

Monday, September 18 – Psalm 46

What is the significance of the word “present” in verse 1? Meditate on verse 6. What is so comforting about the voice of the Lord here which allows God’s people to be still in the midst of the storms of life? How does vs. 10 demonstrate the ultimate purpose of all things? Which purpose is also meant to swell our hearts with praise?

Tuesday, September 19 – 1 Samuel 14:1-15

Think about a time when you were greatly discouraged and felt overwhelmed by the circumstances of life. How would the words of Jonathan in verse 6 have helped you? Who are the Jonathans and armor-bearers in your life who demonstrate such faith and courage and spur you on to greater trust in the Lord?

Wednesday, September 20 – Mark 10:23-24

There are many times in the Bible where we read that people were amazed at something Jesus said or did. What amazes you about the gospel? Do you think folks who attend church today have that regular sense of amazement at the wonder of Jesus? Why or why not?

Thursday, September 21 – Psalm 139

Meditate on verse 4. What does this verse imply about the greatness of God? Read verses 1-3 and 23-24 which open and close this Psalm. Have you ever asked the Lord to “search” your heart and mind? What is the goal of such searching and how is it accomplished (see Heb. 4:12-13).

Friday, September 22 – Amos 5

What are the evils described in verses 10-13? How did the injustice of the people affect how the Lord viewed their worship (verses 21-23)? How does this chapter shed light on the biblical answer to the question – *is the Lord concerned with justice and righteousness in our society today?*

Saturday, September 23 – Revelation 19:1-5

What is the connection between the shout of “Hallelujah!” and the judgement of Babylon in this passage (pictured symbolically as the great prostitute corrupting the earth)? If you need help, consider the word “for” in verse 2. How does the fact that all God’s judgements “are true and just” lead you to praise Him today despite the existence of evil in this world?

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