Friday, May 31 Read Psalms 149-150

Psalm 149 calls us to sing to the Lord a new song in the assembly of the saints. There is something to be said about the power of learning new songs and choruses to express our praise to God, along with the familiar hymns of old.

Finally, Psalm 150 is a kind of summation of all the previous psalms combined. We are called to give God his due glory, praise and recognition wherever we may be. Verse 6 is an apt conclusion -- let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Notes:

Pray for Our Missionaries

Juan & Adriana Palacios (Angola, Africa), David & Miriam Trott (Cochabamba, Bolivia), Mario Bloise (Argentina), Dan & DeAnn Gerard (San Antonio, TX), , Craig & Shelly Shafer (Sentani, Indonesia), Sue Saunders (Bosnia), Matt and Becky Kooi (Tijuana), Daniel Jezowski (Wycliffe), Andrew & Sara Williams (Ethnos360), Brad and Christa Babjack (University of West Virginia), Salomon and Megan Guzman (Tijuana), Alvaro and Rachel Garriga (Central Asia), William and Salma Garcia (Tijuana church plant)

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Spiritual Disciplines Guide:

- Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.
- Read the chapters and underline any meaningful verses and take note of specific advise or wisdom gleaned from your reading.
- Note any unclear passages or teaching and seek insight, answers or help.
- Think about what you're reading. Ask:
 - 1. How does this apply to me?
 - 2. Are there any temptations to avoid, sins to confess, commands to obey or promises to claim?
 - 3. What insight do I gain on God, myself, others, or life?
- Ask God to show you any specific action you need to take as you read.

Monday, May 27 Read <u>Psalms 141-142, Job 41</u>

Psalm 141 is a prayer for both godliness and deliverance. Verse 3 stands out as a token prayer for self control, especially the words that we might speak when under pressure. Would this prayer serve you these days?

Psalm 142 is a call to God for deliverance from danger. David continuously looks to God as his refuge and redeemer.

Job 41 is a continuation of God's second examination of Job. It might be helpful to go back and read chapter 40 together with 41. Notice God does not answer any of Job's withstanding accusations of him. He simply asks Job to consider who he has addressed as God.

Notes:

Pray for: —My relationship with God

- —My life roles
- —My personal needs/weak areas
- —My goals and objectives.

Tuesday, May 28: Read *Psalms 143-144*, *Job 42*

King David again calls out to God for help and deliverance in Psalm 143. Notice his emphasis on meditating on God's previous workings in verses 5 and 6.

Psalm 144 is a powerful song of praise and deliverance by King David. Verse 15 is a summary that could apply to us as a nation today to the degree that we, as a people, look to God for help.

Job 42 finishes the book with Job repenting before the Lord and then praying for God's mercy on behalf of his friends. It ends happily with the blessing of God being re-established on Job's life.

Tuesday: Pray for Family and Friends by Name.

Wednesday May 29: Read Psalms 145-146

Psalm 145 is an outstanding Psalm of praise, one worth noting to return to for devotional prayer. Notice the characteristics of God intermittent with praises to him. Verses 15-16 are a table grace said by many before meals.

Psalm 146 is another praise psalm acknowledging God's goodness and glory. Note the repeated phrases of what the Lord specifically does for us in verses 7-9.

Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church

- 1. <u>Leadership</u>: Pray for God's grace and guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for Linda Penn in her work at BGCC. Pray for the church council and the various ministry team leaders. Ask the Lord of the harvest to raise up more workers for the harvest (*Matthew 9:38*)
- 2. <u>Worship</u>: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Pray for more musicians to help lead the church in worship. Pray for the development of a youth praise team.
- 3. <u>Fellowship</u>: Pray that God would deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers. Pray that we incorporate newcomers into our church fellowship.
- 4. <u>Discipleship</u>: Ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries at BGCC. Ask God to bless our small group ministry, to raise up new groups, new teachers and more leaders.
- 5. <u>Outreach</u>: Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ. Ask God to embolden our people to intentionally reach out to others, especially through the Kingdom Initiative.
- 6. Future Faith Goals: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Pray for God's clear leading in our 2020 plan as we call our members to a greater love and commitment to the Lord and his service. Ask God to bless our finances so that we can better accomplish his purposes for our congregation.

Thursday, May 30: Read Psalms 147-148

The last several Psalms are all praise Psalms, beginning with the exclamation "Praise the Lord". The Hebrew rendering of this phrase is simply "Hallelujah".

Psalm 147 and 148 call us to praise God for the multiple ways he works on our behalf. We would do well to go through these psalms slowly and pause at each passage to think about it's implications to our lives and then to respond to God personally with our own words (psalms) of praise.

Notes:

Thursday Pray for "My World"

(Write down names as God brings people to mind.)

- Neighbors People who live around me.
- People at Work Others God brings into my life. Take note of specific needs around you and ask God what he wants you to do to help. Who can you invite to church this Sunday?
- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County. Pray for the area churches and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation.
- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.