

Monthly Memory Verse – October 2011



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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:

Difficulties: things always seem to be more tolerable when trouble comes from uncontrollable circumstances. I have to confess troubles are heavier when brought about by our own decisions in life. The responsibility is even great when you wake-up to find the choices you've made have affected those you love and them which depend on you. Tears drop, hope becomes dashed and gladness disappears in the home, the soul rolls and distress sets in to bring father, mother, and children into brokenness by uncertainty through doubt and fear.

Our God is strong he is a might fortress even in the misted of troubles, though our hearts condemn us God is great then our hearts! Pour out your supplication with thanksgiving and rejoice for he is a great God able to do exceedingly, abundantly, above all that we ask or think according to His power that works in His children.

Prayer request:

***Shared Interests and Personal ***

(This is still true it's a need always)

Continue to pray with me in asking God for his help to provide a consistent format for The Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes. I continue to ask your prayers and encouragement to serve in this way. Please, remember my family as we make changes in our lives to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank you,
Dale

Quick Bio-glance

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Balthasar Hubmaier

1480 –1528

He was one of the most well-known and respected Anabaptist theologians of the Reformation. He was born in Friedberg, Bavaria (about five miles east of Augsburg) around 1480. Information on his parentage is lacking. In 1524, he married Elizabeth Hügline of Reichenau

Education

He attended Latin School at Augsburg, and the University of Freiburg on May 1, 1503 but because lack of funds he had to leave. He returned to Freiburg in 1507 and received both a bachelor's and a master's degree in 1511. In 1512, he received a doctor's degree from the University of Ingolstadt under John Eck, and became the university's vice-rector by 1515. Hubmaier's fame as a pulpiteer was widespread. He left the University of Ingolstadt for a pastorate of the Catholic church at Regensburg in 1516

Reformer and Anabaptist

In 1522 he became acquainted with Heinrich Glarean, (Conrad Grebel's teacher) and Erasmus at Basel. In March, 1523, in Zürich, Hübmaier met with Huldrych Zwingli, and even participated in a disputation there in October of that same year. In the disputation, he set forth the principle of obedience to the Scriptures, writing, "In all disputes concerning faith and religion, the scriptures alone, proceeding from the mouth of God, ought to be our level and rule." It was here that Hübmaier committed to abandoning infant baptism, a practice he could not support with Scripture. He held that even where the Scriptures appear to contain contradictions, both truths are to be held simultaneously.

Anabaptist Wilhelm Reublin arrived in Waldshut in 1525, having been driven out of Zürich. In Waldshut, Hubmaier's increasingly Anabaptist views gained him the disfavor of Prince Ferdinand. It was that rivalry that would eventually lead to Hubmaier's martyrdom

But In December 1525, Hubmaier again fled to Zürich to escape the Austrian army. Hoping to find refuge, Zwingli instead had him arrested. Despite Hubmaier's arguments, the council sided with the native Zwingli. The bewildered Hübmaier agreed to recant. But before the congregation the next day, he attested the mental and spiritual anguish brought on by his actions and stated "I can and I will not recant." Back in prison and under the torture of the rack, he did offer the required recantation. With this, he was allowed to leave Switzerland. This weakness troubled him deeply and brought forth his Short Apology in 1526, which includes the statements: "I may err—I am a man—but a heretic I cannot be... O God, pardon me my weakness".

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Balthasar_Hubmaier and <http://www.reformedreader.org/btinline.htm>

Theology Term

Concupiscence

Concupiscence is from Latin, [com] being the intensifying prefix, and [cupere], which means to long for, or to desire. Thus, this word refers to a intense desire. When used in Christian theology, it means the intense desire that people have for carnal or sinful things.

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

Adam Clarke's
Commentary on
the bible:

Php 4:6

Be careful for nothing - Μηδεν μεριμνατε: Be not anxiously solicitous; do not give place to carking care, let what will occur; for anxiety cannot chance the state or condition of any thing from bad to good, but will infallibly injure your own souls.

By prayer and supplication - God alone can help you; he is disposed to do it, but you must ask by prayer and supplication; without this he has not promised to help you.

By prayer - solemn application to God from a sense of want. Supplication - continuance in earnest prayer. With thanksgiving, for innumerable favors already received; and for dangers, evils, and deaths turned aside. And let your souls be found in this exercise, or in the disposition in which this exercise can be performed, at all times, on all occasions, and in all places.

Robertson's Word
Pictures

Php 4:6

In nothing be anxious (*mēden merimnāte*). Present imperative in prohibition, "stop being anxious." See *mē merimnāte* in Mat 6:31.

Dale's Notes

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Part II: Philippians 4:-6-7 (LITV)

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Right thinking and obedient practice leads to peace with God

It's like the bible says "faith without works is dead (Jas 2:26)"! And "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin- (Jas 4:17)"! If we believe these words to be true then we are not of those who have a "name it claim it theology" but are in fact those who squarely put our trust in the revealed word of God, to live it out! Trusting God, to work all things together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose (Rom 8:28)!

We are not of those who are so spoiled and high minded as to think to give God take-out orders (*by our prayers*), which are not prayers (*requests*) through humility and thanksgiving for his will to be done in us! Those who charge God to do something for them should ask themselves first if it's God's will; for surely he will never do something for you which doesn't please him! This includes His [God's] mercy and grace!
(For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." - Rom 9:15)

Pleasing God

Even in the Cross of Christ, the suffering our savior endured was to make peace with God, **to please Him who is so great** and to bring about the atonement of our sin. Now to make peace with God we have to make right the wrongs committed, which is our sins. He [God] is just, righteous, and holy, there is no sweeping under the rug our willful acts of wickedness. We are sinners in need of peace with an angry God, who does judge sin by His holy standard. So we read, "Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. - 53:10" Jesus Christ satisfied the wrath of God, the judgment of God to give us peace with God! What an amazing God! What an amazing Savior! What an amazing love for you and me who are such sinners that we should receive the peace of God!

Receiving Peace

We might ask the question, how does this fit into our memory verse? Well, if the apostle of Jesus Christ gives a command to "be anxious about **nothing**" what should our response be? Hmm? It should be us in response to the apostle trusting Jesus Christ by Faith and therefore not being anxious but trusting the God who loves us so much! Furthermore, if the apostle gives the command to pray and be thankful before God, then there is a desired outcome he is seeking on our behalf, in giving the command! The desired outcome is you and I possessing the peace of God found in Christ Jesus through faith! The apostle gives the command to unite our hearts and minds with Jesus Christ who is now seated at the right hand of God the Father, acting on our behalf (Col 3:1-2)! Yes, it's this one who became a

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servant and was made in the likeness of man, for the death on the cross and it's He that grants the peace of God to our hearts and minds when stayed on him (Php 2:5-12).

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.- Isa 26:3 "

What does peace look like?

He [the apostle] goes on, to describe the Peace of God, so we would know what it looks like and the effect it has when it's present in our life! It's a peace that surpasses all understanding! Thayer's definition tells us in general, it's a reference to our understanding, meaning our intellectual faculty! This means we cannot fully grasp the Peace of God towards us (*"Psa 139:6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it."*) but this **does not** mean we cannot understand the something of the Peace of God, as to its purpose with protecting, guarding, and keeping our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus!

Let this rest in our minds and our hearts, when thinking about the God we serve. Ask the real question; just what does God do that doesn't surpass all our understanding in life and all creation (*Eph 3:20*)!

Prayer and petitioning God with thanksgiving is a holy communion between God and His redeemed saints. All working upon faith in Him [God] who answers; it allows the children of God to enter into the Holy of holies not made with human hands, by the Spirit, through His word, which he has given to us and it's this knowledge we should come to know His peace that surpasses all understand!

"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. - Rom 8:26-27"

"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Heb 4:14-16"

We must understand if God is for us who can be against us (*Rom 8:31*) for in believing it gives us strength in God, to continue on with the apostle, to live out the truth through practical living for Jesus Christ by faith and example.

Behavior is everything!

As I said last month, Behavior is everything because it expresses our thoughts, motives in action towards God and others. It's the outward expression of who we are by what we do! It's the Son of Heaven shining in our faces (*for "Those who look to him are radiant... Psa. 34:5"*) before others as studied earlier (*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven - LITV Matt-5:16*)

So, we must pursue the Lord through obedience which is a call to prayer with thanksgiving so we may abide in his peace keeping our minds and hearts upon Jesus look for his coming. Live out your faith in Christ experiencing the peace of God which surpasses all understanding.

Prayer

Father in Heaven grant us your mercy and strength us to live for Jesus through your truth. Help us to love thee more than life, for you are the life giver. Have mercy on our weakness to excuse ourselves from your call to serve you with a whole heart in love and joy. Amen