

GLORY DAYS**PSALM 25:1-9 BUL VS 1-5 ESV / PHILIPPIANS 2:1-14 ESV****MONDAY 10/2/23**

Psalm 25:1-9/// 1. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. 2 O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

Philippians 2:1-14/// So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

REFLECTION Take a moment to imagine what life would be like if everyone had the same mind as Christ. Well, one day, we will find out. When the new heaven and new earth appear we will all have the same mind of Christ. What does it mean to have the mind of Christ? It means our desires is God's desires. Our love is God's love. That gives me great encouragement. The process of having the mind of Christ begins when we are "born of the Spirit". This new life in Christ causes us to begin to think and act like Christ. The Philippians mutually cherished Christ and found harmony among themselves. When we exercise love for others we are responding to have fellowship of the Spirit. This is what makes us of one mind. When we have mutual feelings of humanity and mercy for someone we receive the greatest blessing of being united with Christ Jesus.

PRAYER On this day I lift up my soul to you Lord Jesus. You are my precious Savior, who I am learning to trust. Continue to help me put on your mind so may live in peace and harmony with others. In Jesus Name, Amen

TUESDAY 10/3/23

PSALM 25:1-9/// 3 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. 4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-14/// 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus] 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

REFLECTION Having this mind of Christ causes us to exercise humility and self awareness. Everyday we are invited by the Spirit of God to imitate Christ. I remember as a boy playing sand lot baseball. Each of us would imitate our favorite ball players as we went up to bat. Rocky Colavito was my man. It is a common rule of life we like to imitate who we admire. In the case of Christ we simply putting on the qualities of Christ by using your imaginations. The pattern of divine character has been wonderfully presented to us. The imitation of Jesus is very good way to live indeed. But let us also be mindful of the humility of Christ. This allows himself to be mocked and shamed. The astonishing thing is Jesus gave up the highest pinnacle of glory to the lowest point of human disgrace. He gave up all his kingly rights just for us. The Son of God descended from heaven, which seems unreasonable to us but essential to humanity. All of us struggle with our pride! Come to think of it, maybe that is the reason we shrink from prideful and arrogant people.

PRAYER O Lord God, I lift up my heart and I will wait on you. You are my faith God in good times and in hard times. Praise you for doing a good work in me. IJNA

WEDNESDAY 10/4/23

PSALM 25:1-9/// 5 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-14/// (But Christ) 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

REFLECTION When I hear the term emptied himself, I am think of a person who void of emotions No joy, no laughter, no peace just a shell of a human being. When Christ emptied himself he become like us. He became subjected to all the emotional, spiritual and physical suffering we experience. He too suffered s anguishing thoughts just like you and me. Luke 22:44 “And being in agony he (Jesus) prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.” ESV. His emptying of self allowed for him to be humbled and shame by people of this world. He was”being brought to nothing.” Christ, could not divest himself of Godhead, but he could concealed it from



the Jewish people. It was not fully seen until Easter morning the day of His resurrection from the dead. Christ was one person, consisting of two natures. He was the Son of God, and in reality equal to God. But the other nature was of human flesh manifested himself in the appearance of a servant. The principles of Jesus being emptied provide an avenue in which he could make human to human contact.

PRAYER Lord Jesus you are the man of truth. Continue to teach me your precepts and guide my hand, mouth and feet. For you are the Son of God who is my salvation. I wait for you. In Jesus Name Amen.

THURSDAY 10/5/23

PSALM 25:1-9/// 6 Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-14/// 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

REFLECTION As time went by Jesus proved himself to be the Son of God. His character shined by the miracles he preformed. His most excellences teaching drew thousands. John 1: 14 “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.” Jesus was born in the flesh, and his flesh was acting like a vail hiding His divine nature. As he prepared for the hour of his death he was greatly concerned about doing the will of God his Father. John 17:1-3 “ When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” Calvin writes: “Christ did not suffered upon the cross, so he might acquire what he did not possess. For it is God’s will through the Holy Spirit, that we should, in the death of Christ, see, and taste, and ponder, and feel, and recognize nothing but God’s unmixed goodness and the love of Christ toward us.” Christ was faithful to give his life for our sakes. Death is a heavy price to pay for sin. Those who listen, and obey God’s Word about his Son are redeemed from the pit of darkness. We are reconciled back to God and our righteousness is restored. We are fully cleansed from all our pollutants. The gates of life are flung opened wide and we sing praises to God as we enter into our eternal home. Can I get an Amen!

PRAYER Thank you heavenly Father for sending us your righteousness through your Son. He is pure and blameless and I praise His name. Hear my plea and heal my ailments and send your Spirit to lift up my mind upwards towards you. In Jesus Name Amen.

FRIDAY 10/6/23

PSALM 25:1-9/// 7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-14/// 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

REFLECTION Each Sunday we gather to worship means we are to give total adoration belonging exclusively to God. Now over the past several years “different types of worship” has cause worship wars. This is a big issue in the church today. The truth is many churches have lost what it means to humble themselves and approach God with honor and respect. Using a cell phone, or drinking cup of coffee, and eating a donut in the sanctuary during worship is not cool. Churches are so desperate to keep the doors open and draw the public in, they create spaces to meet societal norms. The temple of God, the house of our Father has always been a holy place of worship. A place where we bend our knees, and our hearts, and prepare our minds to receive God’s mercy, compassion, healing, forgiveness, and love. The proper worship of God is not merely with the inward expression of our hearts, but also by outward profession with our mouths. 1 Timothy 3:16 “Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.” Christ did not humble himself in his humanity alone, or his divinity alone. He was clothed in our flesh, and was concealed in it. But now God has given him the highest rank of honor, for he sits at his right hand of God the Father. All things are now subject to Christ. The completion of God redemptive plan is the day of resurrection.

PRAYER Lord God of creation, I ask this day to for forgive my pride and arrogance. My wanton lust, and my greedy desires. Please do not remember my sins of yesterday and my offenses against others. I pray for your steadfast love to surround my and keep me safe as I too attempt to shine Jesus’ love towards others. In Jesus Name Amen.

SATURDAY 10/7/23

PSALM 25:1-9/// 8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. 9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-14/// 12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. 14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing,

REFLECTION Every Christian is working out their own salvation with “fear and trembling”. When we first try to read and study the Word of God we see our sinful nature fighting against us. We are afraid to humble ourselves and receive the Lord’s hand of grace. I was listening to a comic Jeff Allen on Dry Bar talking about how torn he was about reading the Bible. One day he was walking by a box filled with tapes of the Bible. He had received them for years sent by a golfing buddy. As he was walked by them one day he heard this voice in his head say, “ there is nothing in those tapes for you.” He thought where did that crazy idea come from. So he fought that voice and started to listen to those tapes and soon came to accept Christ. When we laying aside our arrogance and pride and start hear the words of God something amazing happens. I have heard similar stories from many people telling me the same thing. They too, discovered God’s gentle hand (invisible hand) guiding our listening. That is the power of this statement: When “people listen” to the Word of God, spoken or read out loud, “God speaks”. When “people respond” or obey, means we lay down our swords of arrogance and pride and submit to God. “God acts” by drawing us nearer and near to His Son. People are “changed” by this drawing which is the works of the Holy Spirit. Phillipians 2 “13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure’. Praise God this Sunday by humbling yourself and receive his eternal blessings.

PRAYER It is good and upright to praise your holy name Lord Jesus because you are my Savior from this life and death. You give me clear instructions on what sin is controlling me. Humble me and guide me as I learn to be filled with your grace. In Jesus Name Amen.



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