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Foreword

Daily Manna is a “Heart Felt - Spirit Led” Devotional that is considered easy to read and designed to encourage, uplift and challenge the reader.

You will be refreshed with the Lord’s strength and renewed with joy as you learn how to enjoy a life with God through these daily prayers and apply them to your daily lives.

These Compilations of Daily Manna Devotions will inspire you with hope and gratitude as you lay down your cross and listen to God's still small voice while falling in love with Him all over again.

I have known Pastor Duane for years. He is gifted to teach a simple, balanced, uncompromised, Word of God in a manner that all can grasp easily and this would also make this a perfect gift to the loved ones in your life.

Bob Farmer

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TODAY'S MANNA

Chapter 1: Trust in the Lord with all your heart

*F*ear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.

Proverbs 29:25 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

What man should we fear? No man! Fear is such a paralyzing emotion. It robs us of courage and vitality, it removes our decision-making ability, and our strength. It causes us to do things we know we shouldn't and that we always regret afterwards. Fear is the opposite of faith.

Courage helps us step out of fear's paralysis and into victory. But this kind of courage only comes to us when we fully understand our position in Christ. If we are in faith and trusting God there can be no room for fear in our lives. Satan cannot take our mind, our attitude, and most of all, he cannot take our relationship with God unless we let him do so. A relationship given to us through Jesus, as long as we trust in the Lord our God

and stay in faith. Perfect love casts out all fear. And there is NO room for fear when your spirit is full of 'Faith', faith in God and what He is and can do!

MY PRAYER...

Mighty Redeemer, thank You for triumphing over all that I would in the natural man fear. Thank you that You have not only given me Jesus in whom I trust, but a hope by which I can live victoriously. Thank You that you have not given me a spirit of fear, but of love, power, and a sound mind through my Conquering King and Lord, Jesus. In the mighty name of Jesus, I thank you. Amen.

Chapter 2: Do you dwell in The Secret Place?

*He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*

Psalms 91:1 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Do you dwell (live and abide) in the Secret Place of "El Elyown", the Most High God? Do you dwell (live and abide) under the shadow of "El Shaddai", The Almighty God? No matter how we are attacked or persecuted if we are in that secret place of the Most High God no evil can befall us, no foe can touch us. Look closely at this verse.

My God is the Most High God, there isn't nobody, no other God, isn't nothing that's as High and as 'Big' or as 'Powerful' as He is! He's the Almighty, the most powerful, the all in all, He's anything and everything you could possibly want or need! But you can't be doing your own thing, you must abide in Him.

You must walk and live and dwell in His shadow if you expect to receive from Him. You must allow Him to guide and direct your life. You must be in constant

fellowship with Him and with His Word. His Word is life and health to all your flesh.

MY PRAYER...

Holy Father God, thank You for being my Fortress and my Refuge in life's storms. Thank You Lord that You have covered me over and have delivered me from all evil. Lord thank You that I can abide in that secret place with You at all times and that You are my comfort and my strength when I am weak.

Thank You Lord for placing Your angels with charge over me to keep me in all my ways. Lord, thank You that when I set my love upon You, You deliver me from life's trials and that You know my name! That You have called me by Your name. Through Jesus, my Lord and Savior, I offer my thanks and praise. Amen.

Chapter 3: Are you a slacker?

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

The lord has promised that all who call (from their heart, truly mean it, not just with lip service) on His name will be saved. Because He has already saved them through the Cross.

He is waiting patiently for each and every man, woman, and child to call on Him. He hasn't picked and chosen amongst us just certain ones, as certain sects believe. He wants us ALL, the choice is ours. He is waiting to complete His spotless church. He has already provided for our (every man, woman, and child on the face of the earth) salvation, redemption, healing, prosperity, deliverance, and all things that pertain to life and Godliness that are part of that salvation.

He's just waiting for us to call on Him and claim what He

has already given us. He is waiting for us to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, so that He can add all those other things unto us. Won't you do that today? Won't you extend your faith in Him. Draw near to Him and He said He would draw near to us.

MY PRAYER...

Precious Father, Great and Patient Ancient One, please continue to empower me with the boldness of Your Holy Spirit that I might lead my loved ones and dear friends to repentance in You.

That I may walk in the light of Glory and that You will be shone forth in all that I say and do. So that when Jesus returns for His special people, His spotless church, they may share in the joy and eternal life that Jesus has bought for us through His death, burial, and resurrection. In Jesus name I pray Father. Amen.

Chapter 4: God's promises are always 'Yes' & 'Amen'!

But as God is faithful, our word to you was not Yes and No. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us by me, Silvanus, and Timothy was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes.

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

--2 Cor. 1:18-20 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

None, not one of God's promises are anything but yes and amen! God does not have any "No" answers or "I'm sorry not today in His New Testament!"

When a child of God asks Him for something according to His Word, it is always "Yes and Amen!" It may not be for right now though, it is always in His good timing not ours. If you are hearing No after asking God for something according to His Word, you are not hearing God's answer!

My question then is "Who are you hearing from?" You may not hear any answer if you are asking amiss, it

must be according to His Word. That means you must first know His Word before you ask. Remember, His Word is His Will! And you must be walking with Him in your life.

MY PRAYER...

Heavenly Father, Thank You for being my all in all. Thank You for having nothing but good answers for me when I ask you for something.

Thank You Lord that I can place my trust in You, that I can rely on You when all else seems dim and gloomy. Father, thank You that you are always there willing and ready to answer me with Yes child and Amen daughter. In Jesus name, Father I thank You for Your loving care for me. Amen.

Chapter 5: Is the Lord with you?

In my anguish I cried to the Lord, and he answered by setting me free. The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

--Psalm 118:5-6 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

The past few years have been a trying time for many people of the world. Tsunamis, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tornados, mass shootings, recent firestorms in California, Arizona, Washington, and other states.

A president and congress who ignore our Constitution, the threat of Socialism in America, forced health care, the loss of jobs and income and all kinds of other happenings. Maybe it's been that way for you or those you love. My prayer for you, and for them, is that they may know the comfort of God's presence, His peace that passes all understanding. Whether it's the popular little poem "Footprints" or the old familiar "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me," the presence of the Lord and our trust in Him is absolutely vital to be able to stand up against our anguish! Remember the words

from Psalm 91, "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

The Lord longs to be with us, especially at those moments when we feel most alone. He told us that by experiencing it himself at the cross. The way we experience His presence is to draw near to Him, through reading and meditating His Word, through prayer, and fasting, and through praise and Worship of Him.

If you'll take one step toward Him and trust in Him in everything, He'll take two steps toward you! When you feel the world pressing in, then press in to God, step in to the shadow of the All Mighty and feel secure under His wings!

MY PRAYER...

I am thankful, Father God, that You refuse to be my God from a safe distance. Because You came and felt what it was like to be abandoned, forsaken, and alone, I know I can trust that I will never be forsaken by You. Please give me a clearer sense of Your presence with me in my life today.

Lord as I draw near to You I know that You will draw near to me, You have promised me so in Your Word. Father, I ask that for everyone who reads this and

makes a new effort to draw nearer to You that You will not only draw near to them, but that You will make Your presence known to them in a very special way for each one. This I pray in the mighty name of Jesus, my special friend. Amen

Chapter 6: Will you be one of those arrayed in white robes?

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

--Revelation 7:13-15 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE(s)...

Arrayed in white robes, taken out of tribulation, (out of the battle and strife) and set before the Throne of God! Can you think of anything better than that? Because we have been washed in the Blood of the Lamb we will serve Him day and night and He will dwell among us. Glory to God, can someone shout Praise the Lord!

What can wash away my sins?

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus!

What can make me white as snow?

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus!

MY PRAYER...

Holy Father, praise the glorious Name of Jesus.

Exalt His Name for evermore. Lord thank You for the robe of white that clothes me round about.

For the robe of righteousness that You have clothed me with. Thank You Lord for taking me out of the tribulations of this world and placing me high above in heavenly places with You.

Thank You Lord that You have come to dwell amongst us and in us, as we are now the temple of the living God. Thank You Lord for calling me to serve You and anointing me to do the work of Your ministry.

Though I was not worthy You have Called me and have promoted me within Your Army. I thank You Lord for the privilege to serve you and for all You have given me.

In Jesus' Holy name and by the power of His Blood I pray. Amen.

Chapter 7: Resist the devil and he will flee

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

1 Peter 5:8-9 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Notice that it says we must be self-controlled and alert! We must do our part first. The devil (Satan) is real, whether you believe it or not. He and his power, and 1/3 of the angels that chose to follow him when he was cast out of heaven, are here on this earth and their only intention is to bring harm and discord to our lives.

Satan is the father of all lies and the devil only comes to steal, kill, and destroy. But let's not spend our time worrying about him and what he's doing. Notice it said that the devil was looking for whom he can devour. That means you must be devourable or he can't touch you! How do you stay un-devourable? Be IN JESUS.

Be so full of God, His Word, and the Holy Spirit that

there just isn't any room left for even the smallest things to scrunch in. Let's just resist him and his demon cohorts and when we are tempted let's just focus on Jesus. Jesus has already defeated Satan and his bunch, He's the one who triumphed over Satan, hell, death, and the grave.

He made a show of the devil openly and then Jesus gave us the keys to hell, death, and the grave. He gave us His Name to use to resist the devil. My victory is already assured me in and through Jesus, my Lord! Satan trembles at the name of Jesus and he will flee if he knows Jesus is living in you. You can't make the devil run, but Jesus living and working inside you can. Just knowing about Jesus isn't enough. It did help the seven sons of Sceva at all!

They knew about Jesus and Paul, but the demons still tore them up! Because they did not know Jesus personally.

Make sure you are abiding in the shadow of the Almighty and then let him know Jesus is living in you!

MY PRAYER...

Thank you, Father God, for sending Your Son Jesus to break the evil one's power over us. Through the death of Jesus and His triumph You have assured me that I can

live life more abundantly, that I have power over the evil one through Jesus.

Father I thank You that through Jesus I have a relationship and an everlasting covenant of life with You. Today, however, I thank You that You have made me victorious through Christ who strengthens me. In Jesus name, I pray. Amen.

Chapter 8: What can fill that void in our inner man and satisfy us?

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

--Psalm 73:25-26 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

What can truly fulfill and sustain us? What is there that can fill that void in our inner man (our spirit man) besides the one who created us and wants His spirit in us?

Maybe the best way to answer these questions is by asking another: What can we keep when our bodies are placed silently in their graves at the death of this flesh that we currently live in?

When our bodies return to the dust of the earth that they came from, what will we have? You must realize that we are spirit and live for eternity as a spirit. Only God and our relationship with God by our spirit will last beyond the grave, (or if you are not a Christian, the

devil and Hell.) If He is what lasts, then how can we displace Him for anything else that doesn't last now?

MY PRAYER...

Mighty Yahweh, My Strength and My Shield, Keeper of the Covenant and Creator of all that was, is, and ever will be. You are my hope, my strength and my future, my "High Tower".

I live this day in wide open amazement that the keeper of the universe knows my name, hears my voice, and cares for me personally.

That He has adopted me as one of His own and made me an heir to His Throne.

Thank You Lord for being my past, my present, and my future, for being the Great I Am in my life. Through my Savior, Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Chapter 9: Yesterday is gone, finished, past, over, and forgotten let it go!

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

--Isaiah 43:18-19 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S MANNA:

Dou cannot change what happened yesterday.

Yesterday is gone, finished, past, over, and forgotten.

We cannot reclaim it or undo it.

We cannot rest on the things it has brought us. When tomorrow dawns, it will be another day, a new opportunity, and the time to once again show forth our faith in Jesus as Lord.

Let's journey forward, knowing that God already inhabits the future just like He does the present and just like He did the past. He promises to provide us refreshment, and rest in Him. God makes a way where we don't seem to see one, but if we trust in Him and rely on Him through faith and seek to do His will, He will

always keep His Word to us. God gift of salvation was given to ALL mankind. Will you receive it?

MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Lord of all eternity, please help me to learn from my mistakes but not to dwell on them. Please help me not to rest on my own accomplishments in the past, but to use them to further Your work in me and through me. Please help me not quarrel with those who may have injured me yesterday, or last month. Instead, Father, lead me in Your paths and help me see Your mighty works in this coming year.

Father, help me to trust in You for all things and in all ways. In Jesus name and by the power of His Holy Spirit, I ask it. Amen.

Chapter 10: Did you know we are to love our enemies?

But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward shall be great, and you shall be the sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

--Luke 6:35 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

As Christians we are supposed to do and act like our Precious Lord did when He walked on this earth. He says we are to love our enemies and do good to and for them.

If we show forth His love to those who are in need and those who would despise and use us, to those where we know we will not get a return back from them, we will receive His reward. He will receive us as His children, children of the most High God.

Heirs to the Kingdom of righteousness. And we show forth the true meaning of Christianity -- being "Christ" like!

MY PRAYER...

Father I thank You that You have not asked us to do something that You have not already done Yourself and that You have not already equipped us to do.

For You have given us Your grace, Your mercy, and Your strength to cope with the things of this world. You have given us a Name that is above all other names. That You sent forth Your Son Jesus, my Lord and Savior, because You so loved the world.

The strength and grace You sent through Him more than equips me to carry out Your will. Thank You Father, for the reward You have reserved in heaven for me and for the blessings bestowed upon me now and for the grace to continue to do Your will here on earth. Father I give You all praise and glory in Jesus' wonderful name. Amen.

Chapter 11: Have you ever really just blew it?

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:23-24 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

"I blew it man!" I've messed up. I've sinned against my friends and my family and most importantly of all, against God. Come to think of it, we've all blown it at some point in time, we've all sinned, whether we think we have or not.

In fact, we were all born with a sin nature the moment we came into this world. We didn't then and we don't now measure up to God's standard. We're not divine and we surely haven't arrived at perfection!

We might be decent, but decent won't make the grade with God. We might be good, but good won't pass God's righteousness test. Only those who are without sin, the truly righteous, make it past the grave into everlasting glory. How then can a mere man make it? Thank God that His grace has been freely given and the

price for our sin was already paid by Jesus on the cross for us. While I "blew it" and you "blew it", Jesus redeemed us! Jesus put away our (yours who don't think you've sinned) sin. It was put away, forgiven and forgotten by the Blood of Jesus that we might be the righteousness of God through Him. There by securing a place in heaven for us for eternity.

MY PRAYER...

Kind and Loving Father, thank You for being so generous with Your grace. Thank You for loving Your children so much that You made a way for us where there was no way or hope. You sent Your only begotten Son, the treasure of heaven, to pay the price for my sin, for our sin, once and for all.

May I be as passionate for Your righteousness as You were in redeeming me from my sin. Through the Blood of Jesus I ask this. Amen.

Chapter 12: Are you held in the Lord's hand?

The Lord says, "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Remember, fear is the opposite of faith. Fear will cause us to lose our will power and leave us feeling desperate and hopeless. That's what terrorism is all about. The devil is a terrorist. He was a terrorist before the world knew what a terrorist was. But we have a loving God, a Father more precious than our natural father, who wants nothing more than to take care of our every need. He said He will strengthen us and uphold us with His righteousness.

He will be your buckler and your shield if you allow him. He will be your standard and your defense against the power of the devil. But you must allow Him, He will not force Himself upon you. You must call on Him and fellowship with Him daily through Jesus, remember He is God. In whom shall I trust?

MY PRAYER...

Almighty and Eternal Father, it is such sweet comfort to know that You are always there, always ready, always willing to meet my every need. To lift me up when I fall, to carry me when I am broken, to strengthen me when I am weak, to take away my fears when I become fearful. To fill me with Your Holy Spirit, the spirit of power, love, and a sound mind.

Thank you, Father that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Chapter 13: Do you show the fruit of God's love in your life?

"If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love."

--John 15:10 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Love is more than an emotional feeling, it is action, it is a way of living. As believers, the action, the way of living, that most shows our love for Jesus is our obedience to His Words and His example.

The Bible relates men as being like trees. A tree does NOT have to verbally tell you what kind of tree it is, the fruit lets you know what kind of tree it is.

We, as Christians, need to be like trees and let our fruit tell people who we are. His Word says to walk in love and His example to us was He walked in love. Do you live the example of Jesus?

Do you bear the fruit of love? If we remain in His love, then we remain also in the Father's love. And if we

remain in the Father's Love then we are His children and if children then heirs to the Kingdom of God and all that is therein!

MY PRAYER

Father, thank You for showing your love in and through Jesus. Thank You, Jesus, for showing us how to love our Father by being obedient to His will and His Word.

Today, Lord I pledge to consciously try to live in obedience to Your will.

Please receive my actions, my words, and my thoughts today as an offering of praise to You.

Lord, by the power of Your Holy Spirit living within me provide me the power and grace necessary for me to fulfill Your will in my life. In Jesus name, I pray. Amen.

Chapter 14: Are you filled with the entire Godhead?

For in Him (Jesus) the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature].

And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power].

--Col 2:9-10 Amplified Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

All the fullness of the Godhead (the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) dwells in Jesus Christ (as a man). I didn't say that the Bible did. Remember He was the Word become flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God! (John 1:1)

If the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and the Word was God, then Jesus is God bodily or in the form of humanity. Now if you are in Him and He is in you then you are complete in Him. Then we have the full

power of the Godhead dwelling within us, if we are born again, if we are in Christ!

Why aren't we walking in the miracles that followed Jesus? We need to learn to put a demand on that power of God that dwells within us.

Quit asking God to come and do something that He has already done and given you both the power and authority to do yourself in His place! We need to bring forth all the power of the Godhead when we speak or act according to the Word of God. We need to expect the same results that Jesus got, that Paul got, which Peter and John got at the gate beautiful.

We need to walk in the fullness of that Godhead! How has it come to pass that this isn't happening? I'll tell you why, because of the doctrines of men (religion) that have crept stealthily into the Church over the ages from the very beginning. Because of the doctrines of men keep telling us the power has passed away.

Do you know why they say this? They don't know the Word and they don't know how to walk in it, so they tell us it's passed away. That's not what it says in His Word! It's time to get them (the wrong doctrines) out and Christ back in!

Remember, all that really matters is "Jesus and His death, burial, and resurrection on high!" The same power that raised Christ from the dead dwells in you. (If you are a born again Christian).

MY PRAYER...

Precious Father, help me to understand the fullness of Your power that dwells within me. Give me a revelation of what it is like and what it is for.

Help me to put aside all things of the natural that hinder me and to learn to expect the same results that Jesus and the early church got when they applied Your Word to sickness, disease, and evil spirits.

Lord, let the power of Your Holy Spirit manifest itself fully in all that I do and say so that the world will see the Glory of the Lord manifested bodily. But always remind me (caution me) to guard my heart and to give You all the Glory and all the honor.

Father I will that Your Kingdom come and Your will be done here, now, on earth as it already is in heaven. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Chapter 15: Are you Holy before God?

Just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

--1 Peter 1:15-16 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

"**H**oly" is one of those words we generally associate with the religious people (Pharisees & Sadducees) a word only "religious church folks" (those who live under the Law –the Ten Commandments) use.

That may be true, but it's still a great concept. Every kid knows that you don't eat hot dogs and potato chips on Mom's best china.

Mom's china is reserved for "special company" or "special occasions." Or is it? Should it be? When God is calling us to be holy, He's calling us to be like fine china - something special just for Him, and as Peter emphasizes, just like Him (JESUS).

The Greek word translated here as holy could also have been translated: sacred, pure, blameless or consecrated unto God. God wants us to be set apart from the world -

but also consecrated unto Him.

God wants us to stand out as not being like the world around us, but different. Different in that we are like Him Holy and Righteous in the eyes of God regardless of what is going on around us. Different in that the light and love of God shines forth from us to those around us that we meet. That is what being Holy is about.

MY PRAYER...

Holy Lord, Almighty God, I come before You knowing how great the distance is between Your holiness and my commonness. But, I thank You for making me holy and righteous through the sacrifice of Jesus and by sending Your Holy Spirit to live inside of me.

Please receive my life today as a holy offering to You. Empower me to become and live the righteousness of You. Through Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter, the author and the finisher of my faith I pray. Amen.

Chapter 16: Have you received the Grace of God?

He, who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

--Romans 4:25 - Romans 5:2 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

HJesus was delivered for our offences (He was an innocent man), He was raised for our justification (something we can't do for ourselves), and then He provided us access into the Grace of the Father!

Jesus stands before Father God and declares to the Father: "This one (Pastor Duane) is mine Father, He has believed in Me." How much more could He love us than this? And this He did when we were yet sinners! Before we had made Him our Lord and Savior.

Jesus has actually saved every man women and child in the earth already by His death on the Cross. They just haven't all received that salvation yet. We only need, by

our faith to reach out and take that which He has already provided. Don't ask Him to do it again, He's already done it once and made it available to us. Just receive it!

MY PRAYER...

Most Holy Father, Your love for us could not have been displayed in any better way than what You did for us.

Taking on flesh, laying aside Your Deity, and becoming a human spirit, a human soul, and a human body, so that as one man's disobedience (Adam in the garden) brought sin and death to us all, one Man's obedience (Jesus at the Cross) could bring us righteousness, justification, abundance of grace, and that we might reign in life through Your Holy son Jesus. In the all-powerful name of Jesus I praise you and glorify you forever. Amen.

Chapter 17: Have you experienced the healing waters of the river of God?

And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river. Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other. Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.

--Ezekiel 47:6-8 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Are you looking for healing? It's in God's River. The River that comes forth from the Throne of God and passes through the deserts and continues on to the sea and every-where it passes it brings life and heals the land and the sea.

The River of God is here, don't dam its flow, don't stand and watch it flow by, just get in and get wet! In it you find all that you need in life. Let the waters of the River of God sweep over you and carry you where it flows. Don't struggle just flow.

MY PRAYER...

Precious Father, thank You for giving me Your River of healing. Thank You Lord, for Your River that cleanses me of all unrighteousness and heals me of all my afflictions.

Help me Father, to understand that I must come to Your River and partake of its life giving substance. For that is where I will find life. Help me Lord to accept Your ways and to flow with them. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Chapter 18: Do you know and have the patience to wait for the Lord?

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

--Psalm 27:14 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

*W*ait for it? Wait for it? Why do they always say 'Wait for it'?

If there is anything man doesn't like to do, it's wait. Maybe that is why God is so interested in us learning to do it. There is something about remaining strong in tough times and remaining faithful when ill winds blow. So God gives us times of waiting (He doesn't give us the tough times, we usually give them to ourselves!) to see if our search is really for Him or merely for something new. Press in to Him during these times and He will see you through! That's really what wait on the Lord means, to press in and serve Him! He said if we would draw nigh unto Him that He would draw nigh unto us.

To wait on the Lord means to press in to Him, not stand back and do nothing.

(Heb 6:12 KJV) That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

MY PRAYER...

Loving Father, I know you have waited for me so many times. For me to show my faith, repent of my sins, to grow in holiness, to come to You in prayer, to act more mature, to give to those who cannot return my gift. Help me Lord as I wait for You to show me the way with my decisions, to meet my needs, and reveal Your presence in my loneliness.

I really do seek You with all my heart. Father, as I press in to You I know You will show Yourself strong unto me. I know that You will meet me along the path as I draw near to You and You will be my buckler and my shield. Through Jesus, my Lord and King, I pray. Amen.

Chapter 19: Have you believed & confessed Jesus as Lord?

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

--Romans 10:9-10 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Imagine Jesus being proud of you! He said if we confess Him before others here on earth, He will acknowledge us before the Father in heaven. Imagine Jesus telling the Father God, "No, that one, Pastor Duane, (put your name here if Jesus is your Lord!) He's mine Father, he comes with us!" Confessing that Jesus as Lord is simply acknowledging the truth according to the Bible. But, If Jesus is your Lord that means you have given Him overall authority and control of your life.

A Lord is one who is in full control of everything you do or say. That means He (Jesus) now has authority over you. He must be your Lord before He can become your Savior!

For believers, it is even more than that, since at the close of time as we know it, every knee will bow and every tongue will confess Him as Lord.

You can do it now by choice and live the abundant life till His return, or you can wait and then be forced to acknowledge Him when it is too late to make a choice.

By the way, if you wait till it's too late you will also suffer the same fate as the evil one eternity in Hell instead of all eternity with Jesus in Heaven.

We have a choice today! For us, confessing Jesus now is anticipating His triumphant return and until then we will share and enjoy that triumphant life here on earth awaiting His return! On Earth as it is in Heaven.

MY PRAYER...

Mighty God, Your Son, Jesus, is my Lord. I love Him and praise Him for His redeeming sacrifice and all that He has done for me. I thank Him for his conquest of death, hell, and the grave.

I marvel at His sacrificial and triumphant grace. Jesus is my Lord. I know it sounds sweet in Your ears, Father, so I say it again. Father, Jesus is my Lord. Jesus is my Lord. Thank You for being so great that You could be so sacrificial. Through my Lord and Savior, Jesus, I offer this thanks. Amen.

Chapter 20: Is God with you wherever you go?

Have not I commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

--Joshua 1:9 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Never alone. What a promise. No matter where you are God's presence is there also, if you are a born again believer with God living inside you.

What Psalm 139 emphasizes later, Joshua heard first hand. God said to Joshua: He will go with him, and us (God is no respecter of persons), through all the seasons of life, through all our ups and downs, through temptations and triumphs, even through death.

God will always be with us and He will always make a way for us where there doesn't seem to be a way, if we will only rely on and listen to Him.

On the darkest night, in loneliest place, far from family and friends, we are never alone if we are in Christ and He is in us. So we can take courage and feel His

strength. Call upon the Lord and He is there. Be strong in the Lord and in His strength, we are not alone!

MY PRAYER...

Precious Father who is and was and is to come, thank You for being there and staying there when all others have forsaken and left me. You are the one constant in my life, life which is so full of change.

Help me become more steadfast and faithful in my commitments and relationships to honor You, glorify You, and to learn more about You. Lord empower me with Your Spirit to want more of You and less of the world. Through the Blood of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Chapter 21: Cleanse yourself with the Word of God!

*W*ash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before my eyes! Cease to do evil, Learn to do right! Seek justice, relieve the oppressed, and correct the oppressor. Defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.

--Isaiah 1:16-17 Amplified Bible

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

God is telling us to wash ourselves and be clean. He is saying take My Word and cleanse the worldly unmoral things from yourself by the washing of water of the Word of God and by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost in our lives.

Learn to love the people (God is Love), but help them cease to do the evil things that they do. Do you find it easy just to tell those in need what God has done for them or do you help them with what you can?

Do you become God's hands and feet and help them? God wants us not to get so caught up in talking about Him and celebrating His deeds, we forget we're supposed to care for others like He does.

Whether it is Jesus defining His ministry in Luke 4:18-19 or James talking about the kind of godliness that pleases God (James 1:26-27), we must realize true faith is treating others as God would. Being God's Ambassadors here on Earth.

MY PRAYER...

Almighty God of all comfort, open my eyes today that I might see those who need Your love and give me the attentiveness, the time, and the compassion to serve them as You would have them served. Help me Lord not to hold the evil they do against them. Lord help me not to just talk the talk, but to walk the talk also.

May Jesus' character and work be seen in my life I ask in Jesus Mighty Name. Amen.

Chapter 22: Do you truly understand forgiveness?

Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

--Luke 17:3-4 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Forgiveness! God is very concerned about forgiveness. After all He forgave all of mankind! He is also concerned with un-forgiveness because if you hold un-forgiveness against someone, then He cannot forgive you.

I didn't say that, His Word said that! If He can't forgive you then He can't hear you and answer your prayers to Him.

Jesus even told Peter that he should forgive not just seven times, but rather seventy times seven in a single day (490).

Forgiveness is the key to walking in fellowship with the

Lord and with your fellow brothers and sisters.
Forgiveness opens the door to the blessings of God.

MY PRAYER...

Precious Father, thank You for giving me the power through Your Holy Spirit to forgive those who trespass against me. Thank You Lord, for forgiving me, for cleansing me of all unrighteousness through the precious blood of Jesus.

Help me Father, to understand that I must come to You with a pure heart, because only with a pure heart will You hear my prayers. Now I know if You hear my prayers that You will answer them, for Your Word tells me this.

Father, thank You for giving us the guidance and teaching through Your Holy Word to help us put away all un-forgiveness, strife, envy, and anything else that is not a part of Your Love.

Lord by Your power that works within us, help us to walk in the same love for people that You have. In the Mighty Name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Chapter 23: Do you know the “Friend of sinners”?

The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

--Luke 19:10 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

"**T**he Friend of Sinners." Of all the things Jesus was called, I believe that possibly this was His favorite. Jesus answered them and said, "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick."

Now while Jesus said sick, He was actually referring to those who did not know Him and His redemptive power. How will the sinners hear about Jesus and His mighty work on the Cross unless we befriend them and tell them the Good News, that Jesus loves them!

We need to be known also as "the friend of sinners". This does not mean that we need to be like them, just that we show them the Love of Jesus and tell them the "Good News."

That we introduce them to Jesus. That we make sure they know the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

MY PRAYER...

Father, while I know You hate sin and the havoc it creates in our lives, I am so thankful that when You came to earth You were not our judge but You were our friend. You came to be our Savior, to buy back that which was lost.

I promise to live today more aware of Your love for the lost because I know what it means to be found, to be bought with a price. Lord I pray that You would anoint me with the oil of Your Holy Spirit and with Your fire and the power that comes from the Holy Spirit, that I might be worthy to go forth into Your harvest and labor for You.

Lord increase my territory, make my path to cross with those who need to know about You and give me mighty boldness by Your Holy Spirit just like You did in the book of Acts. Lord I know that Your Word says You are the same yesterday, today, and forever, therefore I know that this same Holy Ghost power is available to me also, just as it was to those in the upper room on the day of Pentecost. I thank You Father for giving me the power to change and to be a powerful witness for You. Through Jesus my Lord, I pray. Amen.

Chapter 24: Where do your desires come from now?

***D**elight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

--Psalm 37:4 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

This is not a way to get your wish list filled. One must rightly divide the Word of God. Rather, it is an open invitation to seek a love relationship with God above all other things (delight yourself in the Lord).

In finding Him, we will find our priorities and properly align them with God's desires for us and then our hearts will be properly tuned to know what is really valuable and what is not.

Then we will see that our heart's desires become what God wants for us and not necessarily what it was that we wanted in the first place.

If you are at the center of His perfect will for your life, you will be granted your heart's desires. But, He will first give you those desires.

MY PRAYER...

Awesome and Gracious Father, I confess to You that so often my heart is full of selfish prideful things. But in moments like these, Father, I recognize that You are what I most need and Your will is my heart's desire. Please re-kindle Your Spirit in me so that I may see through any selfish, prideful, deception that would rob me of having You first in my life.

Help me to maintain my first love. Forgive me when I'm petty, selfish and shallow, but also show me, how I may correct it. May I know Your presence as much as is possible for a mortal to know, not so that I may be full, but that You may be honored and glorified through me to others. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Chapter 25: Do not live with the spirit of fear!

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:7 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Power! We (as humans) like the concept of power. When it is Godly power, might does make right. Because Godly power will always be accompanied by love and administered in love, with the mind of Christ (a sound mind). God has given us His Holy Spirit (the power), Himself (agape or the God kind of love), and Jesus our example (a sound mind).

These three together make a person's life effective. Live life to its fullest through Christ; not as a closet Christian, afraid of standing true and firm, but one who lives by God's power, shares God's love, and displays God's virtues. One who isn't afraid that the world might find out they are a Christian, God forbid.

The world isn't afraid of sharing their garbage with us why should we be afraid of sharing Jesus and our faith with them. It is after all what the Bible says we are to

do! "And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15) Be always ready to minister in God's power and Love, with the wisdom of God through the mind of Christ, in season and out.

MY PRAYER...

Holy Father God, You are without comparison in Your majesty and might. I have no right of my own to come into Your presence, and yet You have invited me there with Your love and by Your grace, through Christ. You are my Rock, my Fortress, and my Strength.

I depend upon Your Love, Guidance, Power, and Your grace to sustain me through my storms and to reclaim me from my stumbles. I thank You that You have not given me a spirit of fear, but one of power, and love, and a sound (disciplined) mind through Christ.

I want to be ready both in season and out from this day forward to proclaim Your Gospel to all the world. Help me Father to be diligent to prepare my heart. You are without comparison in all the world. I give you all glory and praise forevermore. In Jesus name. Amen.

Chapter 26: Jesus is the Great Reconciler!

Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, Leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

--Matthew 5:23-24 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Be reconciled to each other before you offer anything to God. What is Jesus saying here? He's telling us that the altar (our hearts, we are the temple of the living God under the New Covenant) is more important than the gift being offered.

God is more concerned about our heart condition toward each other than He is about a gift or offering or sacrifice to Him.

Make sure you have prepared your heart and that you come to Him having a pure heart, not holding any un-forgiveness toward anyone.

MY PRAYER...

Precious Father, thank You for forgiving me, for cleansing me of all unrighteousness through the precious blood of Jesus.

Father, let me see the revelation of the teaching offered in these verses. Help me Father, to understand that we must come to You with only a pure heart.

A heart that holds no malice or un-forgiveness, but only love. The Love of God that has been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

Father, take me and purge me with Your Refiner's Fire and remove all un-forgiveness, strife, envy, and anything else that is not a part of Your Love from me. Father, make me a vessel You can use for Your Glory. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Chapter 27: Who are you following?

It is the Lord your God you must follow, and him you must revere. Keep his commands and obey him; serve him and hold fast to him.

--Deuteronomy 13:4 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Make sure that the voice you are following is God's. There are many other voices sounding off in our minds and all around us in the world today. Many are people wanting us to follow their lead and obey their voice (doctrines of men). Most of the time it's the evil one himself trying to distract and deceive you from the 'Plan of God' for your life. But God has proved himself faithful and loving through the ages. Learn His voice and learn to follow it in all things [(John 10:27 KJV) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:].

We are to obey and keep his commandments, and we are to serve him and depend upon him in our daily lives, not the things of the world. Follow His example and treat everyone with love! Let His light shine forth through you.

MY PRAYER...

Holy and Righteous Father, help me to learn Your voice and to know Your voice from ALL others.

Help me Father to take my praise and worship for You outside the church building and into my day to day life. That I may display in my everyday life the feelings I have for you, that others may know from my actions and feelings that You are foremost in my life.

Help me Lord to let the love I have for You spill over on all who are around me, even those who try to be my enemies. Lord help me to love them also. In Jesus name I pray and ask this. Amen.

Chapter 28: Giving thanks always, there is always a reason to give thanks!

I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way - in all your speaking and in all your knowledge.

--1 Corinthians 1:4-5 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Dou can always give thanks for someone because of the grace given to you by the Lord Jesus Christ. Here Paul was writing to one of the most fleshly, worldly churches of the day.

They loved God, but they lived like the rest of the world around them day to day. It was difficult to distinguish between them and the heathens around them. But notice that he still finds reasons to give thanks for them. In Paul's letter to them, he is thankful for them because Jesus died for them.

Later he recognizes the areas of their abuse are also a reason to give thanks - they may have distorted their gifting's, but when reined in to where they honor God,

these gifts will bless their church. Even though Paul followed these thanks with some really tough words, Paul's example reminds us that a child of God is something to be cherished, even if they have problems. We need to show them the love of God even when we are correcting them. "For whom He loves, He chastens." Remember, babes need to be taught how to act and behave, they don't automatically know just because they are born.

MY PRAYER...

Precious Father, increase within me the heart to see reasons to be thankful for all of Your children. I confess that it is often so easy for me to view others based on how they view me, or whether they share my opinions, or how much trouble they cause me.

Father forgive me for this, I know if You had done the same with me, I would have never been one of Your children. Please help me to change the way I view others.

Help me to see them as You see them, through the Blood of Jesus. Please help me rejoice in Your children. Through Jesus I pray. Amen.

Chapter 29: Have you received the Grace of God?

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and Godly, in this present world;

--Titus 2:11-12 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

In a world that has no absolutes, in a world that is lacking moral and ethical standards, a world that sees men with men and women with women as an okay lifestyle when it is an abomination to God, salvation by the costly grace of God beckons us to change our lifestyle in response to God's grace.

Notice that it is the Grace of God that teaches us and empowers us to turn from the un-Godly and worldly ways and live Godly lives instead.

Anyone who receives the Grace of God and refuses to pursue righteousness demonstrates his/her ignorance to the Word of God or just the plain hardness of their heart. God will not force you to change, He gave us the ability to choose.

In this day and hour, to be saved means to first make Jesus the Lord of your life and then to pursue righteousness, then He becomes your Savior. Not because we need to earn our salvation, we cannot earn that, but so that God's saving Grace will not be fruitless in us.

What better gift could God give us than His gift of Love through His Grace. Salvation is more than a place in Heaven someday. It's having Heaven on Earth! I didn't say that, the Word of God did.

MY PRAYER...

Holy Father, I confess that I live in a confusing time. Satan is always trying to distort the distinction between right and wrong, good and evil, moral and immoral. But, because You have been so gracious with me, may my life today reflect the righteousness You gave me through Jesus.

May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart, be pleasing in Your sight. You are my Rock and my Redeemer. Through Jesus, who paid the full price of my debt of sin for me, I pray. Amen.

Chapter 30: Have you answered the call?

God has saved us and called us to a holy life -- not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.

--2 Timothy 1:9 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Before the beginning of time! How do we understand when that was? God first thought of us at a time we cannot even begin to understand!

Before we were formed in our mother's womb! His reason for thinking of us was to demonstrate His grace and to call others to His side. Jesus has always been God's plan, and we have always been his goal.

Let's make sure we respond by receiving His son Jesus as our Lord and by living that holy life that He has called us to! It doesn't mean I'm better than you and it isn't something that is unattainable (except without Christ). To be holy means to be consecrated unto God AND set apart from the world and its immoral, unethical ways. It is God's power working in your daily life. To give

yourself totally unto God body, soul, and spirit; to give Him your heart! To let Him lead and direct your life day to day, minute by minute.

MY PRAYER...

Thank You so much, Father, for knowing me and thinking of my needs, even before there was a world. I dedicate this day to Your honor and pledge to live a life that reflects Your righteousness and grace.

Only through the grace You have given me and the power of Your Holy Spirit residing in me will this be possible.

For I know that I can of my own self do nothing. But Father, today, I once again consecrate myself to You, I separate myself from the things of this world and devote myself unto the things of You. Through Jesus, the one who had no sin, I pray. Amen.

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