

Day One: Psalm 75

1. Why do the people praise God (1)? How do they do so (1)? Describe the Lord's timing, judgment, and power (2-3). What is God's message to the arrogant and the wicked (4-5)? What are all people incapable of doing (6)? What else does this psalm reveal about the Lord and his "cup of judgment" (7-8)? What does the psalmist resolve to do (9)? What does God say he will do (10)?
2. How does Daniel 5, particularly the climactic part in verses 25-30, relate to this psalm, a proclamation of God as judge? Are you comfortable with the belief that God is the ultimate judge? Why or why not? Meditate on the imagery in verse 8. In what ways is this happening in the world today? On the contrary, maybe you are crying out because God seems slow to bring justice in certain situations. Talk to him about this now. How is he responding?

Day Two: Psalm 111

1. Where and how will the psalmist praise the Lord (1)? Describe God's works and deeds (2-3, 7-8). How do God's people respond to these works (2, 4)? How does the Lord display his grace and compassion (4-5)? What about his power (6)? His faithfulness in keeping his covenant (5, 9)? What is the beginning of wisdom (10)? How does the author conclude this psalm (10)?
2. If King Belshazzar, the antagonist in Daniel 5, read this psalm, how do you think he would respond to it, especially verses 5 and 10? In meditating on verse 5, consider whether you are apt to recall God's wonders. Pray that the Lord would make you one who remembers his "glorious and majestic deeds." As for verse 10, is respect for God the basis of all wisdom in your life? If you sense that it is not, give the Lord permission to rebuild your foundation.

Day Three: Isaiah 29:13-21

1. What deceitful behavior does God expose (13)? How does the people's worship fall short (13)? How will the Lord respond to all of this (14)? Who will face sorrow (15)? Describe the people's hubris (16). Summarize all that God will do "in a very short time;" how will he make good on his promise in verse 14 (17-21)? Who will benefit "in that day" (18-19)? Who will suffer (20-21)?
2. In this text, God spoke directly to his people. How do you think the original audience responded to it? Today, what is your response? Re-read verses 13-16 slowly and out loud. Ask the Holy Spirit to highlight certain words and phrases. What is he speaking? Is God asking you for truly authentic worship? Is he asking you to let go of any hubris? What is the first step you will take to begin walking out a response to what you sense the Lord saying to you today?

Day Four: Habakkuk 2

1. How does Habakkuk position himself to hear from the Lord (1)? How does God begin his response (2-3)? Contrast the enemy with the righteous person (4-5). Summarize all the ways the enemy will be taunted (6-17). In one sentence or phrase, how would you sum up the enemy's ways? Who do you think the enemy represents? What rhetorical questions and statements about idols then follow (18-19)? How does this prophecy conclude (20)?
2. How do both King Belshazzar's and his father Nebuchadnezzar's lives, as depicted in Daniel 5, illustrate what's expressed here in verses 4-5? Turning your attention to verses 18-19, consider these words alongside Daniel 5:23. What similarities do you notice? Finally, re-trace the enemy's path of oppression in this text. If you see yourself in any of the descriptions, repent and ask the Lord to transform both your heart and your witness.

Day Five: Acts 1:1-11

1. What did Luke previously write about (1-2)? Describe Jesus' interactions with the apostles after he was resurrected (3). Set the scene of this particular occasion (4). What was Jesus' command to the apostles (4-5)? What did the men think this might mean (6)? How did Jesus respond to their inquiry (7-8)? What happened next (9-11)? How do you think the apostles felt about each aspect of incident: Jesus' words, his ascension, and the angelic visit?
2. Meditate on verse 8. Do you feel as though Jesus is speaking this promise specifically to you? Why or why not? What fruit in your life points to having received the Holy Spirit? What are some specific ways you act as Jesus' witness? What do you need from the Lord in order to feel more equipped as his witness? Be it more supernatural gifts, more courage, more compassion, or more faith; ask him for these things now.