

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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In music or in reading or in movies we identify with the subject or the person. Some identify with the ballads or country; God forbid, and some with the “C”rap-hip-hop, and for the Christian we identify with the songs of redemption – “I’m Redeemed” or the hope of His return - “Some Golden Daybreak”, and the desire to be like Jesus – “Oh to be Like Thee.”

Who hasn’t found himself or herself in reading the psalms? Perhaps it is when felt trapped in our circumstances. Ps 31:4 Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou *art* my strength.

Or perhaps it is when we felt estranged from others. Ps 31:11 I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without fled from me.

Ps 31:12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel.

- Hopefully we can identify with the psalmist’s faith.

Ps 31:1 In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

Ps 31:7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities;

Ps 31:14 But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my God.

The blessed element in reading the Bible and identifying with the subject or writer is we also absorb the spiritual element in it. We might not be fully aware of its effect but there is a strengthening of the inner man. There is a peace and comfort to the soul and it builds hope. Ps 31:24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.

Another result from reading the Bible is we develop a spiritual perspective on life and what is right and wrong.

Ps 31:6 I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the LORD.

Ps 31:18 Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

It builds our appreciation of the Lord.

Ps 31:19 *Oh* how great *is* thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; *which* thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

Ps 31:21 Blessed *be* the LORD: for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.

May this serve as a reminder for us to have a daily intake of the words of God. Remember what Jesus said, “.man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

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Ps 31:16 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake.

“WHAT WILL YEAR 2024 BRING?”

Intro. I make no predications, no psychic ability, but biblical prophecy and biblical promptings

Year of Rebellion

Year of Righteous Living

Year of Redemption

Year of Rejoicing

Year of Recompence

Tonight at 5:00 “New Testament Example”

Monday at 4:45 Hiawatha Care Center – You can help take time to pray

Wed. at 5:30 Visitation – pray ye the Lord of the harvest

Wed. at 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer

Missionary of the week: Hauser – great need in view of their accident

Light might well be good since it sprang from that fiat of goodness, "Let there be light." We who enjoy it should be more grateful for it than we are, and see more of God in it and by it. Light *physical* is said by Solomon to be sweet, but *gospel* light is infinitely more precious, for it reveals eternal things, and ministers to our immortal natures. When the Holy Spirit gives us *spiritual* light, and opens our eyes to behold the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, we behold sin in its true colours, and ourselves in our real position; we see the Most Holy God as He reveals Himself, the plan of mercy as He propounds it, and the world to come as the Word describes it. Spiritual light has many beams and prismatic colours, but whether they be knowledge, joy, holiness, or life, all are divinely good. If the light received be thus good, what must the *essential* light be, and how glorious must be the place where He reveals Himself. O Lord, since light is so good, give us more of it, and more of Thyself, the true light.

No sooner is there a good thing in the world, than *a division is necessary*. Light and darkness have no communion; God has divided them, let us not confound them. Sons of light must not have fellowship with deeds, doctrines, or deceits of darkness. The children of the day must be sober, honest, and bold in their Lord's work, leaving the works of darkness to those who shall dwell in it for ever.