

PSALM 120

A Song of degrees.

IN my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me.

2 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, *and* from a deceitful tongue.

3 What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?

4 Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper.

5. Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, *that* I dwell in the tents of Kedar!

6 My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.

7 I *am* for peace: but when I speak, they *are* for war.

PSALM 121

A Song of degrees.

IWILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

2 My help *cometh* from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel

shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD *is* thy keeper: the LORD *is* thy shade upon thy right hand.

6 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

PSALM 122

A Song of degrees of David.

IWAS glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

2 Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:

4 Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.

5 For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

6. Pray for the peace of

Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy walls, *and* prosperity within thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace *be* within thee.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good.

PSALM 123

A Song of degrees.

UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes,
O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

2 Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* unto the hand of their masters, *and* as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes *wait* upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, *and* with the contempt of the proud.

PSALM 124

A Song of degrees of David.

IF *it had not been* the LORD who was on our side, now may Israel say;

2 If *it had not been* the LORD

who was on our side, when men rose up against us:

3 Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:

4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul:

5 Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

6. Blessed *be* the LORD, who hath not given us *as* a prey to their teeth.

7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

8 Our help *is* in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 125

A Song of degrees.

THEY that trust in the LORD *shall be* as mount Zion, *which* cannot be removed, *but* abideth for ever.

2 As the mountains *are* round about Jerusalem, so the LORD *is* round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

3 For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

4. Do good, O LORD, unto *those*

that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.

5 As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: *but peace shall be upon Israel.*

PSALM 126

A Song of degrees.

WHEN the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.

3 The LORD hath done great things for us; *whereof* we are glad.

4. Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.

5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him.*

PSALM 127

A Song of degrees for Solomon.

EXCEPT the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh *but* in vain.

2 *It is* vain for you to rise up

early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: *for* so he giveth his beloved sleep.

3 Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD: *and* the fruit of the womb *is his* reward.

4 As arrows *are* in the hand of a mighty man; so *are* children of the youth.

5 Happy *is* the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

PSALM 128

A Song of degrees.

BLESSED *is* every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways.

2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy *shalt* thou be, and *it shall be* well with thee.

3 Thy wife *shall be* as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.

5 The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, *and* peace upon Israel.

PSALM 129

A Song of degrees.

MANY a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Israel now say:

2 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me.

3 The plowers plowed upon my back: they made long their furrows.

4 The LORD *is* righteous: he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.

5. Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.

6 Let them be as the grass *upon* the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up:

7 Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.

8 Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of the LORD *be* upon you: we bless you in the name of the LORD.

PSALM 130

A Song of degrees.

OUT of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD.

2 Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my

supplications.

3 If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

4 But *there is* forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

5. I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

6 My soul *waiteth* for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: *I say, more than* they that watch for the morning.

7 Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD *there is* mercy, and with him *is* plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

PSALM 131

A Song of degrees of David.

LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.

2 Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul *is* even as a weaned child.

3 Let Israel hope in the LORD from henceforth and for ever.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Psalms 120—134 are often called songs of ascent or pilgrim songs. Very likely they were designed to be set to music and sung by the pilgrims as they traveled up to the feast at Jerusalem.

Psalm 121 is a Psalm of faith-keeping and protection. Its theme is that God never fails His own. Many times, when preachers conduct funeral services, they read this Psalm. It comforts when mortal lips cannot suffice. One needs only to lift up his eyes and heart to Him. The Lord never slumbers; He never sleeps; and He keeps us safe and secure by day and night, through troubles and trials, heartaches and toils. When we are in submission to Him, He keeps us from evil and preserves our souls unto the day of the return of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Note especially verses 5 and 6 of Psalm 126, “They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.” These two verses are, in particular, speaking about witnessing and soul-winning for the Lord. God has told us that we are saved for a definite purpose—to reproduce spiritually. The only way we can do this is to plant the seeds of God’s Word in the minds and hearts of those about us. When we are broken-hearted for a lost loved one, and we share with them what God has done for us, the promise of Psalm 126:6 is that we shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us. What a great promise this is!

PROVERB FOR TODAY

“Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength” (Proverbs 8:14).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

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

BIRTHDAYS TODAY

TWANISHA BAKER
GWENDOLYN FISHER
CARL HENDERSON

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1898
HAWAII WAS ANNEXED.

Pray for the Christians in Hawaii, especially for those who labor as missionaries and pastors.

DAYS OF FASTS AND CHEERFUL FEASTS FOR JUDAH.

Zechariah 8:19 tells us that these were the days of the fasts and cheerful feasts for Judah. Let us look at these one at a time:

1. *The Fasts*

Fasting was certainly a Bible doctrine. Not only was it helpful to the health and a part of religious exercise but the main thing is that a fast accompanied repentance, sorrow for sin, etc. One time when Jesus was on the mountain, His return found a boy running and gnashing his teeth for he was possessed with devils. His father told Jesus that he had been to the apostles and asked them to help, and they could not. Jesus healed the boy, and after a season the disciples came secretly to Jesus and said, “Why could not we do this?” And Jesus said, “This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting” (Mark 9:29). There are some things that we can only get by prayer and fasting. Far too many of us try to do supernatural work in natural power. God help us to get back to New Testament Christianity.

2. *Cheerful Feasts*

There is a tremendous need for a revival of joy and cheerfulness in Christianity. We oftentimes leave the impression with the world that Christianity is something to endure and because we do endure it we may enjoy Heaven some day. This is certainly not true. Living for Christ on earth is Heaven on earth. Billy Bray, as he died, was asked, “What if you are wrong and you go to Hell?”

He simply shouted, “Bless God, I will just praise the Lord in Hell and thank Him for having such a wonderful time on earth being born again.”

Then they suggested that the devil would probably come to him and say, “Billy, you can’t shout down here.”

Then Billy declared he would say, “Well, I’d just as soon not stay here anyway so I will praise the Lord and shout His praises all the way to Heaven.”

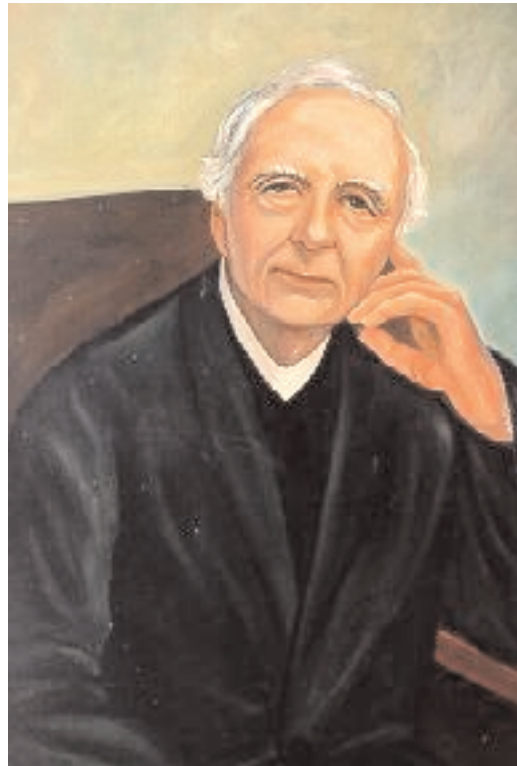
How we need a taste of this! I have often thought that if there were no Heaven and no Hell, I would still want to be a child of God for the joy of serving Christ here on earth.

A Christian Life . . .

FREDERICK BROTHERTON MEYER (1847-1929)

English Baptist clergy-

man. F.B. Meyer was born in London and educated at Brighton College. Between 1870 and 1895 he held several successful pastorates. Between the years 1872 and 1874 he met D.L. Moody and introduced him to the British churches. During much of Meyer's ministry he engaged in social work and temperance work. He headed a movement to close saloons, was the force in closing nearly 500 immoral houses, and labored for the reclamation of released prisoners. In 1904 to 1905 he served as president of the National Federation of Free Churches, and thereafter was evangelist for that organization, conducting missions in South Africa and the Far East. For many years he was closely associated with the Keswick Conferences. He died in his 82nd year.



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.