

**Monday, 16 September 2019** Psalm 67:1-2

*To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song. May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us. Selah, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.*

Lord, I get so self-centered that I think that the object of Your blessings is to make me happy. But it is not at all that. You bless me so that Your Way will be known so that all the world will know of your graciousness. Before the beginning of creation, You knew that a Way would be needed to demonstrate Your mercy and that You are Love.

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**Tuesday, 17 September 2019** Psalm 67:3-4

*Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah*

Therefore, Lord, teach me to praise You with my whole being. Let me and everything about me speak of the righteousness of Your Justice. Put a new song in my heart, a song of praise and joy.

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**Wednesday, 18 September 2019** Psalm 67:5-7

*Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!*

Lord, that these blessings that flow to me would flow out to others like a river of Grace so that all would be brought to fear and submit to You.

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**Thursday, 19 September 2019** Psalm 119:57

*The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep your words.*

I promise to keep Your words! Not a casual statement but a solemn oath. This is not a statement hedged with caveats and maybes, no "If I can" or "If I remember" or "If I..." This is an oath which is my side of the New Covenant, the side that declares "I will" as a public confirmation of the power of Your grace. It is an oath of response to Your directive and request, "If you love Me, you will keep my commandments."

I will, Lord, I will. Lord, help me in my unbelief.

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**Friday, 20 September 2019** Psalm 119:59-60

*When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to Your testimonies; I hasten and do not delay to keep Your commandments.*

Thank You and praise You, my Lord and Master, for providing me with Your word and testimonies as my guide for life in Your Kingdom. And for those nudgings through the Holy Spirit to observe my ways and turn from my path to Your path. Thank You for the passion in my heart to hasten to obey, and the understanding that to procrastinate in obeying grieves You when You have given me an awareness of sin in my life.

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**Saturday, 21 September 2019** Psalm 119:64

*The earth, O LORD, is full of Your steadfast love; teach me Your statutes!*

Lord, teach me to see the way Your creation reveals Your statutes. Open my eyes to the beauty, grace and perfect wholeness of the Creation so that I may learn to see the inner workings of Your hands in creation and in the direction of the universe; in all aspects, from quantum to cosmos, from microbe to macroeconomics; all responding and operating according to Your good and wholesome law.

It seems that man, in his unique role as the sole defier of Your word, is the one to attempt to operate according to his law and as a consequence, has sullied all of creation.

Forgive me, Lord, and teach me to live according to Your word.

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**Lord's Day, 22 September 2019** Exodus 20:1-2, 12

*And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ... "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you." Matthew 22:39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

Lord, You began my training at my mother's knee as she taught me by example and by instruction, what it meant to honor my parents and by extension, to love my neighbors. Your teaching methods are so practical, so gentle and kind, so effective, why do I forget to emulate You as I

attempt to teach my children and grandchildren.

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# VOICES TOGETHER

*Daily Meditations from the Scriptures*



*September 16-22, 2019*

**Prayer of the week, based on Paul's prayer in: Ephesians 3:20-21**

*Now [I pray] to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

LORD, as I meditate upon this prayer, I am convicted by the paucity of my prayers, that I frequently doubt the power that is at work within me and within the [congregation], to move mountains and to powerfully expand the Kingdom of Heaven into very dark places.

So we, the members of the {congregation}, join together in raising our voices to You, pleading that Your power, already at work within us, will be evident to all; that we will not doubt, but be exceedingly bold in declaring that Your Kingdom is available to all. Amen

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