

WHEN YOU MEDITATE

(Time Alone with the Master)

“But his delight is in the law of the LORD
and on his law he meditates day and night.”

Psalm 1:2

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Introduction

What is Christian meditation? Seeking after all of the spiritual nourishment from the Word of God! To meditate on a passage of Scripture simply means to think deeply and carefully about what God is saying in his Word. Then seek to apply/live out the Word of God.

For example, take the opening phrase of the 23rd Psalm: “The LORD is my shepherd.” Here is my way of meditating on it:

Meditation

- I read it several times.
- I work at remembering it so I can say it in my mind/heart without having to go to the text.
- “The LORD”—Who is “the Lord”? This is God, the uncreated Creator of all things. This is God, who knows everything, sees everything, loves me greatly, has unlimited power, and wants what is very best for me.
- “is my shepherd”—Read over it several times. Memorize it. “I have hidden your word in your heart” (Psalm 119:11, NIV).
- God is MY shepherd—the one who cares for me, who provides for me, who protects me, who leads me in right directions, who is greater than any fear I have or ever will have!

Prayer/Application

Prayer: Lord, thank you for being my shepherd and watching over me and loving me and leading me in the way that is everlasting. Help me, Lord, to listen to you and trust you and to always follow you. Amen.

Something I do almost daily is I take the Word (for example: “The LORD is my shepherd”; “name above all names”; “rejoice always”) as I head out for a walk—then I will “chew” on it the whole walk. I can think on “The LORD” and all that means and how he impacts my life for a long time. You could do the same while exercising, cutting grass, driving, sitting still, shopping, lying in bed preparing to get up or go to sleep, while at work in some instances, fishing, and on and on.

If you watch a cow lying down, she is “chewing her cud”—it is grass that was taken in earlier, but now she is working at it to get all the nourishment out of the grass. Meditation is to our spiritual nourishment what a cow gets in physical nourishment as it chews its cud. When we meditate on Scripture, we are seeking all of the “nutrients” God has for us in that passage. Meditation is going further into the Word than just reading.

Christian Meditation Is Not:

- New Age religion where someone is trying to empty their mind to focus on something and chant.
- An effort to increase our consciousness so as to be closer to trees or nature or anything/anyone else.

Christian Meditation Is:

Simply focusing on what God has said in his Word to get a deeper and fuller understanding of what God is saying and then working to apply God's Word/live out God's Word in our daily lives. Meditation on Scripture is not a reading of a little scripture; it is going deep into the Word of God to get all that God has for you there.

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12).

When we come to Scripture, we are not coming to dead words left on an ancient page. The Word of God is living—it is God speaking to us fresh and new today; it is active—actively working in us to transform/change our minds from where we are to where God wants us to be. So we need to give deep thought and careful attention (meditate) on the Word of God for God's honor and our spiritual growth.

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish” (Psalm 1:1–6).

We are all under the influence of various things. Here God’s Word teaches us that we don’t want to be influenced by wicked counsel but instead are to delight ourselves in the Word of God—to meditate on it day and night. Then we will bloom spiritually like a tree planted on a creek bank!

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success” (Joshua 1:8).

My prayer for this book is simply that we would grow in our walk with Jesus and mature in our insight into Scripture and our faith/trust in God!

How to Use This Book

This book is set up for daily use, an entry for every day of the year. Each day there is a scripture to meditate on. The daily scriptures are plugged in day by day in each month, and each month has a different focal point:

January: God

February: People

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Daily we read the scripture in the context of the month's focal point, meditate on it, put the scripture to work (application) as the occasion arises. We can then write down (in the space provided) what is being revealed to us by God in his Word by way of commands, promises, warnings, spiritual truths. There is also a place to make your meditation into a prayer to God—writing that out if you wish.

This book will hopefully help each of us to grow in Christ-likeness and in our knowledge and application of the monthly, spotlighted God-centered topics. I am always the one in greatest need for what I write, and I hope you get God-honoring benefit (nourishment) from it as well.

A commitment to meditation on and memorization of Scripture will be important to our progress in spiritual maturity. Sanctification is a lifelong process, and at the heart of things is the Word of God. May we take it all in and be drawn in ever closer, resulting in a realization of God's will for each of us: being conformed to the image of Christ.

JANUARY

God

This month we focus particularly on God: who God is, how God is, and how he never changes. Each day we have a scripture, and I want us to think of how each scripture is the living “Word of God”; we are not just reading an ancient text but the fresh, present, very relevant living Word of God for each of us today, right now. God is speaking to us in words and ways that are both relevant to the issues we face every day and real to the challenges we each face. God is speaking on purpose to you and me, and he is speaking with a purpose—that we may know him and know that in God we find all our true hope and joy and peace and life and direction (not that it is all easy—it is not; but that it is all God’s will—and his will is always best).

It is always important for us to listen carefully to what God is saying. Is God giving us a command we need to follow, a promise we should claim, a warning we should heed, a sin to avoid, or a call to action? Is God showing us a spiritual truth to guide our thoughts, words, and actions? God speaks on purpose, and seeing and living out God’s purposes are vital to growing in our relationship with God and fully enjoying the life he has given us.

1

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

2

“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.” (Psalm 90:2)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

3

“God also said to Moses, ‘Say this to the people of Israel: “The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.” This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.’” (Exodus 3:15)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

4

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one." (Deuteronomy 6:4)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

5

"The LORD will reign forever and ever." (Exodus 15:18)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

6

“Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?” (Exodus 15:11)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

7

"Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love." (1 John 4:8)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

8

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:24)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

9

“Then David said to Gad, ‘I am in great distress. Let us fall into the hand of the LORD, for his mercy is great; but let me not fall into the hand of man.’” (2 Samuel 24:14)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

10

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable."

(Isaiah 40:28)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

11

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’” (Revelation 1:8)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

12

“Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.” (Jeremiah 23:24)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

13

“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!” (Romans 11:33)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

14

“Who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.” (1 Timothy 6:16)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

20

“The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name.” (Exodus 15:2–3)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

21

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

(Proverbs 1:7)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

22

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” (Proverbs 3:5–6)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

23

“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. You shall have no other gods before me.’”

(Exodus 20:1–3)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

24

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.” (Exodus 20:4–6)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

25

“God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’ And he said, ‘ay this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” (Exodus 3:14)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

26

“And he said, ‘I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name “The LORD.” And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.’” (Exodus 33:19)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

27

“Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.” (Psalm 55:22)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

28

“But he said, ‘What is impossible with man is possible with God.’” (Luke 18:27)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

29

"In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety."

(Psalm 4:8)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

“This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.” (1 John 1:5)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

31

“And one called to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!’” (Isaiah 6:3)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

FEBRUARY

People

God created all people; male and female, he created them in his own image. God created us to be in a love relationship with him where God is trusted and obeyed. Adam and Eve interrupted that relationship by sin—doing what God said not to do. This nature of sin has been passed down from Adam and Eve to every person who has ever been born. We all have sin, and we all fall short of God’s holy standard (Romans 3:23).

God created us in his image. This means he has placed his “stamp” upon us, and he does this because we are his—created for the very purpose of being in a love relationship with him, to worship, trust, and obey God as he gives us life and all that is needed to sustain life. It is vital that we understand and live out our purpose. Don’t focus on the past; we “all have sinned and fallen short.” Press on from where you/we are to the place God has called us to: holiness and Christ-likeness.

Our lives are about living for and serving God, trusting God in all things—not trusting in ourselves but fully leaning on the Lord. We are fallen creatures redeemed by the Lord Jesus Christ. In God’s economy (the only economy that ultimately matters) the existence of people is about loving God and loving other people just as we want them to love us. To be made over in the likeness of Jesus Christ is God’s goal for our life here and hereafter.

1

“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’” (Genesis 1:26)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

2

"Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature." (Genesis 2:7)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

3

“So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.” (Genesis 2:21–22)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

4

“And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’” (Genesis 1:28)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

5

"The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, 'You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.'" (Genesis 2:15-17)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

6

“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.” (Genesis 3:6)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

7

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.”

(Genesis 2:24–25)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

8

“And he said, ‘I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.’ He said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?’ The man said, ‘The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.’ Then the LORD God said to the woman, ‘What is this that you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent deceived me, and I ate.’” (Genesis 3:10–13)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

9

“To the woman he said, ‘I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.’ And to Adam he said, ‘Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, “You shall not eat of it,” cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” (Genesis 3:16–19)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

10

"Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned." (Romans 5:12)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

11

“The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. . . . But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.” (Genesis 6:5, 8)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

12

“For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.” (Matthew 15:19)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

13

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?"

(Jeremiah 17:9)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

14

“For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.” (Mark 7:21–23)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

15

"The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned." (1 Corinthians 2:14)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

16

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.” (Hebrews 4:15)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their mind." (Hebrews 10:16)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

18

“By which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.” (2 Peter 1:4)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

19

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

20

“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:26)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

21

*"But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him.'" (1 Corinthians 2:9)*

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

22

"The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

23

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

24

"Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand."

(Proverbs 19:21)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

25

“The people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.” (Isaiah 43:21)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

26

“Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!” (Psalm 150:6)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

"Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." (Psalm 100:3)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

28

“Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.” (1 John 5:12)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

29

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16–18)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

MARCH

Jesus

This month we focus on Jesus. Jesus is the most important person to ever live, and he is also God. There have been many people of note—leaders, dictators, conquerors, and people of all kinds—who have lived throughout all of time, but there is no one like Jesus! He is the only begotten Son of God—his is the NAME above all names—Jesus alone is “the way, and the truth, and the life” (John 14:6). Jesus is the one before whom all people of all time will bow and confess his name—we who have done so now and those who will do so at the final judgment. One way or the other, all will acknowledge the name of Jesus. His name is the sweetest name, his name is power, his name is peace, his name is healing—Jesus who saves us, who is interceding for us, who will come back for us. We need to know him better and better. God has told us his goal for us is that we become like Christ, and so we must always continue to give ourselves over to the Lordship of Jesus Christ while relying on him as our Savior.

1

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men.” (John 1:1–4)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

2

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

3

“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ‘Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel’ (which means, God with us).” (Matthew 1:21–23)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

4

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost." (1 Timothy 1:15)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

5

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” (John 14:6)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

6

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

7

“And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.’ And immediately they left their nets and followed him.” (Mark 1:17–18)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

8

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

9

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28–30)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

10

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

11

“Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:14–16)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

12

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.” (Colossians 1:15–16)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

13

“And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.” (Colossians 1:17–18)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

14

"For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross."

(Colossians 1:19–20)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

15

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” (Philippians 2:5–8)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

16

“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9–11)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

17

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I [Jesus] came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” (John 10:10)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

18

“Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’” (John 4:13–14)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

19

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” (John 6:51)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

20

“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’” (John 8:12)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

21

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

22

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?’” (John 11:25–26)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

23

"When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, 'It is finished,' and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." (John 19:30)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

24

“But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

25

“And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’” (Mark 16:5–7)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

26

“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’” (Matthew 28:18–20)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

“And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’” (Acts 1:10–11)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

“Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.” (Romans 8:34)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

29

“For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.” (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

30

“When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, ‘Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.’” (Revelation 1:17–18)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

31

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

APRIL

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is God. The Holy Spirit is a “person” in the sense of being the third person of the Trinity. We are called to treat him/honor him with love, praise, thanks, obedience, and trust. The Holy Spirit has always been and forever shall be, without beginning and without end. The Holy Spirit is so important to every Christian that Jesus told his disciples (who had been with Jesus every day for years) not to leave Jerusalem until they had received the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4–5). When we are born again, born of the Spirit, we are indwelt by God in the person of the Holy Spirit. He is our guide in all of life—in our thoughts, words, and actions—as he daily brings to mind the Word of God and the character of God to us.

For us to grow deeper in our relationship with, our trust in, and our dependence on the Holy Spirit is of utmost importance for our earthly pilgrimage to lead us in lives committed to God.

As we read and meditate on the scriptures for this month, let us ask questions like: Is God giving us a command we need to follow, a promise we should claim, a warning we should heed, a sin to avoid, or a call to action? Is God showing us a spiritual truth to guide our thoughts, words, and actions?

1

"The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters." (Genesis 1:2)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

2

“And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” (Luke 24:49)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

3

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 1:18)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

4

“I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’”

(John 1:33)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

5

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

6

“That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” (John 3:6)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

7

“In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’” (Mark 1:9–11)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

8

“And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil.” (Luke 4:1–2)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

9

“And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country.” (Luke 4:14)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

10

“And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear.” (Isaiah 11:2–3)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

11

“And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.” (Luke 12:11–12)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

12

“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.” (Romans 8:5–6)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

13

“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.” (Romans 8:14–16)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

14

“Knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” (2 Peter 1:20–21)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

15

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.” (John 16:13)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

16

“And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’” (John 20:22)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

17

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22–23)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

18

“And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.” (Ezekiel 36:27)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

19

“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.” (Acts 2:4)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

20

“Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.” (Acts 2:33)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

21

“And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.” (Acts 4:31)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

22

“For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.” (1 Corinthians 12:13)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

23

“He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.” (Titus 3:5)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

24

“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.”
(Ephesians 5:18)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

25

"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh." (Galatians 5:16)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

26

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Romans 15:13)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

27

“There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism.” (Ephesians 4:4–5)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

28

"Do you not know that you are God's temple, and that the Holy Spirit dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

29

"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." (Ephesians 4:30)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

30

"For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God." (1 Corinthians 2:11)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

MAY

Salvation

Salvation is not man's request to God but God's eternal plan for man—this is God's plan in place for man before time began, before the world was created. To be saved is not primarily about staying out of hell (although that is an awfully compelling reason); primarily salvation is about reconciling us to God so that we can live in love, praise, honor, and fellowship to him/with him now and forever through the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is no other path, no other way than Jesus Christ. We must be born again; there is no other way to be restored to God. We not only need to be saved, but we are further compelled to share the good news of the Gospel with others. Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18–20). Eternal life is, by definition, eternal. So, it is vitally important for each of us to know the security of our salvation lies in the finished work of Jesus and not ever in our efforts. Eternal life is unsurprisingly—ETERNAL!

1

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

2

"As it is written: 'None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.'" (Romans 3:10–12)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

3

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” (Isaiah 53:6)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

4

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost." (1 Timothy 1:15)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

5

“God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.” (Matthew 5:3, NLT)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

6

“And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.’” (Mark 2:17)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

7

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

(Romans 6:23)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

8

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:7–9)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

9

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins.” (Ephesians 2:1)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

10

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.” (John 5:24)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

11

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

12

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” (John 3:16–17)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

13

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” (Ephesians 2:8–9)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

14

“Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.” (Romans 10:9–10)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

15

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” (John 14:6)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

16

“And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.” (1 John 5:11–12)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

“I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.” (John 10:28–29)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

18

“The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.” (Psalm 37:39)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

19

“O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith?” (Galatians 3:1–5)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

“When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, ‘It is finished,’ and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.” (John 19:30)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

21

“The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’” (John 1:29)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

22

“In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.” (Ephesians 1:13–14)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

23

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:37–39)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life." (1 John 5:13)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

25

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

26

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” (2 Corinthians 5:21)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

27

“Who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.” (2 Timothy 1:9)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

“But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” (John 1:12)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

30

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, ‘The righteous shall live by faith.’” (Romans 1:16–17)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

31

“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:16)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

JUNE

Justification

This month we will focus on justification. We are justified—that is, declared righteous before God—when we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ for eternal life and are born again. Jesus lived a perfect life and died in our place on the cross, thereby paying in full the sin debt we each/all owe. When we believe in Jesus and trust in his finished work, we are declared just/right before God in Christ Jesus. You might say it like this—when we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ, and so we are right with God and before God—and we become a part of God’s family.

Everything about salvation/justification originates with God—he calls us, he gives us righteousness in Christ Jesus as a gift when we believe in Jesus, and even that faith/belief is a gift from God that we receive and exercise by confessing with our mouths that Jesus is Lord and believing in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

1

"Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies." (Romans 8:33)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

2

“And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.” (Romans 8:30)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

3

“And are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

(Romans 3:24)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

4

“And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.” (Romans 5:16)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

5

“For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.” (Romans 3:28)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

6

“Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.” (Galatians 2:16)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

7

“Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.” (Romans 4:4–5)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

8

“Since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.” (Romans 3:30)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

9

“And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, ‘In you shall all the nations be blessed.’” (Galatians 3:8)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

10

"So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith." (Galatians 3:24)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

11

“And be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.” (Philippians 3:9)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

12

“By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.” (Hebrews 11:4)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

13

“Who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.” (Romans 4:25)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

14

“For what does the Scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.’” (Romans 4:3)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

15

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him." (John 3:36)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

16

“For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.” (Romans 10:10)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

17

"And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'" (Luke 7:50)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

18

“For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.” (Romans 3:20)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

19

"Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for 'The righteous shall live by faith.'" (Galatians 3:11)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

20

"I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose." (Galatians 2:21)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

21

“Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.”

(Romans 5:18–19)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

22

“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.” (Romans 5:8–9)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

23

“For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.” (Romans 2:13)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

24

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.” (John 5:24)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

“And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.” (1 Corinthians 6:11)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

26

“And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.” (1 Corinthians 1:30)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

27

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” (Romans 5:1–2)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

28

"Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies." (Romans 8:33)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

29

“Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.” (Romans 5:9)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

“That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all.” (Romans 4:16)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

JULY

Sanctification

God does not save us just to keep us out of hell but to call us to live holy lives in Christ Jesus. We are at once made right with God when we are “born again”—our righteousness being based solely on the finished work of Jesus Christ. God’s goal for the rest of our lives is for us to progressively become more and more like Jesus, which is the lifelong process of sanctification. Our place in Christ is fixed, but the daily process of becoming like Jesus Christ is for the rest of our earthly lives. Sanctification is Holy Spirit led; it is a yielding to the person of Jesus Christ rather than to the ways of the world/flesh. God calls us to be holy as he is holy—that is sanctification. It is not an elective process for a few special Christians, but sanctification is God’s call on every single one of us.

1

"For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers." (Romans 8:29)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

2

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (Romans 12:1)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

3

“For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.” (1 Thessalonians 4:7)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

4

“But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’” (1 Peter 1:15–16)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

5

"Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth." (John 17:17)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

6

“And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.” (1 Corinthians 6:11)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

7

“And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.” (John 17:19)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

8

“But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.” (Romans 6:22)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

9

"For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor." (1 Thessalonians 4:3-4)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

10

“I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.” (Romans 6:19)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

11

“And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.” (Acts 20:32)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

13

“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.” (Colossians 3:1)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

14

“To open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.” (Acts 26:18)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

15

“For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.” (Hebrews 12:10)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

16

*“To be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God,
so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.”*

(Romans 15:16)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

17

“To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours.” (1 Corinthians 1:2)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

“For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers.” (Hebrews 2:11)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

19

*"That he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word."
(Ephesians 5:26)*

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

20

"Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

21

“But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.” (2 Thessalonians 2:13)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

“Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.” (2 Timothy 2:21)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

23

“Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” (John 15:2)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

24

"And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." (Hebrews 10:10)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

25

“For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.”

(Hebrews 10:14)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

“So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.” (Hebrews 13:12)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

27

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

28

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy." (Jude 24)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

29

“But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.” (1 Peter 3:15)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

“Keep my statutes and do them; I am the LORD who sanctifies you.” (Leviticus 20:8)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

31

“Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.” (2 Corinthians 7:1)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

AUGUST

The Body of Christ

The “Body of Christ” consists of every Christian alive on earth, and Christ himself is the head of the Body. God’s will for the Body and each of its members (every Christian) is that we would, individually and collectively as the Body as a whole, mature and grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ as we live together in love, joy, and harmony in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Because we are, together, the Body, we are each one a part of one another. Everyone has their place and their responsibility in the Body of Christ. We are not a part of the Body primarily for our own sake but for the honor of Jesus Christ (the Head of the Body), God the Father, and the blessed Holy Spirit. We are also a part of the Body that each “part” should live/carry out the responsibilities God has given us in the Body, and above all else those responsibilities are for us to love God with all of our heart, soul, and mind and our neighbor as ourselves. God is most honored when we are most obedient to and trusting of him.

1

“And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.” (Colossians 1:18)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

2

"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." (Romans 12:4–5)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

3

"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

4

“From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.” (Ephesians 4:16)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

5

“And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.” (Colossians 3:14–15)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

6

*“And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,
which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.” (Ephesians 1:22–23)*

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

7

“There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” (Ephesians 4:4–6)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

8

“Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.” (Colossians 2:18–19)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

9

"I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment." (1 Corinthians 1:10)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

10

"Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church." (Colossians 1:24)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

11

"Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!" (1 Corinthians 6:15)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

12

“For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.” (Ephesians 5:23)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

13

“If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.”

(1 Corinthians 12:26)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

14

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.” (1 Corinthians 12:12)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

15

“This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.” (Ephesians 3:6)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

16

"In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."

(Ephesians 2:22)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

17

"But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose." (1 Corinthians 12:18)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

18

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:11–13)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

19

"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'" (Matthew 28:18–20)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

20

"If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together."

(1 Corinthians 12:26)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

21

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:7)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

22

“And not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.” (Colossians 2:19)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

23

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.” (Philippians 2:3)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

24

"Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another." (Ephesians 4:25)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

25

"As it is, there are many parts, yet one body." (1 Corinthians 12:20)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

26

“Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:25)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

27

“Even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.” (Ephesians 2:5)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

28

“And might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.” (Ephesians 2:16)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

29

“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.” (1 Corinthians 10:17)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

30

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” (1 Peter 2:9–10)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

31

*“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female,
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:28)*

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

SEPTEMBER

Christ-likeness

Christ-likeness is the clear goal God has for your life and mine. There is no higher calling for a follower of Christ than to be like Jesus. It is not a goal that any human can achieve; it is God and God alone working in us and through us, with our hearts yielded to his will and way, that forms Christ in us.

We do have a part—a critical and outcome-determinative role—yielding to God’s leading rather than yielding ourselves to the leading of our sinful flesh. Every thought we think, every word we speak (write, text, tweet), and every step/action we take is either toward Christ or away from him. There is no middle ground. God himself enables us to grow in Christ-likeness, but the ultimate decision is not forced by God—it is our choice to lay down our lives and take up our cross and follow Jesus . . . or not! My desire for me and for you is that we follow hard after Jesus—to have this one attitude “all in for Jesus Christ,” holding nothing back.

Remember, our goal each month is to listen closely to what God is saying and see what he would have us do in response to his Living Word—then do it!

1

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.” (Romans 8:28–29)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

2

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

3

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” (2 Corinthians 5:21)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

4

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

5

*“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head,
into Christ.” (Ephesians 4:15)*

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

6

“But I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father.” (John 14:31)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

7

“If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.” (John 15:10)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

8

“By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.” (1 John 3:16)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

9

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” (Matthew 5:43–44)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

10

“Then Peter came up and said to him, ‘Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.’” (Matthew 18:21–22)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

11

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:3–4)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

12

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.” (Philippians 2:5–7)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

13

“And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:8–11)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

14

“If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.” (John 13:14–15)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

15

"I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth." (John 17:15–17)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

16

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

17

“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.” (2 Corinthians 3:18)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

18

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” (John 17:20–21)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

19

“But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.” (Luke 5:15–16)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

23

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 6:1)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

24

“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.” (Matthew 6:7–8)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

25

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” (Matthew 6:33–34)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

26

“He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.” (Isaiah 53:7)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

27

“Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.” (James 1:19–21)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

“You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.” (Romans 8:9)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

29

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." (1 Corinthians 6:19–20)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

30

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 7:21)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

OCTOBER

Communion with God

Christianity is about relationship—us in relationship with God through Jesus Christ and us filled with the Holy Spirit. Christianity is not a religious thing; it is relational. We enter our relationship with God by being born again—born of the Spirit—by a gift from God (grace) as we believe/trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for eternal life. The entire rest of our relationship is one of communion with God.

Jesus says to you and to me, “Come to me” (Matthew 11:28). It’s not a system or a thing; it’s a personal love relationship. Our relationship with and in God grows as we enjoy communion with him. We have communion as we listen to God speaking to us through his Word the Holy Bible, through offering praise to God, through prayer to God, through interaction with other Christians who have Christ living in them also, and spiritually we connect and communicate. It has always been my sense that prayer (listening to the Word of God and speaking with God) is the heartbeat of communion with God and communion with God is the heartbeat of Christianity.

What is God showing/teaching us about our communion/relationship and fellowship with himself? What is he calling us to do in response to what he is showing us?

1

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

2

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

3

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.” (Hebrews 1:1–2)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

4

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.” (John 10:27–28)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

5

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." (Romans 10:17)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

6

“But he answered, ‘It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”” (Matthew 4:4)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

7

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

8

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3:16)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

9

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.” (Matthew 7:24–25)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

10

“And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” (Matthew 7:26–27)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

11

“So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

(Isaiah 55:11)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

12

“But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.” (Psalm 1:2–3)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

13

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

14

"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God." (Romans 8:14)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

15

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22–23)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

16

"Pray without ceasing." (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

17

“Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.” (Jeremiah 29:12)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

18

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

(Philippians 4:6–7)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

19

"He regards the prayer of the destitute and does not despise their prayer." (Psalm 102:17)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

20

“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” (Colossians 3:1–2)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

21

"Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Matthew 26:41)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

22

"And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Acts 2:21)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

“But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’” (Matthew 15:25)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” (Proverbs 3:5–6)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

25

“But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” (Matthew 6:6)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

“And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.” (Mark 11:25)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

27

“Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.” (Jeremiah 29:12)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

28

“Pray then like this: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’” (Matthew 6:9–13)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

29

“Bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.” (Luke 6:28)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

30

“Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.” (Jeremiah 33:3)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

31

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.” (Matthew 7:7–8)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

NOVEMBER

Challenges of Life

There is no person living, or who has ever lived, who has not/does not face challenges and difficulties. It is never a question of “if” you will face difficulties but rather “when.” This is the picture of all human beings, and as counterintuitive as it may be, the challenges are good things when measured from the viewpoint of eternity. We are not earthly beings who will one day go to a foreign land; we are heavenly citizens who are on a pilgrimage here on earth. God allows the struggles of life to prepare us, to transform us, to build us into Christ-likeness, which is his end goal for every person who is in Christ Jesus. He works all things together for our good and his glory (Romans 8:28).

God, what are you saying to me this month about trials and tribulations that I am going through, have gone through, will go through? Lord, help me to know how to respond to life in a way that honors you.

2

"No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." (1 Corinthians 10:13)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

3

“Man who is born of a woman is few of days and full of trouble.” (Job 14:1)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

4

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them." (Psalm 139:14–16)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

5

“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.” (Matthew 10:29–31)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

6

“For by him all things were created . . . all things were created through him and for him.”

(Colossians 1:16)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

7

“I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things.” (Isaiah 45:7)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

8

“Who has spoken and it came to pass, unless the Lord has commanded it? Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good and bad come? Why should a living man complain, a man, about the punishment of his sins?” (Lamentations 3:37–39)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

9

“Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.” (Ephesians 1:4)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

11

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." (James 1:2-4)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

12

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep." (Psalm 121:1-4)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

13

“The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.”

(Psalm 121:5–8)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

14

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

15

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

16

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28–30)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

18

“The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalm 27:1)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

19

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.” (Psalm 23:4)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

20

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22–23)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

21

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:27)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (Psalm 46:1)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

23

"If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,' even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you."

(Psalm 139:11–12)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

24

“Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.” (Psalm 55:22)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

“Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.” (Isaiah 49:13)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.” (John 14:1–3)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

27

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" (John 14:6)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." (Matthew 5:4)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

29

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

(Revelation 21:4)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:37–39)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

DECEMBER

The Second Coming of Jesus Christ

The scriptures this month focus on when Jesus comes back for his “Body”/“the Church” (the rapture), the times of tribulation (the period of seven years immediately after the rapture), the second coming of Christ, the millennial kingdom (the one-thousand-year reign of Christ), and the final judgment (the white throne judgment). Finally, we look forward to the new heaven and new earth where there will be no more tears, no more sickness, and we will live forever in the presence of God with all of the saints in Christ Jesus.

For those in Christ Jesus the second coming will be great; for all others it will be the great and terrible day of the Lord. We need to be knowledgeable, prepared, and ready.

Lord, as we think about and meditate on the end-time events as revealed in your Living Word, help us to meditate—to listen carefully—to receive all that you want us to have from these scriptures in Jesus’s name.

2

"Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come." (Mark 13:33)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

3

"Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing." (2 Timothy 4:8)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

4

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.” (Daniel 12:1)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

5

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.” (Malachi 4:1)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

6

“For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.” (Matthew 24:21)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

7

“Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” (Matthew 24:30–31)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

9

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’” (Luke 13:34–35)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

10

“And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.” (Hebrews 9:27–28)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

11

"Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. On that day there shall be no light, cold, or frost. And there shall be a unique day, which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but at evening time there shall be light." (Zechariah 14:5-7)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

12

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” (Revelation 3:20–22)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

14

“Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.” (1 Corinthians 4:5)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

15

“For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.” (1 Corinthians 15:22–24)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

16

“Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.” (1 Corinthians 15:51–53)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

17

“For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.” (1 Thessalonians 4:16–18)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

18

“Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction.” (2

Thessalonians 2:1–3)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

19

“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.” (Luke 21:34–36)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

21

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’” (Matthew 25:31–34)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

22

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’” (Matthew 25:35–40)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

23

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” (Matthew 25:41–46)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

24

“But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.” (2 Peter 3:8–9)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

25

“Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.” (2 Peter 3:11–13)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

26

“Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’” (Revelation 1:7–8)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

“Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.” (Revelation 20:4)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

28

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.” (Revelation 21:1–2)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

29

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.’” (Revelation 21:3–4)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

30

"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

(Revelation 22:12–13)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

31

"He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"

(Revelation 22:20)

What is God saying to you/how will you respond?

My prayer in response to what God is saying:

APPENDIX 1

Scriptures for Meditation

Isa. 40:31	Gen. 1:1	Isa. 53:5–6
1 Thess. 5:16–18	John 1:1–6	1 Pet. 1:3
Prov. 1:7	John 1:14	Ps. 100
Prov. 3:5–6	John 3:16–17	Rev. 4:11
Matt. 22:36–40	Ps. 119:11	Matt. 6:33
2 Chron. 7:14	Ps. 119:105	Rom. 8:28–29
Ps. 55:22	2 Tim. 3:16–17	Jer. 29:11
James 1:19–20	Deut. 6:6–7	1 John 1:7–10
Rom. 1:16–17	Josh. 1:8	1 Cor. 10:13
Rom. 3:23	Heb. 4:12	1 Pet. 5:7
Rom. 6:23	Heb. 4:16	Rom. 12:1–2
Rom. 5:8	1 John 5:14–15	Rom. 12:11–12
Rom. 10:9–10	1 John 5:11–13	Rom. 12:18
Eph. 2:8–10	John 14:1–6	2 Cor. 9:7
Gal. 2:16	John 14:27	Heb. 10:25
Gal. 2:20	Isa. 26:3	Prov. 15:1