

PSALM 114

WHEN Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language;

2 Judah was his sanctuary, *and* Israel his dominion.

3 The sea saw *it*, and fled: Jordan was driven back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *and* the little hills like lambs.

5 What *ailed* thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, *that* thou wast driven back?

6 Ye mountains, *that* ye skipped like rams; *and* ye little hills, like lambs?

7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;

8 Which turned the rock *into* a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

PSALM 115

NOT unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, *and* for thy truth's sake.

2 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where *is* now their God?

3 But our God *is* in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

4 Their idols *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

5 They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:

6 They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:

7 They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

8 They that make them are like unto them; *so is* every one that trusteth in them.

9. O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he *is* their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD: he *is* their help and their shield.

11 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he *is* their help and their shield.

12 The LORD hath been mindful of us: he will bless *us*; he will bless

the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron.

13 He will bless them that fear the LORD, *both* small and great.

14 The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

15 Ye *are* blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth.

16 The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

17 The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence.

18 But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the LORD.

PSALM 116

I LOVE the LORD, because he hath heard my voice *and* my supplications.

2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon *him* as long as I live.

3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

5 Gracious *is* the LORD, and

righteous; yea, our God *is* merciful.

6 The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.

8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, *and* my feet from falling.

9 I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

10. I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted:

11 I said in my haste, All men *are* liars.

12 What shall I render unto the LORD *for* all his benefits toward me?

13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

14 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.

15 Precious in the sight of the LORD *is* the death of his saints.

16 O LORD, truly I *am* thy servant; I *am* thy servant, *and* the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.

17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people,

19 In the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 117

OPRAISE the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

2 For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD *endureth* for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 118

OGIVE thanks unto the LORD; for *he is good*: because his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 Let Israel now say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

3 Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

4 Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

5 I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, *and set me* in a large place.

6 The LORD *is* on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

7 The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall

I see *my desire* upon them that hate me.

8 *It is* better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

9 *It is* better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

10 All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them.

11 They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

12 They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

13 Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me.

14 The LORD *is* my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation *is* in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

19. Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, *and* I will praise the LORD:

20 This gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter.

21 I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

22 The stone *which* the builders refused is become the head *stone* of the corner.

23 This is the LORD'S doing; it *is* marvellous in our eyes.

24 This *is* the day *which* the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

26 Blessed *be* he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

27 God *is* the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, *even* unto the horns of the altar.

28 Thou *art* my God, and I will praise thee: *thou art* my God, I will exalt thee.

29 O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

These Psalms are Psalms of great praise. They are also sometimes called the Hallel Psalms—meaning praise.

Like Psalm 113, they were probably sung by families on the night of the Passover. Psalms 113 and 114 were probably sung at the beginning of the meal, and Psalms 115—118 at the close of the meal. They, also, must have been hymns that Jesus and the disciples sang at the Last Supper.

Psalm 114 is a song of exodus, recalling the wonders and miracles of Israel's deliverance out of Egypt.

Psalm 117 is a summons to all the people to praise the Lord, It is also the middle chapter of the Bible, and the shortest, but its two verses contain a tremendous message. They emphasize praise to the Lord by all people, for His mercy and for His truth, which shall endure forever.

Psalm 118 was Jesus' farewell hymn to His disciples as He left the Passover on His way to Gethsemane and Calvary. Note especially verse 24: "This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

This is certainly a day for rejoicing. And each of us should thank our heavenly Father for the indepen-

dence He has given our nation. Our nation was founded on godly principles, by a group of dedicated men who were willing to fight for freedom. God has honored and blessed our country above all countries on the face of the earth. Each of us should be thankful for the God-given privilege of being Americans.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance" (Proverbs 6:34).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 23: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 7.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1826

THOMAS JEFFERSON AND JOHN ADAMS DIED.

I've often considered it very interesting that this should be on the same day. And on Independence Day! And, for Thomas Jefferson, his death occurred 50 years to the day of the signing of his famous document, the Declaration of Independence. Pray for our present leaders today.

1826

STEPHEN FOSTER WAS BORN.

Again, how interesting that one generation— represented by Jefferson and Adams—moves off the scene exactly the same time that another generation of Americans—represented by Stephen Foster— comes on the scene. Some of our grandest old songs have come from the pen of this man.

1827

IMPORTATION OF SLAVES WAS ABOLISHED IN THE UNITED STATES.

Pray for our Negro brethren today.

1828

THE FIRST UNITED STATES RAILROAD PASSENGER SERVICE.

On this date the first United States railroad passenger service was begun. It was horse-drawn.

1872

THE BIRTHDAY OF CALVIN COOLIDGE.

1904

THE FIRST PACIFIC CABLE WAS OPENED.

President Theodore Roosevelt sent a message around the world. It came back to him in twelve minutes. Think of this miracle and thank God for this step of progress.

INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Of course, this is also Independence Day. The 4th of July has long been a great day in the life of our nation. Of course, it is a holiday. Many of us will want to have picnics; many will go on outings; many will see friends and loved ones for the first time in weeks, months, or maybe years; however, do not let this day pass without thanking God for our independence. Pray that God will keep us this way as long as there is an America or until Jesus comes.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1900

DANIEL LOUIS (“SATCHMO”) ARMSTRONG BORN in New Orleans, Louisiana.

1776

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE ADOPTED.

A section denouncing the slave trade was deleted.

1827

SLAVERY ABOLISHED IN NEW YORK STATE.

1868

GEORGIA LEGISLATURE (34 BLACK, 186 WHITE) MET in Atlanta.

1875

WHITE DEMOCRATS KILLED SEVERAL BLACKS IN TERRORIST ATTACKS in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

1881

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON ESTABLISHED TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE. Also founded in 1881 were Spelman College, Morris Brown College, and Bishop College.

1972

NAACP CONVENTION ADOPTED EMERGENCY RESOLUTION charging that President Nixon was “leading the mob in its assault upon the Fourteenth Amendment’s Equal Protection clause.”

1970

MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED PERSONS WERE INJURED IN RIOTING in Asbury Park, New Jersey.

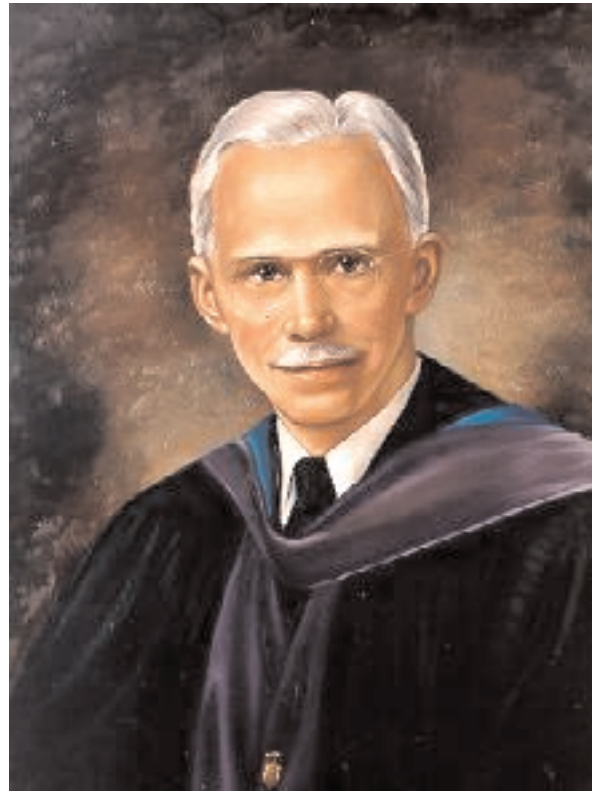
A Christian Life . . .

ALVA J. McCLAIN (1888-1968)

Alva J. McClain, the founder and first president of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College, was born in Iowa and later grew up in Sunnyside, Washington. Shortly after his marriage to Josephine Gingrich in 1911, he and his wife were saved under the preaching of Dr. L.S. Bauman. He had been attending the University of Washington, but removed to Los Angeles, where he attended the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and sat under the teaching of Dr. R.A. Torrey.

Upon graduating from Biola, he enrolled in Xenia Theological Seminary and completed work for the B.D. and Th.M. degrees—following which he was called to the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia, where he served from 1918 to 1923. During the pastorate he taught at the Philadelphia School of the Bible. Because of ill health, he resigned and removed to California, where he finished his work for the A.B. degree at Occidental College, graduating as valedictorian. Later he was awarded the honorary degree of LL.D. at Bob Jones University, and the D.D. degree at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

In 1925 and 1926, he served as professor of Bible at Ashland College. In 1927-1929 he taught Christian theology at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. In 1930, the first graduate school of theology in the Brethren Church was organized at Ashland College under his leadership, where he served as its first academic dean and professor of Christian theology.



In 1937 Grace Theological Seminary was organized under his direction, and as first president and professor of Christian theology, he served from 1937 to 1962.

Dr. McClain authored many short treatises, but will be remembered for his monumental work on Christian theology, *The Greatness of the Kingdom*, one of seven volumes he had projected concerning the entire scope of Christian faith. He will long be remembered as scholar, theologian, educator, master teacher, and Christian gentleman.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "SOME FOLK CANNOT FORGIVE"

(Assignment 23)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning" link back on the DailyKJV page.)

You must.

() Matthew 6:15

But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

You can.

() Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

You will be tormented if you do not.

() Matthew 18:34

And his Lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

The heavenly Father will exert this judgment.

() Matthew 18:35

So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Able when God's power works in us.

() Ephesians 3:20

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.