4/27/20 Devotional

This is the ninth in our series of devotions. Let us consider Psalm 118:24.

*“This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. The Lord is God and he has made his light shine upon us. His love endures forever.”*

In Genesis we read: *“Let there be light and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness, and God called the light Day.”* Yom Tov is Hebrew for good day.

The psalms are songs and prayers by Jewish poets and kings. They are honest and heartfelt responses of faith to God. They put the events of life into a theological and spiritual framework.

In Ps. 118 a king leads the people of Israel in a liturgy of thanksgiving to God for deliverance after a battle. The king lifts his heart in gratitude to God for victory. He says: “*The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things. I will give you thanks for you answered me, you have become my salvation. The Lord has done this and it is marvelous in our eyes.* *This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. The Lord is God and he has made his light shine upon us. His love endures forever*.” It is day to rejoice.

We are living in difficult days. We are trying as a nation and world to cope under trying circumstances. We must deal with fear, death, sickness, economic issues, adversity, uncertainty and darkness. We are trying to navigate each day as it comes. We are looking to government, science and technology to help us get though these tough days. As Christians, we are also looking to God. We are looking to our faith and to the church to help us.

As believers we look at the idea of a day from a biblical and theological perspective. A day is not an accident or a phenomenon with no known cause or something trivial and expendable. The day is a creation of God. God is the author. Each day is holy and special. A day is a divine design. Every day is unique. Each day is a loan from God. Each day is God’s gift. Each day has value and significance. Each day has meaning. Each day has hope. Each day is a new beginning. You never know what each day might bring. We can look to tomorrow, but we know we can only live one day at a time. Each day provides opportunities and possibilities. Each day means we can worship, serve, witness, grow, learn and love God and others. Each day is to be appreciated.

Every day we have a chance to draw close to God and to share in the Kingdom of God. May we live it purposefully. May we make the most of it. Every day represents an eternal investment of our lives. Don’t underestimate what God can do in and through your life in a single day.

Begin each day spending time with God in prayer or devotions. God’s love and will is unchanging even in changing days. Even in dark days, as believers we can look to God and find a reason, even a small one, to rejoice. God has given us this day to worship and serve Him. *“This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.”*

Blessings always,

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