

Monthly Memory Verse -November 2010



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Publisher & Author Message

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Message from the publisher and author

Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes

Dale's Notes are provided as an encouragement to study the context from where the monthly memory verse was selected. It's my desire to provide some background information and practical understanding of some things, which I see within my own study of God's word. It's my hope through reading the notes; you will desire to study God's word in more detail.

Dale's Notes are only a layman's attempt to share the good news of our savior Jesus Christ through a monthly memory verse and the study of God's word in our daily walk with the Lord.

Brother in Jesus Christ,

Dale ☺

Dale A. Kaye

Message:

The Men's Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes publication will be making changes to fit a devotional format. What that will exactly look like at this point is still not certain but the move from a commentary format of a word study will be less noticeable. Pray for us as we seek the Lord's guidance to share his word of faith with others.

Prayer request:

Please continue to pray with me in asking God to help provide a consistent format for the Men's Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes. I ask your prayers and encouragement to serve in this way through email and site hosting. Please, remember my family that we honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and live for his glory.

Thank you,

Dale

Quick Bio-glance

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Oliver Cromwell: Lord Protector of England
(25 April 1599 – 3 September 1658)

Oliver Cromwell (25 April 1599 – 3 September 1658) was an English military and political leader best known in England for his involvement in making England into a republican Commonwealth and for his later role as Lord Protector of England, Scotland and Ireland. Events that occurred during his reign and his politics are a cause of animosity between Ireland and the UK.

There is definitely an association between John Knox and Oliver Cromwell. Knox, in his book *The Reformation of Scotland*, outlined the whole process without, which the British model of government under Oliver Cromwell would not have been possible.

Cromwell was not a learned scholar, as was Knox; nevertheless God elevated him to a greater leadership role. Oliver Cromwell was born into a common family of English country Puritans having none of the advantages of upbringing that would prepare him to be leader of a nation. Yet he had a God-given ability to earn the loyalty and respect of men of genius who served him throughout his lifetime. John Bunyan, author of *Pilgrim's Progress* served under his command in the English Civil War, and John Milton, who penned *Paradise Lost*, served as his personal secretary.

During the fifteen years in which Cromwell ruled, he drove pirates from the Mediterranean Sea, set English captives free, and subdued any threat from France, Spain and Italy. Cromwell made Great Britain a respected and feared power the world over. Cromwell maintained a large degree of tolerance for rival denominations. He stood for a national church without bishops. The ministers might be Presbyterian, Independent or Baptist. Dissenters were allowed to meet in gathered churches and even Roman Catholics and Quakers were tolerated. He worked for reform of morals and the improvement of education. He strove constantly to make England a genuinely Christian nation and she enjoyed a brief "Golden Age" in her history.

<http://www.reformedreader.org/cromwell.htm> and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oliver_Cromwell

Theology term:

Gnosticism

Gnosticism is from the Greek [*gnosis*], meaning knowing or knowledge, and implies a esoteric knowledge of higher things. It is not a system, but more a school of thought, or philosophical ideas which are generally related to mystery religions.

In first 3 centuries A.D., many different groups believed men (Gnostics) were saved through this transcendental higher knowledge, which came not through God, but through self awareness and understanding. Basically, salvation by knowledge.

<http://www.mountainretreatorg.net/faq/glossary.html#gnosticism>

Memory verse for the month: November 2010 (ESV)

Dale's Notes

Read: Deu 4:24: (ESV)

November - Part I*Deu 4:24 For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.****False gods and graven images***

Moses gives the children of Israel a continual warning throughout the chapter, to protect themselves, to take heed as in (*Deu 4:9, Deu 4:15, Deu 4:16, Deu 4:19 and Deu 4:23 Be on guard for yourselves, that you not forget the covenant of Jehovah your God,...*). They were to guard themselves, diligently, by watching over their hearts and keeping their very souls with not forgetting the Words of God, the Covenant of God. Neither were they to forget the experience of what they saw at the foot of mount Horeb, seeing no form but only hearing God's voice (*Deu 4:12 ...You heard the sound of words, but saw no form; there was only a voice*). God came down and spoke to them audibly, so Moses warns them to remember not to provoke the Lord God of Heaven with vain worship, by creating for themselves images of creation, worshiping and serving the created things, for God has chosen them to be His inheritance. They now know the truth, there is only one God (*Deu 4:35 To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD is God; there is no other besides him.*)! Moses clarifies the matter; the Lord God has delivered you [*Israel*] from the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to bring you into a land of promise. They were to fully understand, they were brought out of the pollution of the world, entrenched in worshiping false gods and God delivered them from the blackness of their bondage and grievous sorrow within Egypt!

Deu 4:20 And Jehovah has taken you, and has brought you forth out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people to Him, an inheritance, as *it is* this day.

The words above are said after Moses tells them [*Israel*] v-19, the whole earth is allotted to the worship of vain things but God had taken them out of the Iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people to him.

Israel and the promise land

God had brought Israel to the promise land, according to the promise he [God] made with their forefathers (*Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*). They [*Israel*] had become his possession, his [God's] people that were no people, to be set aside for his [God's] glory! They were a people that had no mercy but now have obtained the mercy and grace of God! They are now the people of God, by the covenant of God! Do you see the impact, the power, and the mighty demonstration of God towards them [*Israel*]? He [God] brought them out of their bondage, their slavery; their darkness of heart and their groaning of spirit for 475 years but he brought them out to make a covenant with them forever! He is to be their God, their Lord, their Father, their Hope, their Light, Their Salvation in this darken world of pagan worship! The earth laid in a wasteland of worshiping vain things and it was these people [*Israel*] plucked out of that wasteland that God chose to set his love on and so He came down upon mount Horeb, and gave the great law of the Ten Commandments.

It's because of this, great deliverance (out of Egypt), this great occasion (the visitation of Mount of Horeb) and these great words (The Commandments spoken by God), he [Moses] lets loose with telling them [*Israel*], their God is a consuming fire and a jealous God and they were to not have no other gods before Him!

So it's with this understanding Moses blast the message of our memory verse

Deu 4:24 For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

Just how was Jehovah GOD a consuming fire? Well there was definitely a perfect example for them [Israel] in their journey through the wilderness (*Exo 13:21; Num16:25-50*). At mount Horeb, the mount was a blaze with fire and quaked at the presents of God, when he came down and met with them. The sight was that of terror and conviction of heart even the thoughts of death, which end up with the children of Israel asking Moses to speak on their behalf lest they die.

Exo 20:18 Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off

Exo 20:19 and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die."

Christian consideration of this truth in light of the gospel

O' Hear Christian these truths, blazing their way through the scripture to you! No, you don't stand at the mount of Horeb but you do stand before Him who is a consuming fire and a jealous God (*Heb 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire.*)! Nothing has changed with the character and person of Him [GOD] who saved us from our sins! He is always the same! (*Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*) or (*Psa 102:26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: Psa 102:27 But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.*)

So in some ways, as it was for them [Israel] back then, it's with us who have received Christ Jesus! O not the receiving of the law unto our condemnation but the receiving of the Lord himself, who has delivered us through the gospel by faith in our savior. Who also came down from Heaven, on our behalf, and suffered and die and was buried and raised the third day according to the scriptures. It is Christ Jesus who broke our bondage, our slavery and our burden of sins; our darkness of heart and groaning of spirit, by His cross of suffering for you! It is He [Jesus Christ] that calls us to life, devotion, loyalty, holiness, fear and worship to him, because of the great of salvation he has wrought in us!

We too as they back then were no people, a people that had no mercy but now by the grace of God through Jesus Christ, have become a people; a people of God! Hear the words of Peter our apostle.

1Pe 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

1Pe 2:10 Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Should we provoke such a one who loved us in his own blood and washed us whiter than snow! Who will come again in the fierceness of the almighty taking vengeance on those who believe not the gospel *READ (2Th 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 2Th 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:)?* Should we provoke such a one by wandering from the truths of His Holy Bible and filling ourselves with knowledge of this age and forgetting the marvelous truths within His Holy Scriptures? Remember Him, whose hair is white like wool and His eyes were as a flame of fire and whose countenance as the sun shining in its strength (*Rev 1:14-16*)

Don't forget but be on guard to watch over your heart and keep your very soul, diligently recalling the words of God and what the Lord God has done for you! Why?

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To be continued....

Prayer

Thank you Lord Jesus for the great salvation you have given me and for bring me out of the darkness of this world and translating me into your Heavenly Kingdom. Forgive me Lord for my sinful ways and thoughts and teach me your truth, so I will keep it. Lord Jesus, I acknowledge my contempt, I acknowledge my ungodliness, and I acknowledge my forgetfulness of the light of truth you have given. Lord have mercy on me that I would set my hearts to listen and obey you. I love you Lord and thank you for keeping me in your care by your grace alone, through faith alone in you, Christ alone! Amen.

November - Part II

Deu 4:24 For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

For the Lord your God...

Many people say many things about God, having no understanding with who He [GOD] is. They simply don't know Him, so they don't belong to Him; Jesus said, (*Joh 10:14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.*). Moses makes it abundantly clear Israel belongs to God. He knows the nation [Israel]! He knows them in a special way; they are His choice possession, taken to himself (*Deu 4:20*).

Deu 4:35 Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside him.

Israel had the right to claim they belong to the only true God, they are His [God's] chosen people bound by promise and bound by covenant. He was not the god of the Egyptian's, He was not the god of Canaanites, Amorites, Amalekites, Moabite, even though the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.

Exo 3:8 and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

Psa 24:1 A Psalm of David. The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

Give Consideration of the Nations!

Give consideration, what God has done to the gods of all nations, their alters, their shines, their blindness, their blasphemies, their darkness of true light. Consider Egypt in their polytheism as a nation, written in their history, upon their salvaged ruins, which will give voice against them in the final judgment. Consider the Greeks and the Romans, said to be the birth place of the modern western civilization: consider their many theaters of pagan worship, now laying in rubble, which testify to their acts of immoral perversions, inscribed upon their alters and shines, which will give voice against them in the final judgment. Consider South America and Mexico; the Mayan, the Incas, and the Aztec Indians, these great peoples and all their temples and evil practices done under the sun, now uncovered to give voice against them in the final judgment. Give consideration to the world of Asia and China with all their gods, temples, shines and perversions which will give voice against them in the final judgment. Consider India, even today, worshiping thousands of gods and evil practices as in times past will give voice against them in the final judgment. Consider Africa, this great continent with all its nations, tribes of people and all their evil practices and worship to false gods will give voice against them in the final judgment.

Finally, consider North America and the rest of Europe, the Slavic nations such as Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary with all their evil practices and worship of false gods which will give voice against them in the final judgment. Consider the Arab nations along with the Middle East and the nations not mentioned with all their evil practices and worship of false gods which will give voice against them in the final judgment!

Now hear the voice of Moses to the children of Israel!

Deu 4:24 For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

Do not these words make your heart tremble? Do not these words steal your sleep? For the Lord God is dreadfully fearful out of his place, in his righteous standards!

Dare we muse in our hearts that we would do anything less than they [Israel], which were under the convicting console of a holy God at the mount!

Israel saw their need of an arbitrator, a mediator to intercede on their behalf, unless they die immediately, before the voice of Him from Heaven. For they were not able to adhere to voice and its righteous standards! So the Lord answered Moses concerning the people that they have spoken rightly!

Deu 5:28 "And the LORD heard your words, when you spoke to me. And the LORD said to me, 'I have heard the words of this people, which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken.

Deu 5:29 Oh that they had such a mind as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!

Christian Consideration!

O' Christian, can you see? We were all in the world without God, without hope, doing those things which are displeasing to Him [God] who had created us from the dust!

LITV-Literal Translation Version

Eph 2:11 Because of this, remember that you, the nations, *were* then in *the* flesh (those having been called Uncircumcision by those having been called Circumcision in the flesh made by hands)

Eph 2:12 that at that time you were without Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers of the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Consider Jesus

Has Jesus Christ our Lord, call you out from among them [the world], as the Lord called out Israel from the Iron Furnace? Has Jesus Christ separated you unto himself, as God separated Israel to himself from among the nations? If He has, then you can say like many others, you have come to know the Lord and He [Christ] has wash you from your iniquities /sins /evil doings and now you live for Him!

Remember Paul, who wrote to the Corinthians to come out from the ungodly temples of false worship to separate themselves from the world unto God!

2Co 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,

2Co 6:18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Remember the words of our Savior, concerning his disciples, as He prayed to our Heavenly Father before His crucifixion!

Joh 17:6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

Joh 17:16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

So even for us today, as it was for Israel back then, there is a calling out from the pollution of the world and its wasteland of evil practices. Should we any longer walk in those practices, which provoked the Lord to destruction of those who would not repent? Neither is our call to a practice of monasticism or asceticism, such as a life of a monk or like those of Buddhism, Hinduism and Jainism, which speak of self effort to become righteous before God or self effort to enlighten one's self to reach a higher state of being.

New Creation

Our God is Holy, and the life He gives is Holy! It's a life, lived out through His Holy Spirit, given through Jesus Christ upon salvation! We are not called out by human effort but by the working of God through the act of a new creation, through His eternal word, all based upon His grace! His undeserved love! So the efforts we now take are the workings of the new life by faith in our Savior Jesus Christ!

Gal 6:15 For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

2Co 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

O' Give thanks to the Lord for His great mercy, for he has made himself known! Give thanks for He has made himself known to you, as "The Lord your God"! Yes, He who is a consuming fire, and a jealous God! Love Him with all your heart, mind, soul and strength, so He may approve your faithfulness, when He comes in His glory!

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Prayer

Thank you Heavenly Father for giving your only begotten Son; our savior Jesus Christ! Thank you Holy Father for making yourself known to sinful men, like me, and bearing our wicked works, done under your sun! Thank you for your undeserved love and lasting grace to make us new creation in Christ! Amen.