

Day One

Read all of Psalms 133 and 135.

Praise Him for drawing us together in unity for His glory.....praising and thanking Him as one Church....loving our Lord together.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore."

Unity is good and pleasant and brings joy and peace. Unity is the fruit of the Spirit which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Praise His Name for all these lovely qualities growing in you each time you wait in His presence.

"You that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God, praise the Lord; for the Lord is good: sing praises unto His Name; for it is pleasant."

He loves your praises as you stand in His house. Even if you can't carry a tune you can still sing to the Lord and it will be pleasant to Him because He knows your heart. Do you realize when you praise Him you are standing in His house? He lives in you and you are a temple to Him. Oh, thanks be to the Lord!

"Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that He did in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places. He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; He makes lightnings for the rain; He brings the wind out of His treasures."

He is everything! He has made the heavens and the earth and all that is contained within them. He is worthy of your praise!

Remember: 1 Corinthians 6:19,20

"Know you not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have of God, and you are not your own? For you are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

Repentance: His loving, special gift to you.

"Therefore also now, says the Lord, turn (repent) you even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning; and tear your hearts, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and relents from sending calamity." (Joel 2:12,13)

He is after you with all of His heart. You are precious to Him. Ask Him to help you "tear your heart" unto Him and repent with His repentance which will turn you to face your holy, merciful God and cry out for forgiveness.

He is gracious. He will not turn away when a true repentant heart stands before Him. He is full of mercy and kindness and will hold you close, listen to your cry, forgive you, and lead you in the direction that will bring you closer to Him.

He loves you and wants your heart. Take some time here, with Him and let Him work His good work in you....all for His glory. Praise Him, asking Him to flood you with humility straight from His heart. Thank Him.....He is changing you.

Isaiah 43:11

"I, even I, am the Lord; and besides Me there is no Savior."

Day Two

Read all of Psalm 138. His Word is all powerful. Praise and thank Him for His alive Word!

"I will praise You with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto You. I will worship toward Your holy temple, and Praise Your Name for Your lovingkindness and for Your truth: for You have magnified Your Word above all Your Name."

There is only one true God...only One! Thank Him you love to praise His Name before all of the false gods people have acknowledged. The only God is your God and He loves to hear your praises! And He has magnified His Word above His Name! His alive Word is God! His alive Word is forever the truth. Thank Him!

"Though the Lord be high, yet has He respect unto the lowly: but the proud He knows from afar."

Praise Him for keeping you humble for His glory. He is the highest Name yet He "has respect unto the lowly." Thank Him for His love for the humble ones who seek His face. You are one of the humble...it is an honor to be humble and seek the face of God! All glory to His Name.

"The Lord will perfect that which concerns me: Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever: forsake not the works of Your own hands."

Praise Him for His work in you is perfect. He wants to perfect all you are concerned about. What an awesome, loving God! He is full of mercy and love for you. Wait on Him. Enjoy His company and watch Him work. Thank Him for His constant care of you...leading you into a closer relationship with your God of glory and strength!

Remember: 1 Corinthians 1:27-31

"But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world, and things which are despised, has God chosen, Yes, and things which are not, to bring to nothing things that are: that no flesh should glory in His presence. And of Him are you in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: that, according as it is written, He that glories let him glory in the Lord."

Repentance: His loving, special gift to you.
"For Your Name's sake, O Lord, pardon my iniquity; for it is great." (Psalm 25:11)

All people on this earth have sinned against God. God hates sin but He loves you. Do you realize how great His love is for you? Jesus came to earth, willingly, to die for every single sin you have committed in your entire life...and He came because of His love for you.

When you begin repenting from your sins, the Lord pardons you for His Name's sake. When you sin, you sin against God and His Name.

There is no time ever that sin honors God. But your acknowledgment of sins, whether you think they are little or big, honors God. When He sees you grieve, crying out to be changed, you honor His Name. Honor Him now.

Return to praise, praising with a clean heart.

Luke 19:10

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Day Three

Read all of Psalm 139. This Psalm should take you into praise that never ends. He loved you and knew you before you were even born!

"O Lord, You have searched me, and known me. You know my sitting down and my standing up. You understand my thought afar off. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, O Lord, You know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before and laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it."

He knows you better than anyone else. He loves you better than anyone else. He knows all of your ways.

"For You have formed my inward parts; You have covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are Your works; and that my soul knows right well. My frame was not hid from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes did see my substance, being yet unformed; and in Your book they were all written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them. How precious also are Your thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand; when I awake, I am still with You."

He is with you every moment. He made you with His hands. You are one of a kind.

There is no one like you. He thinks about you all the time. Praise His Name!

Remember: Isaiah 41:10

"Fear not; for I am with you: be not dismayed; for I am your God: I will strengthen you; yes, I will help you; yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness."

Repentance: His loving, special gift to you.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

(Psalm 139:23,24)

It's wonderful to ask the Lord to search you so He can show you your heart; and He will show you those things that needs to be changed. He knows best. Thank Him for such love.

He tests you and searches your thought life to see if repentance is needed there. Thank Him, again, for working on you to make you pure in heart.

Ask Him to reveal His findings to you. Don't be in a hurry. He is so happy to deliver you from sin.

Repent where He shows you. Take your time and let Him change you. Let Him "lead you in the everlasting way." He is always good!

Return to praise. You are one of a kind, made by the hand of our lovely Lord! He loves you so much! He is rejoicing with you!

Isaiah 61:10

"I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For He has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of His righteousness."

Day Four

Read all of Psalms 142 and 143.

Call on His Name. Praise Him for He is your help in trouble. He will "attend to your cry" to Him.

"I cried unto the Lord with my voice; with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication. I poured out my complaint before Him; I showed before Him my trouble."

The Lord loves for you to cry out to Him. Praise Him for you growing in trust in Him and loving to ask Him for help. Pouring out your troubles before Him is exactly what He wants. Thank Him for answers before you receive them.

"I stretch forth my hands unto You; my soul thirsts after You, as a thirsty land. Hear me speedily, O Lord: my spirit fails: hide not your face from Me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning; for in You do I trust: cause me to know the way in which I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto You."

This is an awesome prayer! He wants you to cry out for Him with a humble heart, believing He will help you. Praise Him for longing to show you His lovingkindness and show you the way to walk. Thank Him for being your God, taking care of you, and leading you into relying on Him and trusting Him more and more.

"Teach me to do Your will; for You are my God; Your Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness. Revive me, O Lord, for Your Name's sake: for Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble."

He loves to deliver you! Praise Him again!

Remember: Hebrews 11:1

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Repentance: His loving, special gift to you.

"Therefore seeing we also are surrounded with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily ensnare us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him that endured such hostility of sinners against Himself, lest you be wearied and faint in your minds. You have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin." (Hebrews 12:1-4)

Read these verses carefully, taking time to think about them. Have you let go of every weight, every sin that could hold you back from more of His presence? Talk with Him. Have you asked and believed for patience from Him to run this race? He is listening to you.

Are you truly keeping your eyes on Jesus? Do you know down deep, deep inside your heart He is really the author and perfecter of your faith? Ask Him to help you remember the cross....He gave all for you...are you giving all for Him?

Praise Him for His gift of salvation.

"For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave Himself a ransom for all. This to be a testimony at the proper time." (1 Timothy 2:5,6)

Day Five

Read all of Psalm 145. He is your King.

Speak of His might. Speak of His power.

Speak of His everlasting love. Then, praise and worship Him.

"I will extol You, my God, O King; and I will bless Your Name forever and ever. Every day will I bless You; and I will praise Your Name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable."

Did you know the word "extol" means to "praise enthusiastically"? Every day we should be praising Him with great enthusiasm whether we feel like it or not. He is the Lord and He is great. You can't even search His greatness because it is so vast. He is bigger and greater and more powerful and amazing than we could ever imagine. Oh lift Him up in praise now.

"The Lord is gracious and full of compassion; slow to anger and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all; and His tender mercies are over all His works. All Your works shall praise You, O Lord; and Your saints shall bless you."

Thank Him again and again for His mercy and compassion. He is good. Thank Him for His goodness. Even His works praise Him! Oh, may we praise the Lord and bless Him with everything inside of us!

"The Lord is near unto all them that call upon Him, in truth. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him; He also will hear their cry, and will save them. The Lord preserves all them that love Him."

When you call upon Him in truth, He is near. When you fear Him He hears your cry and saves you. Oh thank you, Lord!

Remember: Proverbs 3:3,4

"Let not mercy and truth forsake you: bind them about your neck; write them upon the table of your heart; so shall you find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man."

Repentance: His loving, special gift to you.

"Come and let us return unto the Lord: for He has torn, and He will heal us; He has smitten, and He will bind us up. After two days will He revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come to us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." (Hosea 6:1-3)

These verses are strong. They show the Lord's discipline....chastening....which had to happen for His people to repent or return to Him. Is there a place you still need to repent so you can be healed and return to the Lord?

Once you repent and return to Him, the Lord will heal you and bind up your wounds. He wants to raise you up.....are you ready for this? He wants you to live for Him so all can see Him living in you.

After you have taken some time with Him, reflecting and letting Him direct you, thank Him for all He is doing in your life to help you show Him to others.

Proverbs 3: 5,6

"Trust in the Lord with all our heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths."

Day Six

Read all of Psalm 146. He is so worthy. His Name brings forth praise. Praise Him now.

"Praise You the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul. While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

Do you see it is a lovely command to praise Him? He knows that praise is good for us. He created us to praise Him and enjoy every moment with Him. Thank Him for the joy of praising Him.

"Happy is he that has the God of Jacob for His help, whose hope is in the Lord His God: who made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that is therein: who keeps truth forever: who executes justice for the oppressed: who gives food to the hungry. The Lord looses the prisoners: the Lord open the eyes of the blind: the Lord raises them that are bowed down: the Lord loves the righteous: the Lord preserves the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked He turns upside down. "

There is so much here to praise and thank Him for....He takes care of everything! Do you realize the peace that will overwhelm you when you really believe He is in control no matter what is happening in your present life? We all fight what we "see" with our eyes instead of the truth of what we "know" in His Word. Praise Him for leading you to "know" in your heart the truth of His Word!

"The Lord shall reign forever, even your God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise you the Lord."

Amen, and amen! Praise the Lord!

Remember: Joshua 1:9

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be you dismayed: for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Repentance: His loving, special gift to you.

"This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but you shall meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success" (Joshua 1:8)

Jesus said, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4)

His Word is your life. Do you believe this? It is so important; it must be read daily. Does His Word lift you up and help you? Does His Word also bring sorrow leading to repentance and give you answers to life and cause you to be more diligent to know Him?

If you are hesitant in saying "yes" to any of the above questions, please take time to reflect, to pray, to repent. His Word is true life. It changes you. It is most important to read His Word daily. Nothing in your life is more important.

Return to thankful praise, joy, and peace thinking on the power of His Word.

11 Timothy 3:16

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Day Seven

Read all of Psalm 147. Praise Him for Jerusalem where "His Name is there forever". Thank Him for choosing the Jews to tell the world about God and for them writing it down in His Word for His glory: that the whole world can know He is the Only True God.

"Praise the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant: and praise is fitting."

Fitting means "proper", "suitable", "right". Praise is the most proper and suitable and right thing to do any time of the day or night. It is pleasant for you and for Him. God is always good and He says it is good to praise Him. Enjoy this time.

"The Lord does build up Jerusalem: He gathers together the outcasts of Israel. He heals the broken in heart, and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of stars; He calls them all by their names. Great is our Lord, and of great power: His understanding is infinite. The Lord lifts up the meek: He casts the wicked down to the ground. Who covers the heaven with clouds, who prepares rain for the earth, who makes grass to grow upon the mountains."

This is your God. Praise Him! Thank Him. He knows the name of every star!!!! We serve the most awesome God! Look up! He is your God and your salvation. There is none....not one....like Him!

"The Lord takes pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy."

Thank Him for the "fear of the Lord"; for taking pleasure in those who fear Him; and for showing you how to fear Him!

Remember: Proverbs 8:10

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

Repentance: His loving, special gift to you.
"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up."
(James 4:7-10)

We must submit to Him daily. He is our first priority at the beginning of each day. We must resist the devil and draw near to God. Are you doing this? There is a promise here; as you draw near to Him, He draws near to you!

Are you asking for a pure heart? Have you repented for being double-minded? When you repent, does it produce mourning and weeping and humility in you? Do you become excited for Him to change you into more of His likeness? The promise here is grand; true repentance will bring forgiveness and "He will lift you up" for His glory.

Be at peace now.....joy rising up through complete forgiveness, and His praise filling all of your thoughts. He is marvelous in His love for you!

11 Corinthians 12:14

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen."

Day Eight

Read all of Psalms 148, 149, 150.

There is so much to praise and thank Him for in these last three Psalms. What a way for the Book of Psalms to end: complete joy and praise to His mighty Name!

"Praise you the Lord. Praise you the Lord from the heavens: praise Him in the heights. Praise Him all His angels: praise Him, all His hosts. Praise Him, sun and moon: praise Him, all you stars of light. Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters that be above the heavens. Let them praise the Name of the Lord: for He commanded, and they were created. Let them praise the Name of the Lord: for His Name alone is excellent; His glory is above the earth and heaven."

Can you even really imagine what it might be like to speak and things are created? This is your God!

"Praise you the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and His praise in the congregation of saints. Praise you the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power. Praise Him for His mighty acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet: praise Him with the lute and harp. Praise Him with the timbrel and dance: Praise Him with stringed instruments and pipes. Praise Him upon the loud cymbals: praise Him upon the clashing cymbals. Let every thing that has breath praise the Lord. Praise you the Lord."

God has helped you understand praise and thanksgiving to Him is a mighty weapon; both are all-powerful. He is our King!

Remember: Matthew 11:28-30

"Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Repentance: His loving, special gift to you.

"O Israel, return unto the Lord your God; for you have fallen because of your iniquity. Take with you words, and turn to the Lord: say unto Him, 'Take away all iniquity and receive us graciously: so will we offer the sacrifices of our lips.'"

(Hosea 14:1,2)

Again and again in scripture, the writer is pleading with the reader to "return" (repent) unto the Lord because of your sins and He will be right there to forgive the one who repents.

He is your most loving God. When He sees you sin, He goes to work on you until you come into His presence and repent. Wait on Him now and see where He is leading you. Is there something you need to repent of today? He is listening.

Ask Him to help you with your words so you repent rightly. Turn toward Him and pray for Him to open your eyes to any sins you have neglected to repent for.

Praise naturally seems to flow after repentance is complete. The joy of the Lord will be continual strength for you. He designed joy to be strength to you. Rejoice in Him now.

Psalm 86:5

"For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive; and abundant in mercy unto all them that call upon You."

Day Nine

Read Romans 8: 14-17 and 35-39. Praise His Name! In Christ Jesus there is no condemnation for those who have believed Him, walking according to His Word.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption by which we cry, Abba, Father."

"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, so that we may be also glorified together."

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"

"As it is written, For your sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creation, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

His words in scripture are true. You must believe nothing will separate you from the love of God. Praise Him now for this truth. Thank Him for preparing you daily for eternity with Him. Give thanks for all of your life: Praise His watching over you.

Remember: Romans 13: 8

"Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loves another has fulfilled the law."

Repentance: His loving, special gift to you.

"Let love be without hypocrisy, abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be tender loving one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; constant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them who persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lies in you, live peaceably with all men. Avenge not yourselves for it is written 'Vengeance is Mine; I will repay', says the Lord. If your enemy hungers, feed him; if he thirsts, give him drink: for in so doing you shall heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:9-21)

Look over this list and give Him your heart. Repent for any of this Word which you are not doing. Take your time: the list is long: He wants to make your heart pure in Him. **When you are ready, return to praise. He is your merciful Father!**

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good: His love endures forever." (Psalm 136:1)

Day Ten: Yom Kippur: 1 Corinthians 13

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profits me nothing.

Love suffers long, and is kind; love envies not; love vaunts not itself, is not puffed up, does not behave itself rudely, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, keeps no record of evil; rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails; but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

For now we see in a mirror dimly; but then face to face; now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

And now abides faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

Remember: 1 Peter 4:8

"And above all things have fervent love among yourselves: for love shall cover a multitude of sins."

Repentance: His loving, special gift to you.
"But God demonstrated His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

Oh Lord, we bow down to You on our faces. We have not loved others as You have loved them. You gave Your life for them. We repent! Forgive us!

We have called ourselves "God's Church" yet we have passed by the hurting and helpless... too busy with our own desires to see the needs. We repent! Forgive us!

We have not been kind. We have envied, we have walked in pride, seeking our own wants and desires. We have been angry, provoked, and taken into account wrongs suffered. We repent! Forgive us!

We humbly come to You, the only God of glory, and ask Your forgiveness for so little love. Help us turn from our ways to seek Your ways. Our hope is in You!

Humble us, Lord. Help us behave like You. We repent...longing to turn and change and become more like You. We long to rejoice in Your truth and believe every word in Your Word, and have great hope and endurance and faith. Forgive us, our holy God, and help us be like Joshua who could not leave Your presence: "And Moses turned again into the camp; but his servant Joshua, a young man, departed not out of the Tabernacle."(Exodus 33:11) Joshua cried out for more of you! Like Joshua, we cry out to know You; to know Your ways and walk in all of them in Jesus' Name.