

Bible study for this week 11/09/09~11/15/09

***November09(Monday)2009**{ [Mark 4:35~41](#) }Key: Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)“Life’s Storm-Tossed Sea”Bible In One Year: [Jeremiah 46~47; Hebrews 6](#)

Emilie, wife of 19th-century German pastor Christoph Blumhardt, envied his ability to pray for his parishioners and then effortlessly fall asleep. So one night she pleaded, “Tell me your secret!”

He answered, “Is God so powerless that my worrying would help the well-being of our parish?” Then he added, “There comes a moment each day when we must simply drop what weighs on us and hand it over to God.”

One evening Jesus and His disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee. Weary after a long day of ministry, He fell asleep in the stern of the boat. A fierce squall suddenly arose—so fierce that even the Lord’s fishermen-turned-disciples were terrified. But Jesus continued to sleep serenely until His frightened followers woke Him, crying out, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?” (Mark 4:38). You see, Jesus was in the habit of entrusting Himself to His heavenly Father. Having made that commitment, He could sleep through the turbulent squall.

When worries begin to gnaw at our mind, let’s surrender them to the Lord and not take them back again (1 Peter 5:7). That’s the secret of soul-serenity when we’re on life’s storm-tossed sea.

Meditate: Jesus knows the pain you feel, He can save and He can heal—Take your burden to the Lord And leave it there.

Aphorism: Drop what weighs you down by giving it to God.

***November10(Tuesday)2009**{ [Romans 13:1~7](#) }Key: Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. (Romans 13:1)“One Problem; Two Views”Bible In One Year: [Jeremiah 48~49; Hebrews 7](#)

Jamaicans were recently concerned that their country’s murder rate was nearing an all-time high. Debate was lively as good citizens sought solutions.

Typical of two common approaches came in letters to the editor of one Jamaican newspaper. One writer said, “Unless our scholars, . . . policymakers and political representatives seriously seek answers, the future of our nation is dire.” Another observed, “It is time we address the heart of the problem—that the people of Jamaica go . . . not to the Minister of National Security but to God Himself.”

One problem, two views: The totally secular proposal, which leans on the wisdom of man alone; and the divine approach, which depends on God and those who love Him.

We need both: God-ordained government to care for the people (Rom. 13:1~7), and people who have a proper view of God and His guidelines for life (Prov. 14:33).

No matter where we live, we must pray for those in charge, asking God to provide direction. Then we must also work and pray that individuals—one by one—see their need for Jesus and their dependence on the Lord.

By combining the two views, we can make a difference.

Meditate: It’s always easy to complain And say that government’s unfair, But God’s Word says we should give thanks And lift our leaders up in prayer.

Aphorism: Through prayer, the public business of the nation can become the private business of the Christian.

***November11(Wednesday)2009**{ [1 Corinthians 11:23~34](#) }Key: He took bread, gave

thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”(Luke 22:19)“Remembrance Day”Bible In One

Year: [Jeremiah 50; Hebrews 8](#)

A person who says shares :I was in London’s Heathrow Airport waiting for a connecting flight to the US. An announcement came over the public address system stating that it was “Remembrance Day” in the UK, the day on which people honored those who had died for their country in times of war. The announcement further said that at 11:00 a.m. there would be 2 minutes of silence and that it would be appreciated if everyone kept that in mind. Thousands of people from all over the world stood in silence as a tribute to the fallen soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen of the UK.

The desire to remember those who gave their lives for their country is noble. Yet, as meaningful as that is, it cannot compare to the privilege that belongs to us when we approach the Lord’s Table. As we celebrate Communion, we are obeying Christ’s command that we remember His death (Luke 22:19) and to do it “till He comes” (1 Cor. 11:26). When He sacrificed His life for us, He provided the forgiveness of sins that sets us free and secures for us an eternal home in heaven.

Rather than letting the Lord’s Supper become routine, make every opportunity at the Table a true “Remembrance Day” by honoring Him till He comes.

Meditate: Thank You, Lord, for dying for me On the cross of Calvary; Help me always to remember What You did to set me free.

Aphorism: Remembering Christ’s death for us should cause us to live for Him.

***November12(Thursday)2009**{ [Matthew 7:15~27](#) }Key: The floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall. (Matthew 7:25)“A Fortified House”Bible In One Year: [Jeremiah 51~52; Hebrews 9](#)

According to an article in *The Wall Street Journal*, some people in the US are building houses stronger than ever before.

Hurricanes, floods, and tornadoes have caused billions of dollars in property damage in states across the nation. So, at the urging of businesses, government, and hard-pressed insurance companies, some builders are constructing fortress-like homes with windows that can withstand 130 mile-per-hour winds, roof nails so strong they can only be cut off, and framing material that can weather the tremendous forces faced by a supersonic jet. In Bolingbrook, Illinois, a community damaged by a tornado in the 1990s, a company is constructing such a “fortified” house in hopes that the idea will catch on.

We who know the Lord Jesus realize that when it comes to building our spiritual foundation, it must be strong and secure. In today’s Scripture, Christ made it clear what that foundation must be when He referred to “these sayings of Mine” (Matt. 7:24), which included His teaching in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5–7).

When we receive by faith Christ’s words and His work on our behalf, our spiritual lives are “founded on the Rock,” Christ Jesus.

Meditate: I do not stand on shifting sand And fear the storm that rages; But calm and sure, I stand secure Upon the Rock of Ages.

Aphorism: To survive the storms of life, be anchored to the Rock of Ages.

***November13(Friday)2009**{ [2 Corinthians 4:7~18](#) }Key: Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. (2 Corinthians 4:17)“True Victory”Bible In One Year: [Lamentations 1~2; Hebrews](#)

[10:1~18](#)

In 2005, the surprising Boys Town High School Cowboys carried a perfect record into a Nebraska state semifinal football game. But more important, the players had taken giant strides toward overcoming their family backgrounds of abuse, abandonment, and neglect that had brought them to the safe, caring environment of Boys Town.

Their coach, Kevin Kush, believes that football is a way to build character, and says: “Victories at Boys Town are not won on a present-day athletic field. They are won years from now in cities and towns across this country when our players become productive citizens.” His team plays to win while pursuing higher goals of sportsmanship, discipline, and teamwork.

Paul held a similar long-range view of our experience as followers of Christ. In the midst of personal setbacks, he urged the Corinthians not to lose heart (2 Cor. 4:17). In spite of loss, we are to pursue the higher goals of God’s kingdom now, anticipating our eternal triumph in Christ.

When the Boys Town Cowboys lost their playoff game 10~0, they were disappointed but not devastated. Their coach had taught them to keep going because their true victory in life is still to come. And so is ours in Christ.

Meditate: Come, Lord, and give me courage, Thy conquering Spirit give; Make me an overcomer, In power within me live.

Aphorism: Trials can be God’s way to triumph.

***November 14 (Saturday) 2009** { [Hebrews 10:19~23](#) } Key: Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith. (Hebrews 10:22) “Instant Access” Bible In One

Year: [Lamentations 3~5; Hebrews 10:19~39](#)

Pastor Rich McCarrell explained to his young son how his secretary screened his phone calls at the church office. He said, “If your mom calls me and I’m busy, the church secretary will tell her what I’m doing, and then Mom will decide if I should be interrupted or if she should leave a message.”

Then he said to his son, “If *you* call me, you’ll be put right through. I want you to know that you can call me anytime, because you’re my son.”

A few days later, the church secretary put a call through to the pastor from his son. He said hello and asked what he could do for his son. He replied, “Nothing, Dad. I just wanted to make sure I could actually get through to you that easily.”

We too always have instant access to our Father in heaven. There’s no secretary to screen His calls. No need for a decision on whether or not we should bother Him. No need to leave a message so that He can get back to us later. The psalmist reminds us, “The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry” (Ps. 34:15).

Because Jesus has provided the way by His death and resurrection, you can have boldness and confidence as you draw near to your Father (Heb. 4:16).

Meditate: Dear Father, thank You that we can talk with You at any time for any reason. We are grateful for that privilege, which was made possible by Your Son Jesus through His death and resurrection.

Aphorism: Through prayer, we have instant access to our Father.

***November 15 (Sunday) 2009** { [John 21:14~17](#) } Key: Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead. (John 21:14) “**Truth That Transforms**” Bible In One

Year: [Ezekiel 1~2; Hebrews 11:1~19](#)

Truth is truth even if it doesn’t seem to affect our lives directly. But the truth that God gives us in the Bible not only opens heaven’s door for us, it also changes our lives.

Ron Sider, a leading evangelical advocate for the poor, tells about a conversation he had with German theologian Wolfhart Pannenberg. As they were discussing the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, the theologian emphatically declared, “The evidence for Jesus’ resurrection is so strong that nobody would question it except for two things: It is a very unusual event, and second, if you believe it happened, you have to change the way you live.”

That’s a challenging statement. If we really believe Jesus rose again, that belief mandates a change of life. Peter’s life was turned upside-down after he saw the resurrected Christ. Once an impetuous fisherman-disciple who denied even knowing Christ after His arrest, he became a bold witness for Him (John 18:17,25,27; Acts 2:14~36).

Has belief in Jesus’ resurrection changed your life? Are your goals and priorities different than they were? Are you kinder, more patient, more forgiving? Ask God what He wants to do in you, and then cooperate with Him in that change.

Meditate: We want to do great things, O Lord, To glorify Your name; When You transform us by Your power, We’ll never be the same.

Aphorism: The power that God used to raise Jesus from the dead is the same power at work in you.