesus was wholly human and wholly God. His meeting with the Samaritan woman was God’s plan and not by chance. Imagine the opportunity to have a private conversation with Christ. What a blessing that would be. His plan is to know you, too. His offer of salvation to the Samaritan showed that He was there for all people and not just the Jews. You can have a conversation with Him. Talk to Him daily in prayer, a personal conversation. Don’t let an opportunity to commune with your Creator pass you by.
Day 26

Consider The Poor

“Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the Lord delivers him in times of trouble.” Psalms 41:1 (NIV)

We all will have trials and tribulations. Although our needs may be met and life is good, things happen to cause doubt for the future. God is aware of our situations and He acts accordingly. When He knows of our goodness to others and worship of Him, God is merciful and supplies our needs. When we have been humbled by falling into sin, God is considerate of our true heart and lifts us out of the hole we may have dug for ourselves. Be a blessing to the lost and the poor and bring good fruit to the Savior. He will deliver you in times of trouble.

Day 27

Give It Up

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28 (NIV)

Christ holds peace, comfort and salvation for all in His hands. He invites you to come and receive what he has to offer. We all work so hard to carry our burdens on our own. But Jesus knows what we need and when we need it. He wants to help us and asks us to bring our burdens to Him. If we would only listen to his call, God will provide rest for the weary. Don’t suffer weariness on your own. Let God have your burdens and rest in His merciful arms.

Day 28

He Is God

“Before the mountains were born or you brought forth earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.” Psalms 90:2 (NIV)

This Psalm was written by Moses. It is considered a prayer and written during the time of the sentence put on Israel because of their unbelief and rebellion. Moses may have written this to be used by the people as a daily prayer. God is an ever living God. We should humble ourselves with the knowledge of our frailty. We should praise God for his care of his people at all times and his watch care over us in our time. God is our refuge, he is our home. Know that He was, is and always will be a loving and merciful God. Give Him praise.
Day 29

Be Smart

“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ…” Philippians 1:9-10 (NIV)

It would be nice to know that someone is praying for you. Here, in this passage, Paul, as he always did, offered a prayer for the Philippians. He exhorted them to try different things. He suggested they examine what is right and best and be transformed. He said they should exercise their spiritual senses in the light of the divine spirit. They were also to avoid offending God and according to the light received from God. Paul’s prayer is for us also. We need to be in the word of God, understand what it says and follow God precepts. We need to exercise our discernment in our daily lives to not be offensive to the one who loves us.

Day 30

Listen

“Be still, and know that I am God;…” Psalms 46:10a (NIV)

As you are in sincere prayer this day, “be still” and really know your God. Listen to what He is saying to you. Know that God loves you and wants only the best for you. Be calm, do not fear and let Him offer His wise counsel. Pray for the lost, the poor and those in mourning. Ask how you can be a sacrificing servant for His glory and His honor. Jehovah God is, has been and will always be our refuge.

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