

Rēad to Read *Again*

Daily Devotions

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A thousand years of daily devotions at dawn could not begin to cover all that should be written about the Bible. But let this be a start.....

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January 1

Daily Reading: Genesis 1-3

Genesis 3:2-3

And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

So it begins, so it is. Genesis is a book of beginnings. Many things in this book set the manner of the way things will be throughout the ages. One such thing is how the Lord God in Heaven communicates His Word. A simple story paints the picture. It is the story of Adam and Eve, but one you may never have considered.

On one occasion, “the serpent” came to Eve and asked her a question. His question begins with **Yea hath God said...** Frankly there is nothing wrong with this question for this is how we learn about the things of the Lord. Yet the serpent was not interested in learning, it was interested in confusing, tempting, foiling God’s plan, and ruining Eve, Adam, and by extension the entire human race. The question was about eating the fruit of every tree in the Garden of Eden. In today’s verses as recorded above, Eve gave a good answer. But notice...

God did not say this directly to Eve. Or at least we have no Scripture proving that He did. The response that Eve gave the serpent were the words that God spoke to Adam before Eve was created (Genesis 2:16-17). Logically it follows that God gave Adam the command to not eat the fruit of the “tree of knowledge of good and evil” which was in the midst of the garden. Adam then taught this command to Eve and Eve related it to the serpent. But Eve added “neither shall ye touch it,” which was probably a self-imposed boundary added to God’s Word by she or by Adam to protect them from ever eating of the tree. If they never touched it, they would never eat of it. The command of God was not to eat of the tree. But Eve ultimately did, she looked at it, desired it, touched it, and ate of it. She then gave the fruit of that tree to Adam who chose to eat of it also. He chose Eve’s way over God’s way. They died that day, just as God said they would, they died a spiritual death, which ultimately caused their physical death.

In this story the pattern is laid out that exists even unto today. God gives His Word to His messengers that have the responsibility to give it to all others. Adam gave God’s Word to Eve, the only other living person on the globe at the time. God gave His Word to the patriarchs who gave it to their families. God gave His word to the Prophets who gave it to Israel and the world. God gave His Word to Jesus who gave it to the New Testament world. Jesus gave God’s Word to the disciples who gave it to those of their day. The disciples gave God’s Word to the people of their day through preaching and teaching, as it is also given today, through pastors, teachers, preachers, parents, and Christians in general. The very essence of disseminating God’s Word today is the same as it was in Adam’s day, the same as it was in Nehemiah’s day wherein the entire pattern of communicating God’s Word is given. **So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading** (Nehemiah 8:8). This then is the pattern; this is the essence of preaching which is simply the act of broadcasting God’s Word as given by Him to faithful men. Which is exactly what Paul meant when he wrote these words to Timothy in II Timothy 2:2. **And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.**

This pattern started all the way back in Genesis and is carried throughout all books of the Bible concluding with the book of Revelation.

January 2

Daily Reading: Genesis 4-7

Genesis 5:5

And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

Casually reading the Bible is a wonderful thing. Often while simply reading the Bible the Holy Spirit will supernaturally seem to highlight a verse, a thought, or a word. This leads to comfort, instruction, understanding, or some other result that helps the reader. Again, reading the Bible is a wonderful thing.

But sometimes the simple reading of the pages of the Word of God causes confusion. Sometimes deeper things of God are missed. Sometimes the overall message of God's Word is forgotten or missed. So, sometimes teachers need to point out some things that the casual reader may overlook. The chronology of the lives of the patriarchs is one of those things. Many believe that the story of creation was handed down by generation to generation many times over, which is true. Yet, it is also true that, for example, Adam lived long enough to have known Lamech who was the father of Noah.

Adam lived a total of 930 years, Lamech (Noah's father) was born 874 years after God created Adam meaning their lives overlapped by approximately 56 years. Adam himself could have told Lamech about those first few days of creation. Between Adam and Lamech there are seven major personages listed in the Bible (Seth, Enos, etc.). No doubt they all may have known of Adam's days in the Garden of Eden, and perhaps discussed it between themselves, but Adam was there to correct any error that may have slipped in from the often repeating of his story.

1,056 years after God made Adam, Noah was born. Noah lived 950 years, long enough to have possibly known Abraham. All this means that Adam could have known Lamech, Lamech of course knew his son Noah, and Noah could have known Abraham.

Factually, the first 2,157 years of recorded history are overlapped by three men (Adam, Methuselah, Shem). Which helps us to understand that the accounts of creation, the flood, etc., were not handed down hundreds of times over 2,000 years. Adam could have personally known eight generations in the pre-flood world. Noah could have known nine of the post flood generations. In fact, Noah died around 2,006 years from the day of creation, while Abraham was born about 1,948 years after creation. Meaning that their lives overlapped by about 58 years; Noah could have known Abraham.

When reading the names of the patriarchs, the time of their birth, and the time of their death remember this: these dates are important. Important enough that God put them in His Word for all the world to know. By studying the dates and understanding the longevity of the life spans before, and immediately after the flood much can be learned.

Now, reading the Bible is wonderful, it's a great place to start. Studying the Bible is the next level. From studying such dry things as dates, places, names, and all the rest, golden nuggets can be found. Nuggets that are rich in value to a child of God. As you simply read the Bible this year, together let's also spend some time mining for gold, learning a little bit more by study. After all, as Paul said to Timothy, I say to you: **Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.** II Timothy 2:15.

January 3

Daily Reading: Genesis 8-11

Genesis 11:6

And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

In God's Word as found in today's verse there is a fourfold plan, or pattern, that if followed assures success within any group; be it a family, a church, a company, or any organization of individuals that come together for a common goal. The goal of the people in the days wherein God spoke these words was to build a tower to heaven. The reason for such a tower was their fear of being scattered abroad throughout the whole world. So, God came down to see what they were up to.

Upon learning of their plans God made a remarkable statement. In it we find a formula for success within any group. Here it is. Be one. Amos asked the age-old question about being one. He asked **Can two walk together, except they be agreed?** Amos 3:3 Logic tells us that if two are to walk together they must be in agreement. Where to walk, how fast to walk, when to walk, these and other considerations must be agreed upon. To be one in walking folks have to agree on all aspects of the walk. Likewise, any group that desires to accomplish anything together must agree as one.

They had one language. Consider the example of the word Baptism. Many religious organizations believe in baptism. Some sprinkle, some immerse, some dip into the water three times, some once, some believe it washes sins away, some believe it is ceremonial, some think it is a requirement for heaven, some otherwise. One word, many meanings. To be one, the group must agree on what the language about baptism means.

They began the work. They actually began to work. Imagine. Just like in Nehemiah's day when it is recorded that the people had a mind to work. **So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.** Nehemiah 4:6 They were one, they had one language, they had a mind to work, they began the work, and they finished the work. Wow!

Because they had these three qualities nothing would be restrained from them to accomplish. Except...

God said no! He confounded them by confusing their language. They stopped building the tower. In the first paragraph it was stated that God's divine plan for success within a group was fourfold, but in the body of this devotion only three steps were given. The fourth step is unwritten, but probably obvious. Make sure that the overall purpose is approved by the Lord before beginning. If not, it will come to nothing, even perhaps divinely stopped. For, God always has the right of veto.

Interestingly enough, the thing they feared came upon them...they were scattered abroad. Before ever starting the tower, they could have simply asked the Lord, "Is this what you want?" After all, in chapter four verse twenty-six of this first book of the Bible it was already established that men began to call upon the Lord. They could have and should have.

There you have it, a simple four-step formula for success with any group of people.

January 4

Daily Reading: Genesis 12-15

Genesis 13:8

And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.

No strife is a worthy goal. Whether in a family, a church, the workplace or a nation, having no strife is possible. In the relationship between Abraham and Lot three things are noticed that can help obtain and sustain a strife free relationship in any situation.

The first is to realize that there is a problem and identify the reason for the problem. The problem between these two relatives (Abraham was Lot's uncle) was their mutual success. These two men were rich in cattle, flocks, and tents. A subtle hint as to Abraham's greater success is that he is said to also be rich in silver and gold (by the way this is the first mention of silver in Scripture). Not only was Abraham the elder of the two, not only was he the uncle that had a part in raising Lot, he was also rich in something more than livestock. He, Abraham, must have heard of the strife that both men were having with their herdmen, their employees if you will. It is one thing to realize that a problem of strife has raised its ugly head, but that is not enough. To become strife free a realization of the cause of the strife is also needed.

The second step in easing strife is for one of the two in the party to be willing to "be the bigger person." Abraham came to Lot, frankly, humanly speaking Lot should have come to Abraham. But just as Hebrews 7:7 states: **And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.** Which is always the case, Abraham, the better, decided to be a blessing to Lot, the lesser, by allowing him the upper hand in a proposed remedy to the strife.

Thirdly, Abraham had a plan. It is found in verse 9 of Genesis 13. **Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.** Instead of yielding the right of first choice to his uncle, Lot looked, desired, and took what he wanted. This pattern will repeat itself over and over throughout the balance of the Bible. David looked, desired, and took. Eve looked, desired, and took. These are three deadly steps toward destruction. There is nothing wrong with any of these three actions, but combined without counsel, prayer, self-governance, and without any consideration of righteousness. These can and will lead to trouble. They certainly did in Lot's life.

Perhaps you may remember that in the Beatitudes, found in Matthew 5, that one of these is: **Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God** (vs. 9). Abraham was the peacemaker and he was blessed by Almighty God (13:14-18). Abraham the better, blessed Lot the lesser, God the better, blessed Abraham the lesser. This too will be seen many times over in Scripture.

Truly, the book of Genesis is the seed plot of the Bible. In it, in seed form, are all the great and wonderful doctrines, and human conditions, that become clear by the end of the Book. What an amazing start to a new year. Keep reading. The best is yet to come!

January 5

Daily Reading: Genesis 16-18

Genesis 18:15

Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

One of the amazing things about the Bible, one of the amazing things about our Father in Heaven is honesty. It is honest because He is honest. He is completely honest. Consider Abraham and Sarah. If you or I were writing their story, out of compassion, respect, or from the understanding of the negativity of human nature (most will always think the worst and be unforgiving of another's transgressions) we would perhaps pass over the wrongdoings of these two great individuals. God did not.

In this portion of the Bible, the Lord highlights the humanity of Abraham and Sarah. Once again proving Romans 3:23 to be true: **For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**. Briefly, consider Abraham's lack of faith concerning God's promise that he would have a son, this lack of faith evidently boiled over to his wife Sarah.

Three chapters earlier, Genesis 15, God appears to Abram (this was before his name was changed to Abraham) with this great promise: **I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.** To which Abram fails to thank him, or acknowledge the Lord's promise, though he immediately states: **Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus? ...Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: ...** You see, all the way back in Chapter 12 God had promised Abraham that his seed (offspring) would be given the promise land. But by chapter 15 Abram had no seed of his own, his plan was for Eliezer to be his seed. God said no.

Before Sarah laughed at God's promise, Abraham did so too. Not believing God's ability to fulfil His promise these two had devised a plan. Sarah gave Hagar to Abram so that he would father a child of her. This was not the Lord's plan, and this one simple decision has caused thousands of years of difficulties. God appeared to Abram again with the promise of a son born to him and Sarah to which the great patriarch, the father of the faithful, laughed (17:17). By the way, this is the first mention of someone laughing in the Bible, he laughed at God's promise. In the very next chapter, Sarah also laughed. Then she lied about laughing to the Lord, to which He simply and clearly rebuked her; **...thou didst laugh.**

There is so much here, it cannot all be properly dealt with in such a short devotion. But know this, God repeatedly gave Abraham the promise of Isaac; he and his wife tried to "help God out" when the Lord God needed no help. They even laughed at God's promise, but God promised and He fulfilled that promise. Though it seemed impossible to these two lovebirds, God did the impossible.

One takeaway from this passage is this: God did not spare Abraham and Sarah, He told us of their sin of doubt. The Lord does not cover or excuse sin, He deals with it honestly, and if need be openly. As a bonus, one other thing can also be learned. God has no perfect people to work through. He fulfilled His promise even though these two did not believe He could. God uses no-one because of their perfectness, for there are none perfect. God uses individuals of a sinful nature for that is all He has to work with. Once again proving the old adage; God can hit a mighty lick with a crooked stick.