

**Monday, 25 November 2019** *Psalm 78:1-3 A Maskil of Asaph. Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.*

Oh, Lord, the things that we have known, that we learned at our mother's knee and from our father as he led his family. These are the understandings that guide and shape our lives today; they are the parables that reveal You to us, the foundations of Your Word that provide stability and structure in our lives today.

Thank you, Lord, for parents who recounted Your mighty works in their lives so that their children would know You. Lord, forgive us when we have not done that. Do not let our children suffer as a result of our sin.

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**Tuesday, 26 November 2019** *Psalm 78:4-8 We will not hide them from their children but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. He established a testimony in Jacob. He appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.*

Lord, there are those whom You have called to be teachers with unique gifting to impart Your knowledge and wisdom. But there are also all the rest of us, filled with Your Holy Spirit, and called to share the stories of how You have worked and continue to work in our lives. Bless all of us with the passion for declaring Your greatness.

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**Wednesday, 27 November 2019** *Psalm 78:9-11 The Ephraimites, armed with the bow, turned back on the day of battle. They did not keep God's covenant, but refused to walk according to his law. They forgot his works and the wonders that*

*he had shown them.*

Your heart must break at the state of the church today. Those preaching and living different gospels are rampant throughout the land. Any other gospel is preached, but the Gospel, the word taught is not Your Word, and the gods worshiped are not You. How long will You withhold Your wrath?

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**Thursday, 28 November 2019** *Psalm 78:12-16 In the sight of their fathers he performed wonders in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan. He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap. In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a fiery light. He split rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep. He made streams come out of the rock and caused waters to flow down like rivers.*

You delivered Your people, Israel, by Your mighty hand, a demonstration of Your power and Your love for the people of Your Covenant. You delivered us, the Bride of Christ, by a display of Your power over death and sin and through Your love for the people of Your New Covenant.

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**Friday, 29 November 2019** *Psalm 119:103 How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

Sweetness, Lord, true sweetness. Even honey cloy and loses its appeal when we have too much. But Your words never cloy, never lose their appeal, always leave us satisfied as with a drink of cold water on a hot day but eager for another sip. Only Your word has that power to satiate and to build thirst at the same time. Sweeter, far sweeter than honey to our lips.

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**Saturday, 30 November 2019** *Psalm 119:104 Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.*

Lord, it is when we follow Your rules that Your words are sweeter than honey in our mouths. We have to be reminded that when we are not obedient to You, Your words serve as a reminder of how sweet life could

have been. Then that knowledge brings sorrow and repentance to our hearts, then that understanding brings revulsion to our souls, then Your law serves to convict us of our errors and return our eyes to You. Then the honey returns to our mouths, and we can again sing with that joy that comes from Your presence.

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**Lord's Day, 1 December 2019** Exodus 20:1-2, 12

*And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ... "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.*

Colossians 3:20

*Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.*

Obey is to hearken, to listen to, to look up to, to follow, to observe our parents in all things. And it means that we are to teach our children to do likewise. For it is in the doing and observing that we learn to honor and respect others, this is where You teach us the fundamentals of relationships. This is the laboratory where we learn to trust and to be trustworthy, and where we learn to keep our word and expect others to do likewise. This is the nucleus of society called family.

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# VOICES TOGETHER

*Daily Meditations from the Scriptures*



*November 25-December 1, 2019*

**Prayer of the week, based on Paul's prayer in: Thessalonians 2:13-16**

*And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe. For you, brothers, became imitators of God's churches in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus: You suffered from your own countrymen the same things those churches suffered from the Jews, who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets and also drove us out. They displease God and are hostile to all men in their effort to keep us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. In this way they always heap up their sins to the limit. The wrath of God has come upon them at last.*

We thank You, LORD, for the strength and boldness to speak into the culture in which each of us lives and works. Speaking the message of redemption, of restoration and reconciliation, speaking the offer of righteousness, peace and joy of life in the Kingdom of Heaven. Speaking of Your love, grace and mercy that is offered freely to all mankind.

Let us not be swayed by the wrath and hostility of those who adamantly worship other gods and who are determined to leave no effort untried to prohibit the proclamation of the Gospel. *Amen*

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