

## 每日读经灵修、默想 2016年

1月03日(星期日) - 标题: 有所不同!

经节: 但以理却立志不以王的膳和王所饮的酒玷污自己, 所以求太监长容他不玷污自己。(但以理书一章8节)

你是否敢相信, 那位召你归向祂并且赐予圣灵保惠师的神, 能够借着你的行大事呢? 你是否能把你的生活的时空与神在你身上的召命连结在一起呢? 世上没有一件事会出乎神的预料。为了某个特定的目的, 祂准确地将你安置在现今的处境。

但以理并没让他那时代的试探介入他与神的关系。他知道自己必须在所有事情上顺服神, 才能为神所使用。不管世界上最有权势的君王命令如何, 但以理拒绝妥协神的诫命。

历史上充满众多基督徒的榜样。他们相信神能使用他们, 使神的国度大大不同。神策略性地把以斯帖安置在皇宫中, 好让她在紧要关头拯救神的百姓(以斯帖记四: 14)。神策略性地使约瑟成为埃及法老王手下最有权势的宰相, 使雅各一家免得死于饥荒(创世记四十一: 39 ~40)。

你是否让环境来决定你的一生? 抑或愿意让神使用你来改变你的世代? 你现在可以求神显明祂对你一生的计画, 和祂在你今日生活中的旨意。

### **Making a Difference**

But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies. (Daniel 1:8)

Would you dare to believe that God, who called you to Himself and equipped you with His Spirit, could work mightily through you? Have you made the connection between the time and place in which you live and God's call upon you? World events never catch God by surprise. He placed you precisely where you are for\_a purpose.

Daniel did not let the temptations of his day interfere with his relationship to the Lord. He knew that to make his life useful to God he must be obedient in all things. Regardless of what the most powerful king in the world commanded, Daniel refused to compromise what he knew God required of him.

History is replete with examples of Christian men and women who believed that God would work through them to make a significant difference for His kingdom. God placed Esther strategically in the king's court at a crucial time when she could save the lives of God's people (Esther 4:14). God placed Joseph strategically to become the most powerful adviser to the pharaoh in Egypt and to save Jacob and his family from a devastating drought (Gen. 41:39-40).

Are you allowing your surroundings to determine how you invest your life? Or are you letting God use you to make a difference in your generation? Ask God to reveal His purposes for you and His will for your life today.

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Experiencing God: Day by Day

1月04日(星期一) - 标题: 因神的话而战兢

经节: 但我所看顾的, 就是虚心痛悔、因我话而战兢的人。(以赛亚书六十六章2节下)

当上帝说话的时候, 你是否战兢? 上回是那个时候因为神向你说话而全身战兢? 约翰一听见神说话, 就仆倒像死了一样(启示录一: 17)。当保罗在往大马士革的途中遇见基督, 就仆倒在地(使徒行传九: 4)。摩西一听到神的声音, 就战战兢兢(使徒行传七: 32)。西门彼得领悟到耶稣的身分, 「就俯伏在耶稣膝前, 说: 『主啊, 离开我, 我是个罪人! 』」(路加福音五: 8)

你是否已经对神失去敬畏感, 不认为那宇宙创造者今日仍然愿意向你这受造者说话? 当你读经时, 你是否拥有神圣的期待, 期待聆听神当日要给你——那能改变你生命——的指示。圣经上说: 「敬畏耶和华是智慧的开端。」(箴言九: 10) 敬畏耶和华是让你看见并听见一些事的唯一方式, 这是无法借着其他方法经历到的。

读经时, 你可能感受到上帝正借着所读的经文直接向你说话。让我们停下来仔细想想, 那命立并且创造宇宙的真神居然正对你说话, 这是多么真实! 多令人肃然起敬! 如果耶稣过去能以祂的话叫死人复活、斥责平静风浪、逐出恶鬼、治愈那不能医治的, 那么祂的话语在你身上的影响将是何其可观? 这可能性应当让你全身战兢! 下回你打开圣经时千万要怀着神圣的期待——期待聆听上帝的恩言。

### **Trembling at God's Word**

But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word. (Isaiah 66:2)

Do you tremble when God speaks? When was the last time you were physically affected by the reality that almighty God just spoke directly to you? John lost all physical strength when God spoke to him (Rev. 1:17); Paul fell to the ground when Christ met him on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:4); Moses trembled when God spoke to him (Acts 7:32); and Peter, when he realized who Jesus was, “fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!'” (Luke 5:8).

Have you lost your sense of awe that the Creator still chooses to speak to you, His creation? Do you approach the reading of your Bible with a holy expectation, listening for the life-changing words that God has for you that day? Scripture says that “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Prov. 9:10). There are things you will see and hear out of your fear and reverence for God that you will not experience in any other way.

As you study your Bible, you may sense that God has something to say directly to you through the verses you are reading. Take a moment to consider the awesome reality that the God who spoke and created a universe is now speaking to you. If Jesus could speak and raise the dead, calm a storm, cast out demons, and heal the incurable, then what effect might a word from Him have upon your life? The possibilities should cause you to tremble! The next time you open God's Word, do so with a sense of holy expectation.

1月09日(星期六) - 标题: 祷告明白神的心意

经节: 次日早晨, 天未亮的时候, 耶稣起来, 到旷野地方去, 在那裏祷告。(马可福音一章35节)

对门徒而言, 他们都知道清晨是耶稣的祷告时刻。当他们需要祂的时候, 知道到耶稣祷告的地方去找祂。当犹大出卖耶稣时, 就是带著一群人去耶稣祷告的地方。

主耶稣每回面对重要的抉择, 祂就祷告。当祂在旷野遭受试探, 被诱以世界的方法代替天父的方法时, 祂祷告(马太福音四章)。当祂面临挑选门徒的抉择时, 祂彻夜祷告(路加福音六: 12)。如果神的儿子需要彻夜祷告, 好清楚明白天父的心意, 那麽我们需要多少时间的祷告, 才能清楚神的旨意?

耶稣经常被人群围绕, 祂知道自己必须找寻一处安静之所, 好能清楚聆听天父的声音。耶稣周围有太多人想左右祂生命的方向: 祂的门徒要祂和群众在一起(马可福音一: 37); 群众想拥祂为王(约翰福音六: 15); 撒但试探祂, 要祂妥协去敬拜并拥护撒但(马太福音四: 3、6、9)。耶稣知道自己的任务不是吸引群众, 而是持续地顺服天父。藉著祷告, 耶稣决定事工的行事计画(路加福音六: 12)。祂的祷告行在神迹之前(约翰福音十一: 42~43); 在紧要关头时, 祷告为耶稣带来勇气(路加福音九: 28~31); 祷告使祂愿意步上十字架(路加福音廿二: 41~42); 祷告使祂甘愿被掛在十字架上, 忍受痛苦折磨(路加福音廿叁: 46)。让我们仿效救主的榜样, 在祷告中与神独处, 订立我们的生活行事曆。

### **Prayer Discovers God's Agenda**

Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. (Mark 1:35)

It was common knowledge among the disciples that they would find Jesus praying during the early morning hours. When they needed Him, they knew to go to the place of prayer. When Judas betrayed Jesus, he led his cohorts to Jesus' place of prayer.

Every time the Lord Jesus faced an important decision, He prayed. When He was being tempted to do things by the world's methods instead of the Father's, He prayed (Matt. 4). When it was time to choose His disciples, He prayed the entire night (Luke 6:12). If the Son of God required a night of prayer in order to determine the Father's mind, how long might it take us in prayer to clearly determine our Father's will?

Because Jesus was so often surrounded by crowds, He knew He must find a quiet place so He could clearly hear His Father's voice. Jesus had many people seeking to influence the direction of His life. His disciples wanted Him to go where the crowds were (Mark 1:37). The crowds wanted to crown Him king (John 6:15). Satan tempted Him to make compromises in order to draw a following (Matt. 4:3, 6, 9). Jesus knew that His mission was not to attract a crowd, but to remain obedient to His Father. It was prayer that set the agenda for Jesus' ministry (Luke 6:12). Prayer preceded the miracles (John 11:42-43); prayer brought Him encouragement at critical moments (Luke 9:28-31); prayer enabled Him to go to the cross (Luke 22:41-42); and prayer kept Him there despite excruciating pain (Luke 23:46). Follow the Savior's example, and let your time alone with God, in prayer, set the agenda for your life.

1月08日(星期五) - 标题: 充充足足

经节: 神能照著运行在我们心裏的大力充充足足地成就一切, 超过我们所求 所想的。(以弗所书叁章20节)

有时候, 我们以为自己为神和教会所做的一切, 可以获得神的激赏。然而, 即使是人类最崇高的抱负, 也不会令神感动(诗篇八:3~4)。你绝不可能设立一个远大目标, 或企图征服一个重要的任务, 远远地超越神能在你身上所行的作为。大数扫罗比任何人都努力, 好以自己的奋斗来获得神的激赏。但他发现自己最伟大的成就, 比起神在他生命中的旨意, 只不过是一堆粪土罢了(腓立比书叁:7~8)!

我们的问题是太容易沉迷於自己的计画。当我们努力尝试做些高贵, 或与不同的事时, 总是认为神会因为我们竭力发挥潜能, 而大大讚赏。事实上, 除非我们听到神的心意, 否则根本无法想像自己可以成为甚麽样的生命, 也无法想像神要藉著我们成就何等事。

我们必须提醒自己: 天父瞭解全盘计画, 并且, 祂的能力超过我们有限的想像力。不管我们的行事计画是多麼崇高, 我们一定要把它们放置一旁, 绝不可满足於自己的梦想, 因为它们充其量是有限的。当我们遵循神的指挥, 将会亲身经历许多奇妙的事。而这些奇妙事唯有神的同在, 才能够解释它们发生的原因。我们怎能满足那种次等丰盛的生命呢?

### **Exceeding Abundantly**

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us. (Ephesians 3:20)

At times we feel as if we could impress God with all we are trying to do for Him and His church. Yet God has yet to be impressed with even the most grandiose human aspirations (Ps. 8:3-4). You will never set a goal so big or attempt a task so significant that God does not have something far greater that He could do in and through your life. Saul of Tarsus worked harder than anyone else to impress God with his efforts, only to discover that his greatest achievements were but rubbish compared to God's will for his life (Phil. 3:7-8).

Our problem is that we become too easily enamored with our own plans. If we are attempting to do noble or difficult things, we assume that we must be experiencing the maximum potential for our lives and that God must, therefore, be pleased with us. Until we have heard from God, we cannot even imagine all that our lives could become or all that God could accomplish through us.

We need to remind ourselves that the Father sees the "big picture," that His power far exceeds our limited imagination. We must set aside our own agenda, however lofty. We must never become satisfied with our own dreams, for they are finite at best. When we follow God's direction we will witness things happening in our lives that can only be explained by His powerful presence. How could we be satisfied with anything less?

1月05日(星期二) - 标题: 仪式或关系?

经节: 他们也不说: 「那领我们从埃及地上来, 引导我们经过旷野, 沙漠有深坑之地, 和干旱死荫、无人经过、无人居住之地的耶和華在哪里呢?」(耶利米书二章6节)

基督信仰是一种与耶稣基督愈来愈亲密的关系。它不是一堆信仰教条, 也不是常规仪式, 更不是消除罪的途径。神所颁发的每个命令, 都是为了加深祂与祂的百姓之间爱的关系。

神为我们设计崇拜, 好让我们能在祂的荣耀光中朝见祂, 并且适当地回应祂。然而, 对许多人而言, 崇拜已经变质, 成了「宗教」, 只是一个习惯性的聚会罢了。神创立献祭制度, 好让我们这些神的百姓能向祂表达爱意。但我们往往献给神一点点的礼物, 徒然想安抚神, 平静自己的罪恶感。神赐予我们祷告的权柄, 让我们能与祂会话, 但我们常常有口无心地「念主祷文」, 扭曲了祷告的真义。不但如此, 我们往往没有静心聆听神的心意, 就匆匆退出祷告。神设立诫命来保护祂所爱的百姓。诫命却轻易地变成律法主义的小径, 而非与神创建关系的林荫大道。祂用这些诫命来保护我们免受伤害。

没有与神相交的宗教活动只是空洞的仪式。耶利米时代的百姓满足于那种没有神同在的仪式。他们对自己的「宗教」好自在, 甚至不曾察觉到神并没有同在的事实。我们是否可能在祷告、参加主日崇拜或奉献金钱的同时, 却没有经历神的同在? 当然, 这是可能的! 这是许多基督徒可悲的误解。不要停留在那种与耶稣基督毫不相干的宗教生活。神同在的敬拜是迥然不同的。

### **Ritual or Relationship?**

Neither did they say, 'Where is the LORD, Who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, Who led us through the wilderness. (Jeremiah 2:6)

Christianity is an intimate, growing relationship with the person of Jesus Christ. It is not a set of doctrines to believe, habits to practice, or sins to avoid. Every activity God commands is intended to enhance His love relationship with His people.

God designed worship for us to see Him in His glory and to respond appropriately; for many it has degenerated into "religion," one more meeting to attend out of habit. God established the sacrificial system so that we, His people, could express our love to Him; but we often diminish our gifts to our Lord into futile attempts to appease Him and to pacify our guilty conscience. God gave us prayer so we could have conversation with Him, but we often distort this by "saying prayers" and hurrying off without ever listening to what is on our Father's heart. God instituted His commandments as a protection for those He loves, but the commandments can become a pathway to legalism rather than an avenue for a relationship with our Father in which He protects us from harm.

Religious activity apart from fellowship with God is empty ritual. The people of Jeremiah's day were satisfied to have the ritual without the manifest presence of God. They became so comfortable with their "religion" that they didn't even notice God's absence. Is it possible to pray, to attend a worship service, or to give an offering yet not to experience the presence of God? It certainly is possible! And that has been the sad commentary on many a Christian experience. Don't settle for a religious life that lacks a vital relationship to Jesus Christ. When God is present, the difference will be obvious.

1月06日(星期三) - 标题: 神在寻找黏土

经节: 「耶和華說: 以色列家啊, 我待你們, 豈不能照這窯匠弄泥嗎? 以色列家啊, 泥在窯匠的手中怎樣, 你們在我的手中也怎樣。」(耶利米書十八章6節)

神清楚如何把救恩帶給你的家庭、你的朋友、你的社區和你的世界。因此, 祂正在尋找一些願意讓祂塑造成為可用器皿的人, 來實行祂神聖的工作。黏土對自己毫無計畫, 也沒有事奉的遠大抱負, 更不會心甘情不願地付出。它只是一塊柔軟可塑、完全順服主人意志的黏土。

我們常常興奮地向神宣佈: 「我已經發現自己的優點和恩賜。現在, 我知道自己怎樣最能事奉神。」我們有時候會通知祂: 「我知道自己的缺點, 所以我知道有哪些事我無法為神做。」這種心態根本不是陶土的特性。神並不受你個人能力的限制來使用你(哥林多後書十二: 9~10), 祂能塑造我們成為任何一種祂所要的器皿。當神的任務需要謙卑品格的人, 祂就尋找一個願意謙卑的僕人; 當神的工需要奮興的器皿, 祂就尋找能被聖靈充滿的人。神使用聖潔的器皿, 祂尋找那些願意被神除去自己不潔的人。它不是一種高貴的行業, 它只是一塊黏土-既沒有甚麼吸引力, 也無可誇之處, 唯一的例外是: 它乃是全能神所尋找的一塊柔軟、可塑造的黏土。

如果你老是告訴神甚麼是你能做的事、甚麼是你不能做的事, 現在該是順服祂計畫的時候, 任憑祂塑造你成為祂計畫中的你, 就像一塊黏土一樣。

### **God Looks for Clay**

"O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?" says the LORD. "Look, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel! (Jeremiah 18:6)

God knows how to bring salvation to your family, your friends, your community, and your world. Accordingly, He looks for those who will allow Him to shape them into the instruments He requires to do His divine work. Clay has no plans of its own, no aspirations for service, nor reluctance to perform its given task. It is just clay. Moldable, pliable, totally submissive to the will of its master.

At times we excitedly announce to God: "I've discovered my strengths and gifts, and now I know how I can best serve You!" At other times we inform Him, "I am aware of what my weaknesses are, so I know which tasks I'm not capable of doing for You." Yet this is not characteristic of clay. God is not limited to working with our strengths (2 Cor. 12:9-10). He can mold us into whatever kind of instrument He requires. When God's assignment demands humility, he finds a servant willing to be humbled. When His work requires zeal, He looks for someone He can fill with His Spirit. God uses holy vessels, so He finds those who will allow Him to remove their impurities. It is not a noble task, being clay. There is no to it, nothing boastworthy, except that it is exactly what almighty God is looking for. Compliant, moldable, yielded clay.

If your tendency is to tell the Father what you can and cannot do for Him, submit to His agenda and allow Him to shape you into the person He wants you to be. Like clay.

1月07日(星期四) - 标题: 因異象而活

经节: 没有异象, 民就放肆; 惟遵守律法的, 便为有福。(箴言廿九章18节)

世人以「远见」行事, 神的百姓是藉「异象」而活。世人寻找远大与高贵的目标, 运用心思构想最伟大和最令人满足的事情, 好投资他们的生命。机关行号订立目标和方针, 并整理筹画来达到目标。神百姓的作法却截然不同, 基督徒以神的异象来计画人生, 不管他们自己是否觉得有道理。神并没有询问我们个人的意见, 看看怎样做对我们的未来、家庭、教会或国家最好。祂早已知道! 神要祂的百姓留心, 并且向我们显明祂的感情和旨意。神的道路并非我们的道路(以赛亚书五十五: 8~9)!

一旦人们行事不以神的异象为准则, 他们就「放肆」。也就是, 他们做自己眼中认为正确的事。他们设立目标、安排行事曆、祷告求神祝福, 有些基督徒根本没有活在神的旨意中。然而, 他们却贸然祷告, 想要神祝福他们努力的成果!

能够知道神心意的唯一办法是让神向你启示。你永远不可能凭自己查找神的心意。当你听见神的心意, 有一件事要立刻去行, 就是顺服。如同箴言作者的观察: 「惟遵守律法的, 便为有福。」

### **We Live by Revelation**

Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy is he who keeps the law. (Proverbs 29:18)

The world operates on vision. God's people live by revelation. The world seeks grand and noble purposes and goals to achieve. People dream up the greatest and most satisfying things in which they can invest their lives. Institutions establish goals and objectives and then organize themselves to achieve them.

God's people function in a radically different way. Christians arrange their lives based on the revelation of God, regardless of whether it makes sense to them. God does not ask for our opinion about what is best for our future, our family, our church, or our country.

He already knows! What God wants is to get the attention of His people and reveal to us what is on His heart and what is His will, for God's ways are not our ways! (Isa. 55:8-9).