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**DAILY BIBLE STUDIES**

*“Let The Nations be Glad”*

***Selected Scripture***

***October 5 – October 11, 2008***

**THE LORD'S DAY** –This coming Lord’s Day we have the honor and privilege of having one of our missionary families here with us. Brent Meyers and his family (Susan, Kyle, Leslie, and Skyler) will be here to share with us on the work in South Africa. I pray we will be an encouragement to them as we listen to what God is doing in South Africa for His glory. The devotional this week will be a bit different than normal. I am just going to list several verses each day that concerning the work of “missions” or maybe better said, carrying out the command of our Savior found in Scripture. We are all to share the gospel as believers and in regards to taking the gospel to “all the world” we have one of three choices; “Go, Send, or Disobey Christ (Sin). Read **Matthew 28:18-20**.

*What truth(s) did I learn from God’s Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer: Ask God to teach you from His Word this week.*

**MONDAY** –Missions displays God’s purpose of glorifying Himself in the demonstration of His grace. Read the following verses explaining God’s zeal for His own glory, and that He created, chose, and called people to meet that end.

- Isaiah 43:6-7**
- Isaiah 49:3**
- Jeremiah 13:11**
- Ephesians 1:4-6, 12, 14**

*What truth(s) did I learn from God’s Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer: Father, help me see and understand that everything done in life is ultimately for You. Thank You for undeserving grace and help me find my supreme delight in You.*

**TUESDAY** –God has chosen to call people to Himself through Christ Jesus and His glorious gospel from all tribes, tongues, and “nations” of mankind. Read these verses which speak to this “global” not “American” view of God and missions.

- Psalms 47:6-7**
- Psalms 67:3-4**
- Psalms 96:4**
- Psalms 97:1**
- Romans 1:5**

Praise & Prayer	ADORATION Hallowed be Your name. (6:9)	AUTHORITY Your Kingdom come... (6:10)	APPEAL Give us this day... (6:11)	AQUITTAL Forgive us our debts... (6:12)	ASSISTANCE Deliver us from evil. (6:13a)	ADMIRATION For Yours is the Kingdom... (6:13)	Lord's Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

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*What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer:* Father, help me to not miss the great reality that You are glorified in the nations knowing and worshipping Your name. Give me a concern for people who do not know Jesus throughout this world You have made.

**WEDNESDAY** –When we speak of missions we must understand that it is supremely the work of God. Yes, He uses human instruments to preach the Gospel message as we will see tomorrow but it is God Himself who is the ultimate missionary. Read these texts which speak of God working as the “missionary”.

**Matthew 16:18**

**John 6:37**

**John 10:16**

**John 20:21**

**Acts 2:47**

**1 Corinthians 3:6-7**

*What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer:* Jesus, thank You for Your promise to build Your church by saving Your elect. Help me not to despair but be faithful in spreading the Gospel.

**THURSDAY** –Even though we understand that it is God who saves the sinner and it is by His power that men “*dead in trespasses and sins*” are brought to spiritual life we still are to obey the great commission and preach the Word of the Gospel to the lost. God has ordained that human instruments be used to proclaim the message of faith in Christ alone for salvation. Read this most significant text dealing with this issue.

**Romans 10:14-20**

*What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer:* Jesus, help me to be a person with “*beautiful feet*” and to not only proclaim the message of the gospel but also to pray for those who are out in this world bringing this message to the nations.

**FRIDAY** –Another facet of world missions is the empowering work of prayer. As we see from **Romans 10** & **1 Peter 1:23-25** it is the Word of God which is the incorruptible seed by which men are born again and no prayer can do the work of The Word. But, prayer empowers. As John Piper states, “Prayer is the power that wields the weapon of the Word, and the Word is the weapon by which the nations will be brought to faith and obedience.” Read these texts which speak of the role and power of prayer in missions.

**Matthew 9:38**

**Acts 4:31**

**Acts 13:2-3**

**Romans 10:1**

**Romans 15:30-31**

**Ephesians 6:18-19**

*What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer:* Father, help me to understand that You have chosen to answer the prayers of Your people in carrying out Your purposes in the earth. Help me to be a person who cries out to You in faith through prayer for Your Word to go forth in power.

**SATURDAY** –We have barely scratched the surface in looking at missions this week and I trust you are excited to come tomorrow and hear from the Meyer’s concerning God’s work in South Africa for the glory of His name. Whether we are spreading the Word of God at the workplace or in another country God has called us to “make disciples of all nations”. Let me close with a quote from John Piper’s book from where we took the title of this weeks lesson, “Let the Nations be Glad”. “Missions exist because worship doesn’t. The ultimate issue addressed by missions is that God’s glory is dishonored among the peoples of the world. When Paul brought his indictment of his own people to a climax in **Romans 2:24**, he said, “*The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.*” That is the ultimate problem in the world. That is the ultimate outrage.

The glory of God is not honored.

The holiness of God is not revered.

The greatness of God is not admired.

The power of God is not praised.

The truth of God is not sought.

The wisdom of God is not esteemed.

The beauty of God is not treasured.

The goodness of God is not savored.

The faithfulness of God is not trusted.

The commandments of God are not obeyed.

The justice of God is not respected.

The wrath of God is not feared.

The grace of God is not cherished.

The presence of God is not prized.

The person of God is not loved.

The infinite, all-glorious Creator of the universe, by whom and for whom all things exist—who holds every person’s life in being at every moment (**Acts 17:25**)—is disregarded, disbelieved, disobeyed, and dishonored among the peoples of the world. That is the ultimate reason for missions.”

*What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer:* O God, help me to be passionate for Your glory in the work of missions. Pray today for the Meyer’s family and all of our missionaries and ask God how you may help them in carrying out His work among the nations.