

Devotional Diary 21 – 27 October 2013

Readings for the week (Thanks to gbod.org)

[Joel 2:23-32](#). (After the aftermath) The previous verses describe with graphic detail the destruction of Jerusalem and Judah. These verses speak of a restoration to come and later a time when God's Spirit would be poured out on ALL flesh with simultaneous portents in heaven and earth -- while the sky is dark and the moon blood red, people of all ages and stations will prophesy, see visions, and dream dreams.

[Psalm 65](#). A psalm of thanksgiving for fruitful times, especially for a successful harvest. To offer this psalm in response to Joel is to participate in the promise of abundance to come. Response: "Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices."

[2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18](#). "The time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race."

[Luke 18:9-14](#). A religious leader: "God, I thank you that I am not like other people. A tax collector: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Monday:

Adoration Focus: Psalm 150:1 Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Confession: In our confession this week we examine the barriers in our lives that stop us from humbling ourselves and worshipping God, allowing Him to embrace and kiss us in love and celebration. Today: self-righteousness.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: Each day we look at an area of concern. Lift up prayer needs that relate to this area. Today: Our home town.

Personal prayers: (Use this section to list people you need to pray for or situations of personal concern that you need to bring before God in prayer)

Dedication: I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go... Psalm 143:8

Tuesday:

Adoration Focus: Psalm 150:2 Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Confession: In our confession this week we examine the barriers in our lives that stop us from humbling ourselves and worshipping God, allowing Him to embrace and kiss us in love and celebration. Today: false dignity.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: Each day we look at an area of concern. Lift up prayer needs that relate to this area each day. Today: South Africa.

Personal Prayers:

Dedication: I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go... Psalm 143:8

Wednesday:

Adoration Focus: Psalm 150:6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Confession: In our confession this week we examine the barriers in our lives that stop us from humbling ourselves and worshipping God, allowing Him to embrace and kiss us in love and celebration. Today: feeling of being hard-done by.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: Each day we look at an area of concern. Lift up prayer needs that relate to this area each day. Today: Africa

Personal prayers:

Dedication: I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go... Psalm 143:8

Thursday:

Adoration Focus: Psalm 149:1 Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints.

Confession: In our confession this week we examine the barriers in our lives that stop us from humbling ourselves and worshipping God, allowing Him to embrace and kiss us in love and celebration. Today: Unforgiveness

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: Each day we look at an area of concern. Lift up prayer needs that relate to this area each day. Today: Middle East.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go... Psalm 143:8

Friday:

Adoration Focus: Psalm 149:3 Let them (us!) praise his name with dancing and make music to him with tambourine and harp.

Confession: In our confession this week we examine the barriers in our lives that stop us from humbling ourselves and worshipping God, allowing Him to embrace and kiss us in love and celebration. Today: hard heart.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: Each day we look at an area of concern. Lift up prayer needs that relate to this area each day. Today: Our world.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go... Psalm 143:8

Saturday:

Adoration Focus: Psalm 147:1 Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

Confession: In our confession this week we examine the barriers in our lives that stop us from humbling ourselves and worshipping God, allowing Him to embrace and kiss us in love and celebration. Today: boredom.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: Each day we look at an area of concern. Lift up prayer needs that relate to this area each day. Today: God's mission in this world.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go... Psalm 143:8

Sunday:

Adoration Focus: Psalm 147:7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God on the harp.

Confession: Today we don't focus on a barrier, just spend some time praising God and continuing to give us the barriers that you have focused on during the week.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: Each day we look at an area of concern. Lift up prayer needs that relate to this area each day. Today: The Churches that are all around us.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go... Psalm 143:8