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The studies are taken from the New Kings James Version. There are no right or wrong answers; just fill in the blanks from the Scripture used, write out an occasional verse and answer some very simple questions from the text.

- 1) 15:1-5 Who may abide before the Lord in His house on high?
Who shall never be moved?
- 2) 16:2 How is our goodness apart from God?
- 3) 16:8 Why will the Christian not be moved (alter or put off course)?
- 4) 17:13-14 What portion do evil men have in the Lord and what will become of their possessions?
- 5) 17:15 When did David say he would be satisfied?
- 6) 18:17 While David was in distress because of all the ungodliness around him, how did God feel?
- 7) 18:30 As for God, His way is perfect. What about His word?
- 8) 18:46 What did David refer to God as?

Daily Thought

Never Moved:

In Psalm 15:5 and 16:8, David declares the righteous (those who live according to God) shall not be moved. If we are obedient to God who could change that? Who could force us to change from those ways our Father has shown us? Who would God allow to corrupt His people? We will not be moved, that is unless we allow it because God will not. Keep your heart pure, look to God in all your doings and He will deliver you from all wickedness.

Psalm 16:8-9 – “I have set the Lord always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope.”

- 1) 19:1 What do the heavens and the firmament do?
- 2) 19:7-19 God's law is?_____ and to our soul?_____
His testimony is?_____ and what to the simple?_____
His statutes are?_____ and to the heart?_____
His commandment?_____ and to the eyes?_____
True are His what and altogether?
What shall these be desired more than?
- 3) 20:7 While some trust in chariots and horses (war), in what shall we keep our trust?
- 4) 21:12 Does God attack the wicked openly?
Do they know God has moved against them?
- 5) 22:3 In the first two verses of this chapter David speaks of God not hearing his cries. Even if God doesn't answer our call, what does verse 3 tell us of Him?
- 6) 22:16, 18 See Verse 16 (they pierced My hands and feet) along with Matthew 27:35 and John 20:25. Compare verse 18 with Matthew 27:35, Mark 15:24, Luke 23:34, and John 19:24.
How did David speak of these sufferings of Jesus beforehand? (God.)
- 7) 23 This chapter holds a lot of blessing and truth. If you don't know it by heart try to memorize it. (I prayed this chapter over and over for months to memorize it.)

Daily Thought

Psalm 21:12

“Therefore You will make them turn their back;
You will make ready *Your arrows* on Your string toward their faces.”

Toward their faces! God gets to the point in the open. He lets you know right to your face you had better fly straight. Sin in the open – God will discipline you in the open. Obedient before God and He will reward you in the open. God does not hide His way.

- 1) 24:4 Who can ascent into the hill of the Lord?
- 2) 24:10 Who is the King of Glory?
- 3) 25:8-9 Who does God teach?
What kind of heart or mind shall they have before He will guide and teach them?
- 4) 25:14 Explain in your own words the meaning behind “fear the Lord”.
- 5) 26:2 What did David ask of God?
Have you ever asked God to examine your ways and forgive your sins, or help you to know all your sins? (Maybe we don’t know all our sins.)
- 6) 27:1 If as this verse says, “God is the strength of my life”, if in faith we believe this as we should, of who or what shall we be afraid?
- 7) 27:10 Who will be at our side even after father and mother fail us?

Daily Thought

Pure Hands:

Chapter 24 speaks of pure hands. Those with pure hands can ascend to the house of God. How do we claim pure hands? My hands are the hands of a sinner. I’ve sinned. Romans 3:23 says we have all sinned. Where are these pure hands? We claim the hands of Christ – only through Him can any hands be pure. He has cleansed us; we can reach the holy hill through trusting in His mercy.

Word of Growth

When Family Fails:

Psalm 139:8-12

If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there;
If I make my bed in hell, behold, You *are there*.
⁹ *If* I take the wings of the morning,
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
¹⁰ Even there Your hand shall lead me,
And Your right hand shall hold me.
¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me,"
Even the night shall be light about me;
¹² Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You,
But the night shines as the day;
The darkness and the light *are* both alike *to You*.

No matter where we are with life, God is with us; He will never leave us. He loves you even if you are not perfect, even if you don't want it. God waits in patience while you do all you do, watching and waiting in all conditions, loving you. God is with you even when family is not. He will never give up on you. One way or the other, God is your God – even to eternity; heaven or hell, good or bad, God is there.

Genesis 28:15

Behold, I *am* with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.

(See Philippians 1:6)

God has plans for you that He will see finished. Even then He will not leave you.
Amen!

- 1) 28:4 In David's prayer what does he ask of God concerning the wicked?
Revelation 20:11-15 speaks of the judgment. Verse 12 says the dead were judged by their works. God speaks throughout the Bible of how He rewards the just justly and punishes the wicked. This is a good form for answered prayer; know God's Word and pray accordingly and receive answers.
- 2) 29:10-11 Where was God during the flood (Genesis 7), and where will He be forever?
Also, what two things will He do for His people?
- 3) 30:5 God's anger is...? His favor...? How about weeping and joy?
(How long and when?)
- 4) 30:12 How shall we praise God?
How long shall we do it?
- 5) 31:13 What was David hearing; why was he in fear?
- 6) 31:14 Where did David keep his trust?
- 7) 31:23 Who does God love; who does He preserve?

Daily Thought

Answered Prayer:

John 14:13-14

And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.

1 John 3:22

And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

Do what He has told you and ask for what is pleasing in His sight and receive answers to your prayers. (How could He not answer this type of prayer?)

Believe to receive; doubt and go without.

- 1) 32:10 What becomes of the wicked?
 What surrounds the man who trusts God?
- 2) 33:4 How is the word and the work of our Lord?
- 3) 33:13-14 Who does the Lord look upon and from where does He look?
- 4) 33:18 Once again, where does God keep His eye?
- 5) 34:7 Who encamps a God-fearing individual?
 For what purpose?
- 6) 34:15 What does God do for the righteous?
- 7) 34:22 What does God do for His servants?
- 8) 35:12 How did David get repaid for good?
 (Does this fit even today for us?)

Daily Thought

Psalm 33:13-14

The LORD looks from heaven;
He sees all the sons of men.
14 From the place of His dwelling He looks
On all the inhabitants of the earth;

He watches over as a father looks over his children; God so watches even you. What will you do next though He knows? He watches on to see. Look up every now and then, wink or wave, say “Hey!” You are that important to Him.

- 1) 36:7-9 Where do the righteous find satisfaction and trust?
Where do they stay?
- 2) 36:12 How about the workers of evil – where are they?
- 3) 37:1 What are we not to be of evil doers?
- 4) 37:9-10 Who will inherit the earth and what will become of the wicked?
- 5) 37:16 This is a good memory verse.
What is better than the riches of the wicked?
- 6) 38:15 Where was David's hope when all seemed against him?
- 7) 39:1-2 What did David do in the presence of the wicked?
(This would be more profitable than speaking in angel.)
- 8) 39:7 Again, where has David placed all hope?

Daily Thought

Envy:

Psalm 37:1

Do not fret because of evildoers,
Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.

One could loathe the profits of the wicked. Why do they seem to have so much – they get ahead in evil deeds. Remember that is their reward. Ours is eternity! Let 'em have it all. Let's go and see God!

- 1) 40:8 Where did David keep God's law (His word)?
- 2) 40:9-10 What did David proclaim (verse 9)?
What did he declare and what was not concealed (verse 10)?
- 3) 41:1 Those who consider the poor (helpless or powerless) are what and what will God do for them?
- 4) 42:11 When it seems that things just will never be good, when life leaves its marks, we too, can hope in God. In these times ask yourself as verse 11 suggests, "Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me?"

"Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him,
The help of my countenance and my God."
- 5) 43:5 What is familiar about verse 5?

Daily Thought

David proclaimed the good news. He concealed nothing before the great assembly. I've heard it said "God, religion, and faith is to be private." Where does one get this idea? Jesus said we are the salt – make them thirst. You are the light – shine! Hard things to do while keeping your beliefs private. We should be so. I don't know the word to fit how excited we should be to be God's chosen children, but it would be a great word. We should be so overwhelmed with joy one could not silence what we have to say of our Father.

Word of Growth

Without?

Psalm 37:28

For the LORD loves justice,
And does not forsake His saints;
They are preserved forever,
But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.

Often in life we feel that we are in need. We should take a serious look into our needs, then divide them from our wants. Being honest – what happened to those needs? A need is a thing which would leave a bad consequence for us not to have. Food is a need; shelter is a need; water and health would be a need. A nice car or house, clothing, nice shoes, games, toys, things of pleasure – these are not really needs.

Now, how many needs do we have? Are you living, are you in reasonable health, do you have the basic necessities to survive? Well then, God has provided . . . “Your wants?”

As you follow God and trust in Him in obedience your wants may be given you – maybe if they are suitable and in God’s will. He does wish you to be blessed and happy too. Though looking to our needs I do believe God has kept His Word. He is my Rock and my Shelter. Praise our Great Provider – all we have is from Him. He made all and has given us the ability to obtain all we have. Praise be to Him.

Psalm 37:38

But the transgressors shall be destroyed together;
The future of the wicked shall be cut off.

Amen!

- 1) 44:1 We still have it in writing, though these things are not as prominently spoken of, what do we know through the words of our father?
- 2) 44:21 What does God know?
- 3) 45:6-7 What is forever and what kind of scepter is used in the kingdom? What is God’s view on righteousness and wickedness (verse 7)?
- 4) 46:1 What has God been since the times of our forefathers?
- 5) 46:10 “_ _ _ _ _ , and know that I am God. . .”
We often forget to do this and get in God’s way trying to help ourselves.
- 6) 47:4 Write out this verse

Daily Thought

Psalm 47:4 “He will choose our inheritance for us. The excellence of Jacob whom He loves.”

God has planned our inheritance; He wants good for us . . . Why? We’re from our father, Jacob – the excellence of Jacob. He will take care of us for Jacob’s sake – for Abraham’s sake (the friend of God), and for David’s sake (the man after God’s own heart). We don’t have to earn anything from our God. He loves us for the sakes of our forefathers who also had bumps in life, who also learned many things the hard way as we do. And in the future to come – God will love your children for your sake and for His sake because you have loved Him and He you. Praise God for His righteousness as well as all the mercy and blessing He shows us for generations to come.

- 1) 48:8 During these days God was very present before His people.
Think for a minute about these first eight words.
What had they seen and heard?
- 2) 48:12-14 “Walk about Zion, And go all around her. Count her towers; Mark well her bulwarks; Consider her palaces.”
Why was this to be done? (Look around, see our strength, see our beauty, see all our blessings! Verses 13b – 14).
- 3) 49:8 What is the price given to redeem a soul?
See Matthew 16:26 and John 3:16 for the real answer.
- 4) 49:13-14 The foolish, those ignorant of God and his ways as well as those who approve of them are destined for what?
And the upright?
- 5) 49:20 What is the likeness of one of honor without understanding of God/
- 6) 50:14 Verses 8 – 13 speaks of sacrificial offerings to be paid to God. He says this is not what I want of you, I own all these things you offer Me. What does God want of us?
- 7) 51:3-4 When we sin there is only one to answer to. David tells us here our sins will always be before us and God – no one else. Be wise in your doing and if you do slip and return what can God do for you (verse 8)?

Daily Thought

Psalm 48:8a

As we have heard,
So we have seen. . .

What a testimony. All we were told, we have witnessed! God still shows us many signs today, though He might not speak out of a cloud or a ball of fire. We still see His blessings even today. Pay attention and start noticing even the smallest things, even a little blessing is from God. Shade on a hot day, heat in the cold, water when we thirst. Some have less than these.

- 1) 52:6 Those workers of evil, the deceitful who seem to get so far ahead.
What will the righteous do when they see all God does to them?
- 2) 53:2 What is God seeking; why does He look upon us?
- 3) 54:4 Behold, _____; the
Lord is with those who uphold my life.
- 4) 55:12-13 Why was David in such distress over his enemy here?
See also Luke 12:49-53
- 5) 55:19 What shows that these men of old did not fear God?
- 6) 55:22 Where shall those who fear and know God place their burdens?
- 7) 56:4 What can flesh do to you?

Daily Thought

“Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man?” (Psalm 52:1a)

This question caught my attention. Many around me boast of evil ways/sinful ways, ways which are not pleasing to God. Why, O mighty man? If we are so mighty or able to brag or boast, would we not do it in righteousness? If you are more than an animal can you contain your evil instincts? Self-control is one of the nine fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). Any mighty or honorable person able to boast should control that urge. God-fearing men are mighty and self-controlled – we also despise evil.

Word of Growth

Psalm 50:12

If I were hungry, I would not tell you;
For the world *is* Mine, and all its fullness.

Many may believe they are doing a work for God. If I make sacrifices to God what am I giving Him? Only part of what was given to me. If as in the Old Testament, I sacrifice

a lamb to God, is it not His lamb? If I give up a meal in fasting, is it not a meal He allowed me? If I dedicate a part of my life to His service, was I not given life by Him? What can I do for the Creator?

Psalm 50:14

Offer to God thanksgiving,
And pay your vows to the Most High.

What can we do for God? Thank Him for all He has blessed us with. In this chapter God reminds us He does for us – not the other way. If I were hungry I would not tell you.

Psalm 50:15

Call upon Me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”

He gave us life, are we doing Him service for living it as He has guided us? No, I don't believe so. But God will reward obedience.

Psalm 50:23

Whoever offers praise glorifies Me;
And to him who orders *his* conduct *aright*
I will show the salvation of God.”

God has done us a service by giving us life. To live any way He would like for us would be obedience, not service.

- 1) 57:4 How does David describe men and their being?
- 2) 58:11 God will so deal with the wicked that the righteous will say and know what?
- 3) 59:16 Even as David complains of his enemies who have been relentless, what does David realize about God? (This He will and has been for us as well.)
- 4) 60:11-12 What is the strength of men – can they help in time of need?
How about God and His strength?
- 5) 61:7 What will preserve even a king?
- 6) 62:5 Where has David's expectation come from?
- 7) 62:12 What will be rendered to each person from God?
Their reward?
- 8) 63:1 & 6 What did David do in the morning?
And in the evening?

Daily Thought

Expectation:

Where have you placed your expectations? What are they? All people expect something of life; they try to plan it no matter how helpless it or they may be. Romans 5:1-5 explains where the expectations of the Christian come from. Faith – we trust, we are justified by the grace of Jesus and His death. After trusting this we then hope (expect) for all which was promised by Jesus to His followers (verses 2-4). My God is not a liar! We will in some aspect glorify Him and we will see salvation through His Son. We can expect these things. If so we should be full of love, because our Father has so loved us (verse 5). Any other concerns, worries, or expectations I will leave with Him. God has already drawn the map for us – we can expect all He has told us. The rest can worry about itself.

- 1) 64:3 To what can we compare the bitter words of men?
- 2) 64:7 What will God do to those who work in wickedness?
- 3) 65:3 What will God do for our transgressions (sins)?
Atonement? To atone for something is to pay for or make up for.)
- 4) 65:7 You who still the noise of the seas, The noise of their waves.
See Mark 4:39; 41. David called it.
- 5) 66:19-20 According to David’s testimony, does God answer prayer?
Have you experienced this?
As one studies God’s word and understands His will answered prayers increase.
- 6) 67:6-7 What comes from our praising God?
This is not why we praise Him though it shows He is listening.
- 7) 68:5 Write out this verse and put some meditation time into it.
What does it mean to you?

- 8) 68:28 What has God commanded?

Daily Thought

Words of bitterness:

Words come so easily when we should not speak. I’ve spoken words of bitterness and regret – I’m sure we all have. David calls these “arrows” – instruments of war. Words are enough to cut a person in two, potentially causing more harm than physical violence. Be careful in your speech; we are a loving people. This is our calling – our faith.

See 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (particularly 11). Notice also James 3:1-12 (verses 5 – 6 and 11). Speech means much.

- 1) 69:5 What does God know and what cannot be hidden from Him?
- 2) 69:21 What to eat and drink?
See Matthew 27:34, 48; Mark 15: 23, 36; Luke 23:36;
John 19:28-30
- 3) 70:4 Would God do anything but this for those who seek Him?
- 4) 71:17-18 David says “God, You’ve taught me from my youth until my grey hair and I will declare your wondrous works even in my old age.”
God would not forsake His people but David says even if You forsake me allow me to what? Who was David’s concern for?
- 5) 72:18 God does only what?
- 6) 73:23 Asaph says he is continually with God.
How was God with Him?
- 7) 74:20 What did Asaph ask God to respect?
See Genesis 17:7-8

Daily Thought

David’s request to God in Chapter 71:17 & 18 touches me personally. God do not forsake me but if You do first let me tell all of these of You first. I’m in full agreement with this request. In fact I’ve made a very similar request and agreement with God. I prayed in my spiritual youth “God, Father, even if I cannot walk this walk, even if I’m not righteous in all my doings, in all I do I will speak of You.” (I do my best though I am weak to sin. I don’t believe sin will win me over from my God. My faith in His work is too strong.) “But if it did, God just let me tell them of You before my end.” God will strengthen His people for this walk; He already knew we were not perfect. He made us. In my youth I just wanted everyone to know of God and His forgiveness; we all can use another chance. God allows that if you’ve changed from your ways.

Praise God for this blessing.

And I still speak of my God in all my doings.

- 1) 75:8 In the hand of the Lord is a cup and its wine is red.
Who will drain it down and drink this cup?
Is this cup a cup of blessing or of God's wrath?
- 2) 76:5-6 Read James 4:6. What did God do here in Psalm 76 to the
stouthearted and their strong weapons of war?
- 3) 77:7, 11 Asaph here wonders – will God never answer or look to us again?
In the midst of his thoughts what did Asaph decide to do?
- 4) 78:4 What would not be hidden from whom?
- 5) 78:14 How did God once lead His people? See Exodus 13:21
- 6) 78:21-22 Why was God furious against His people?
- 7) 78:39 Why did God turn His wrath?

Daily Thought

Psalm 77:7, 11 Question #3 – What if God is gone? Asaph was very right in his thought. Even if (though He is not) – if God was gone would it change all He has done? Of course not. We would be but fools not to remember all His works and promises. No one could ever amount to all He has already done. Why doubt now?

Word of Growth

Their fancy:

Proverbs 1:30-31

They would have none of my counsel

And despised my every rebuke.

³¹ Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way,

And be filled to the full with their own fancies.

In Psalm 78 we read of all Israel did against God and all of what God did for Israel. They tested God over and over. God showed Himself repeatedly even saying, “I am God. Do this, do that” and they still would not listen. Sound familiar? We’ve all God’s direction, all God’s commands in the Bible. God says, “I want this, that, and this for you and of you.” How many overlook these words, how many ignore God’s counsel? I wonder, does life seem difficult to you? Maybe we still need to yield more to God’s guidance. Perhaps we are only receiving our own ways to the full – our fancies. Blessings don’t leave a bad taste in our mouth. How often I’ve received just what I’ve wanted to find no satisfaction at all in that very thing. How you found this truth? If so, “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33)

I often find myself seeking my wants then God. God first – He knows your needs and wants. Be satisfied in Him. He will provide for you. Or be filled with the fullness of your own fancy. As Israel eating all that quail God sent, they complained against His manna (Numbers 11). You may find a nasty stomach ache.

- 1) 79 What was the condition of God's chosen?
 What was done to God's holy temple?
- 2) 80:14-15 How did Asaph describe God's people, His servants?
 See John 15:1-11
- 3) 81:11-13 Why did God allow such conditions to overcome His people?
- 4) 81:16 What would God have done if His word was followed?
- 5) 82:6 Whose gods? Wait, who is called gods?
 See John 10:33-36
- 6) 83:16 "Help us, Lord, all of these are against us in their evil schemes."
 (the basic theme of Psalm 83). The psalmist asks in verse 16,
 "Fill their faces with shame." Why?
- 7) 84:11 What will God keep from His righteous followers (what good
 thing)?

Daily Thought

Question #5, in Psalm 82:6 –

We've been called gods. Now there is only one God, but in His word He called us gods. Not just gods, but God's literally. Elohim is God's name in Hebrew, one of many, but His name, used directly for Him. This verse in original Hebrew form reads "elohims". This seems surprising though in Genesis 1:26 we read we were made in His image. Little Elohim. We are the gods of this world under only God. This is a huge reason to watch our conduct. We are the representatives of Him on High. God's!

See Romans 12:1-2.

- 1) 85:12-13 God will do what, and what will our path be?
- 2) 86:5 Does God's mercy reach to just anyone?
Or is there something which must happen first?
- 3) 86:15 What fills our Lord?
- 4) 87:5 What was said of the people of Zion? The people of Zion were foreigners, yet it was said what? Regardless your heritage you too can be born of God's holiness as those in Zion, God's holy city.
- 5) 88:9,18 How did God get the attention of the Psalmists? (Been there.)
- 6) 89:11 What is God's? He did what for them?
- 7) 89:30-33 David's offspring (us by faith) even when they (we) move against God's will, His laws, what will He never do? (For David's sake – verse 35.)

Daily Thought

Zion:

Taken from the Jebusites by David, called the City of David, place of God's ark, place of Israelite assemblies (worship of God), name applied to Jerusalem, called the City of God, "The city of the redeemed" (Hebrews 12:22; Revelation 14:1). Zion...

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

We, as the people of Zion, now in our new birth become citizens of God's holy city. The old is put away. "Holy Citizen."

- 1) 90:1 How long has gone by since God has been God?
- 2) 90:4 What is a thousand years to God?
- 3) 91:7-9 Why shall we not fear as we witness the punishment of the wicked?
- 4) 92:14-15 What will the aged righteous be in old age?
And what is not in God?
- 5) 94:12 Who is blessed?
This means you . . . You are being instructed through God's will right now. Are you not reading His words? He is instructing you, blessed member.
- 6) 95:7b-8a "Today if you hear His voice" do not what?
What does it mean to harden your heart?
- 7) 96:7 How do we give glory to God?
Or strength?

Daily Thought

I've shared my concern of not being able to walk that straight path. The path of righteousness. What if I sin? What if I keep sinning?

Psalm 94:18

If I say, "My foot slips,"
Your mercy, O LORD, will hold me up.

We don't need to worry about that. When we are in temptation, let God know. He will sturdy our steps. Sometimes I would like it if He'd get me by my shirt collar. He won't do that though; this wouldn't leave us free will.

Word of Growth

A day as a foot stool:

Psalm 84:10

For a day in Your courts *is* better than a thousand.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Would a lifetime of pleasures be worthwhile without eternity? Moses didn't think so.

Hebrews 11:24-26

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶ esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

Matthew 16:26

For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

It can be a hard truth to accept but a servant's position may be better than all the riches this world has to offer. I believe the treasures we receive in Christ are worth more than any earthly desire one could have. Imagine being a king of kings on earth with an expiration date.

Psalm 90:10

The days of our lives *are* seventy years;
And if by reason of strength *they are* eighty years,
Yet their boast *is* only labor and sorrow;
For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Seventy or eighty years of pleasure or eternity in bliss? This is not a hard decision for me. If it be God's will I'll go without to serve Him and if my entrance to heaven comes at the cost of servitude I'd be even as low as a foot stool.

Though we know that would be out of the question, God gives only good things to those who love Him faithfully.

Keep your earthly desires in check – seventy years of pleasure will run out mighty quick.

- 1) 97:11 Light equals? And gladness too?
- 2) 98:2-3 God has revealed His righteousness to who?
Who has seen His salvation?
- 3) 98:9 Will God show favoritism in His judgment?
- 4) 99:8 What was God to Moses, Aaron, and Samuel?
Though God forgives how does He deal with unrighteous deeds?
- 5) 100:3 Know what?
- 6) 100:4 How are we to come before God – enter His gates or come into His courts?
- 7) 101:8 Who will be cut off from God's city?
- 8) 102:27 Even after everything we know is gone and changed, what will God be?
- 9) 103:12 Where has God placed our sins?

Daily Thought

Psalm 103:13

As a father pities *his* children,
So the LORD pities those who fear Him.

If God looks on us as a father his child, should we not look to Him as a child to their father? We can bring anything before our Father, any foolish or unrighteous thing can be brought to God. When we did a foolish thing or had a problem in life which we've brought to a parent did we find answers? How much more of our Father in heaven.

- 1) 104:6 The waters stood above the mountains. The seas covered all the earth. At God's rebuke (correction) what did they do?
What else did God do to the waters?
- 2) 104:32 God made times, places, ways, and things to fill the needs of everything on the whole earth. How much reverence does the earth have for God?
- 3) 105:6 Who is this verse referring to?
- 4) 105:9-10 What did God do for Abraham and confirm to Jacob?
- 5) 105:20-22 After God had tested Joseph what did he have the king do because of Joseph's obedience?
- 6) 105:37 After Egypt dealt with God's people as they had, God sent Moses and Aaron to attack Egypt with nine plagues.
How did Israel leave Egypt?
- 7) 106:12 When God delivered His people from Egypt and showed them such great signs, what did they do?
After this what did they do?
- 8) 106:44 Even though Israel sinned against God over and over, were delivered and sinned again over and over, what would God do when they called upon Him?

Daily Thought

Psalm 105:6

O seed of Abraham His servant,
You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

Who is the Psalmist referring to here?

Galatians 3:5-9 explains all who are of the faith are sons of Abraham by faith (belief).

Galatians 3:7

Therefore know that *only* those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.

We are then sons / children of Abraham. The Psalmist is speaking to us.

- 1) 107:6; 13; 19; 28 Go back and read just these four verses. Notice the trend.
What did men do in trouble? And God after this?
- 2) 108:12-13 Why do we look to God in our troubled times?
What will God do when we call upon Him?
- 3) 109:28 What brings shame to the one who curses you?
- 4) 109:31 Where does God stand?
- 5) 110:1; 2; 4
#1 See 1 Corinthians 15:25
#2 See Romans 11:26-27
#4 See Hebrews 6:20
These prophecies were made at least 300 years before Christ.
- 6) 11:9 What two things has God done?

Daily Thought

“Holy and awesome is His Name.” He has sent to us a redeemer – John 3:16. He has given us an everlasting covenant (promise). What is this promise? The Bible! Read it and know it.

Jeremiah 31:33

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Deuteronomy 28:1

Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

2 Peter 1:11

for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

And many more.

- 1) 112:5 Though a good man deals graciously and lends, how does he conduct his affairs?
- 2) 113:6 What does God have to do to acknowledge the things of heaven and earth? These things are so far below His majesty.
- 3) 114:4; 5; 6 What did the mountains and hills do before God -
(see Habakkuk 3:6)?
The sea (Exodus 14:21)?
The Jordan (Joshua 3:17)?
- 4) 115:3-8 While our Lord is in heaven and doing whatever He pleases, what are all idol gods doing?
What about the people who follow them?
- 5) 116:14; 18 Why do you think it would be important to acknowledge God in the open before all?
- 6) 117:2 Why should we praise God?
- 7) 118:18 How did the Lord save this Psalmist from death?
- 8) 118:22 “Rejected Cornerstone”. See Matthew 21:33-16

Daily Thought

Psalm 115:3-8

But our God *is* in heaven;

He does whatever He pleases.

⁴Their idols *are* silver and gold,

The work of men’s hands.

⁵They have mouths, but they do not speak;

Eyes they have, but they do not see;

⁶They have ears, but they do not hear;

Noses they have, but they do not smell;

⁷They have hands, but they do not handle;
Feet they have, but they do not walk;
Nor do they mutter through their throat.
⁸Those who make them are like them;
So is everyone who trusts in them.

Idol gods. Well, they're easy to please. They can be made as you please; they will want what you want; they will never correct you; they will never do anything for you at all! That's a piece of wood or stone with some jewels on it, you fool. Some don't have much sense and I pray someday they wake up. How could you worship a rock? As the scripture states, those who trust in them will be as them – nothing.

Word of Growth

Cornerstone:

I'm not an expert when it comes to construction, but those who construct, I imagine they would understand their task. God started a huge project; from its beginning it has been the same. God never changes. God used the very men He created to work His project and through the Old Testament years these men were well acquainted with the blueprint (the Bible).

Jesus has been in the scriptures since the very beginning.

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.”

Galatians 4:4

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born^[a] of a woman, born under the law,

The seed of a woman was spoken of in the beginning. There are many prophecies of Jesus in our Old Testament. How do those who loved the law, lived by the law, even made extra laws for themselves, miss the foundation for this project?

John 5:39-40

You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. ⁴⁰ But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

I believe men are as stubborn and with hearts as hard as our Bibles warn us of. When things don't seem to agree or fit our plans we alter them and even force them into place. God's building is perfect, though His workers fail to understand completely His blueprint.

If you understand buildings they must start perfectly square. If your foundation is off, not level or squared, all your work is added to. Nothing will line up, all your measurements will be off – crooked. So we cut a piece to an odd length and force-fit it. The project will never be perfect. Everything will be just a little off. Jesus our Cornerstone fits perfect into God's plan though that building man has been creating doesn't fit to it so well. Man has been fighting since the foundation of God's project was laid; now that we have found the Cornerstone it doesn't fit everyone's needs as they would like. Stop fighting it. Step back and let God work it out. Trust Him rather than what all agrees with you or not. Just because you don't like the truth, don't make it false. This is God's plan; let Him guide us. His grace will fill all our needs.

- 1) 119:9 How can we cleanse our ways?
- 2) 119:46-47 How should we be and feel of God's testimonies and commandments (the Bible)?
- 3) 119:63 Whom shall we companion?
- 4) 119:72 God's law is better than what?
- 5) 119:93 By what has the Lord given life?
- 6) 119:105 Write out this verse – a good memory verse:

- 7) 119:160 The entirety of God's word is what, and how long will they last?
- 8) 119:176 Meditate on this verse; the first half fits everyone (Romans 3:23); the second we need to remember.

Daily Thought

Psalm 119, the longest Psalm, also the longest chapter in our Bible. Twenty-two sections long; each section titled with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet which only contains twenty-two letters. Verse 116b the Psalmist says do not let me be ashamed of my hope. We all need some hope. A hope that will not fail us, a hope to get us through the day, a thing we can seek and long for. You are seeking in the right place. God bless you.

- 1) 121:7 The Lord will what?
- 2) 124:3 If God was not at our side when troubles have come upon us, what would have been the outcome?
- 3) 125:1 Who is like Mount Zion, “unable to be moved”?
- 4) 126:5 Write and remember this verse always.

- 5) 127:3 Children are what? Let them know, parents.
- 6) 130:3 Does God mark or keep track of the shortcomings of His faithful servants?
- 7) 132:11-12 What was God’s promise to David?
Who is the fruit of David’s body, the sons who will be before God forever?
- 8) 132:17 I will make the horn (strength) of David grow, I will prepare a lamp for My anointed (chosen). What is the lamp? See Psalm 119:105.

Daily Thought

Psalm 121:7

The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;
He shall preserve your soul.

Question #1: to be preserved means what? To be kept from or saved from, to last or endure. This does not mean we will not see evil or face it. This means He gives us the ability to endure. See 2 Corinthians 12:7-9.

- 1) 133:1 What is good and pleasant?
- 2) 135:14 How will God judge His followers?
- 3) 136 How long will God's mercy endure?
- 4) 138:8 What does God do with our concerns?
- 5) 139:13-14 Who made us?
How are we made?
- 6) 140:13 Who dwells in the presence of God?
- 7) 141:2 Let our prayer be what?
- 8) 142:5 What did the Psalmist consider his portion on earth?
- 9) 143:7 How did the Psalmist ask to be heard?

Daily Thought

Question #1:

Fellowship; how good and pleasant to commune with those of the same mind. Christians have much in common. The main one is our love for Christ, our thirst for the righteousness of His work. How could anyone not love and talk of Him who died for them? Never have I known this kind of sacrifice. What a show of love. Let's meet and speak of Him continually. See Hebrews 10:25.

Word of Growth

Prayer:

Psalm 141:2

Let my prayer be set before You *as* incense,
The lifting up of my hands *as* the evening sacrifice.

Revelation 5:8

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Revelation 8:3

Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

In verse 4 we read the smoke ascended before God. The Psalmist's request was either answered or God had put this notion in his mind. O yeah, saint? You? Any believer in the work of Christ becomes a saint.

- Pray much – God is breathing your prayers!
- Pray pure in righteousness, God is breathing your prayers.
- Pray in love, God loves you and receives your prayer as a sacrifice on His altar.
- Pray anything which concerns you, He is your Father and you are precious to Him.

He loves you. Take time to speak to Him.

God bless you and keep you.

- 1) 144:1 For what does God train us?
- 2) 145:8 What is our Lord? Memory verse.
- 3) 145:18 What is God to all who call on Him in truth?
- 4) 146:1-10 Our Lord will help in every condition but what will He do to the wicked?
- 5) 147:4 How does God know even the stars?
- 6) 148:1-14 Who should praise God?
Okay, I'll make it easier – who shouldn't?
- 7) 149:1-9 In what ways can we praise God?
- 8) 150:1-6 Praise God. How many times is the word "praise" used in these last six verses? Well? Praise Him . . .

Daily Thought

Psalm 144:1

Blessed *be* the LORD my Rock,
Who trains my hands for war,
And my fingers for battle—

As Christians we don't often think this way. God has trained us for every situation. We were skillfully wrought (Psalm 139:15). Made for every occasion and each with our own purpose. I pray for peace but God is prepared.

- 1) 1:1 The _____ of _____ the son of David, king of Israel.
- 2) Who wrote the book of Proverbs (wise sayings)?
See 1 Kings 4:30-32.
- 3) 1:2-4 Why did Solomon write this book?
- 4) 2:11 What will knowledge of God's word do for you?
- 5) 3:1 What will knowing God's word do for us?
- 6) 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.

A piece of scripture which has done me great justice.
- 7) 4:23 What shall we do with our hearts and why?
- 8) 4:26 Do what before we move?

Daily Thought

Get Wisdom – Get Understanding! Simple to think, hard to do. Seems a funny saying though it is very serious.

This is your life, you will live it as you choose, you will be rewarded for your ways . . . Choose your path, ponder upon your days. This is your life. We each get a chance, make it count. Get Wisdom – Get Understanding.

- 1) 5:7 What does Solomon say of the adulterous women?
See also verse 20.
- 2) 5:18-19 What are we told to do instead?
- 3) 6:11 What will laziness bring?
- 4) 6:17-19 What seven things are abominations before our Lord?
- 5) 7:27 What awaits those who are enticed into wickedness?
- 6) 8:11 Wisdom is better than?
- 7) 8:21 What may wisdom cause?
- 8) 8:35-36 What does the one who finds wisdom receive?
How about those who ignore wisdom?

Daily Thought

Proverbs 8:12

“I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,
And find out knowledge *and* discretion.

One must be prudent to obtain wisdom. A good start it would be to read one chapter in Proverbs each day. After all, these are the sayings of the wisest man to ever walk the earth.

- 1) 9:1 Where had wisdom built her house?
What did she cry out from verse 3?
- 2) 9:4 Who does wisdom call upon?
- 3) 9:14-15 Where does the foolish woman sit and cry out from?
Who does she call upon?
- 4) 10:1 What do the ways of a foolish son bring?
What about a wise son?
- 5) 10:12 What does hatred do?
And love?
- 6) 10:19 What comes with loose lips?
What do the wise do?

Daily Thought

Proverbs 11:24

There is *one* who scatters, yet increases more;
And there is *one* who withholds more than is right,
But it *leads* to poverty.

How is this so? The one who scatters is wise in his ways and reaps great blessings. He who holds his goods, God will remove even what he has. See Malachi 3:10 and Matthew 25:29.

Word of Growth

Proverbs 9 – Wisdom and Folly:

Proverbs 9:1-6 shows us the ways of wisdom. Wisdom has all her things in order, everything is prepared. She calls to you to share in her wealth. You who lack in

understanding come and eat with me. Enjoy my ways. Note verse 3 – from where does wisdom call out to us?

From the highest points of the city, just as royalty would have done.

Proverbs 9:13-17 shows us the way of folly. She's foolish, loud, and simple. She has put nothing in order, but yells to you from where (verse 14)? The highest points of the city, thinking very highly of her ways. As royalty and as wisdom. She yells all you who are simple, who lack understanding, come here! Let's not worry of preparation, stolen water is sweet and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.

Wisdom and Folly both believe themselves wise. We know by their ways if we use discretion. But one must be very careful. Let us ponder upon our ways. Or as those who listened to folly, "But he does not know that the dead are there. That her guests are in the depths of hell (verse 18). Well, you get the point.

Trust in God's word, not in self.

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way *that seems* right to a man,
But its end *is* the way of death.

Watch your ways, friend. I'm praying for you.

- 1) 13:4 What does a lazy man have?
The diligent?
- 2) 13:10 What does pride bring?
- 3) 13:13 What happens to the person who despises God's word?
- 4) 14:5 What do we know of a person who lies?
One who only speaks the truth?
- 5) 14:15 The simple what?
This is why we are told to test our teachers in 1 John 4:1.
One would be a fool to believe everything.
- 6) 15:1 This is a memory verse.
- 7) 15:16 Better is what?
- 8) 15:33 What comes before honor?

Daily Thought

Proverbs 15:30

The light of the eyes rejoices the heart,
And a good report makes the bones healthy.

The eyes see and the heart rejoices. When your eyes see good your bones are healthy. Just the opposite works as well. It is a medical fact depression causes weak bones. Solomon was a very wise man.

- 1) 16:22 Understanding brings life but the correction of a fool is?
- 2) 16:28 A whisperer does what for friends?
- 3) 16:32 He who is slow to anger or rules his spirit is what?
- 4) 17:5 A mocker of the poor what?
Who will not go unpunished?
- 5) 17:6 Very important to know. Write out this verse, take it to heart:

6) 17:28 Holding one's peace could be counted as?

7) 18:21 What is in the tongue?

8) 18:24 A friend closer than a brother?

Do you know one?

As the verse says one must be a good friend to have. This may take some work to make such a friend but how rewarding it is.

Daily Thought

Proverbs 17:6

Children's children *are* the crown of old men,
And the glory of children *is* their father.

You've done it well if you've lived to see grandchildren and raise your children to bring up and supply the needs of a family. God bless those that have succeeded in this. What a work and a show. For those just beginning just remember your little ones look to you – you are their glory. Conduct yourself in righteousness for their sake. And

children, make your parents and grandparents proud – you are the crown which brings them honor. The work of your elders show through your conduct.

God bless you.