

Monthly Memory Verse - September 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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Charles H. Spurgeon Quote on the history of the Baptist

History of the Baptist

We believe that the Baptists are the original Christians. We did not commence our existence at the reformation, we were reformers before Luther and Calvin were born; we never came from the Church of Rome, for we were never in it, but we have an unbroken line up to the apostles themselves. We have always existed from the days of Christ, and our principles, sometimes veiled and forgotten, like a river which may travel under ground for a little season, have always had honest and holy adherents. Persecuted alike by Romanists and Protestants of almost every sect, yet there has never existed a Government holding Baptist principles which persecuted others; nor, I believe, any body of Baptists ever held it to be right to put the consciences of others under the control of man. We have ever been ready to suffer, as our martyrologies will prove, but we are not ready to accept any help from the State, to prostitute the purity of the Bride of Christ to any alliance with Government, and we will never make the Church, although the Queen, the despot over the consciences of men. —Charles H. Spurgeon

Christian history, in the First Century, was strictly and properly Baptist history, although the word "Baptist," as a distinctive appellation was not then known. How could it be? How was it possible to call any Christians Baptist Christians, when all were Baptists?" *William Cathcart, The Baptist Encyclopedia, 1881, p. 286.*

<http://www.reformedreader.org/history/list.htm>

Axiology

The word Axiology is from the Greek [*axios*], meaning worthy, and [*logy*], meaning discourse. Axiology is thus the discourse or study of the philosophy or system of value judgments or worthiness. In Christianity, Axiology is the branch of Theology dealing with the nature and types of value, such as law, ethics, conduct, order, and morality.

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

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 I: Philippians 4:-6-7 (LITV)

Be anxious about nothing, but in everything by prayer and by petition with thanksgivings, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Difficulties with anger and wrath

It's not easy to admit you're wrong when acting foolish by sitting in the seat of arrogance for that would require repentance, humility! Anger, uncontrolled anger or wrath will usually do the trick in bringing a person to a proud view of one's self. It blinds the mind's eye to see correctly and drives one into madness for it comes with many sins, such as revenge, hate, prideful conceit, spite, impulsive speech, and selfishness-to have one's own way, no matter what the cost, what the outcome. Win or lose, the anger is unleashed and getting one's own satisfaction is the goal; even if it's only an insignificant piece of desire!

O' foolish man don't turn away so fast for many men the above statement is frightening. *Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil - (ESV -Eph 4:26-27)*. The anger I describe comes in many forms, some men's work is open for all to see and other men's work follow after them. *The sins of some people are obvious, going ahead of them to judgment. The sins of others follow them there. In the same way, good works are obvious, and those that are not cannot remain hidden (ISV 1Ti 5:24-25)*. Yes, some anger explodes in your face and others conceal, hide, plan and manipulate to destroy! Some blowup like a volcano displaying for all to see and others floods the valley floor with lava (*magma of wrath*) and their poisonous gas to destroy everything in its path. Don't get me wrong for those who need to intellectualize the word anger as to its emotional state in which God did create. I'm speaking of wickedness not of the emotional state of being upset!

War is war! Ultimately, it's the violence which comes out of man that fights against what is right before God! It's the rejection by all mankind to submit to the truth of God to be lived out in them! It's SIN! Therefore, there would be no war if in fact all things were right, perfect, and holy! God truly have mercy on us sinners because anger suppressed is still anger burning in the bosom, which is ***hate*** not love! Here we are in great need of "the peace of God" that surpasses man's understanding, ALL UNDESTANDING; to keep our hearts and minds from wickedness but to be found resting in Christ Jesus the finished work of God!

Behavior is everything!

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*). Our behavior exhibits **faithfulness** [our singleness to commitment], **trustworthiness** which is our dependability as an

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Albert Barnes study Notes on the Bible

Php 4:6

Be careful for nothing - That is, be not anxious or solicitous about the things of the present life. The word used here - μεριμνᾶτε merimnate - does not mean that we are to exercise no care about worldly matters - no care to preserve our property, or to provide for our families (compare [1Ti 5:8](#)); but that there is to be such confidence in God as to free the mind from anxiety, and such a sense of dependence on him as to keep it calm; see the subject explained in the notes on [Mat 6:25](#).

But in everything -

Everything in reference to the supply of your wants, and the wants of your families; everything in respect to afflictions, embarrassments, and trials; and everything relating to your spiritual condition. There is nothing which pertains to body, mind, estate, friends, conflicts, losses, trials, hopes, fears, in reference to which we may not go and spread it all out before the Lord.

By prayer and supplication - The word rendered "supplication" is a stronger term than the former. It is the mode of prayer which especially arises from the sense of "need," or "want" - from δέομαι deomai, "to want, to need."

excellent tool - to be used for all needs, any need, things of the heart [emotional stability], things of the soul, things of labor [all types labor spiritual or physical], things of the ears [a superb listener like God our Father] and the things of God [you know your place and are submitted to the servitude of God before the great King].

So you want the antidote which gives peace in life?

So you want the antidote which gives peace in life then you are searching for what you can't provide. You are searching for only what God can provide by the established work in His Son Jesus Christ! Jesus spoke of it in the scriptures to his disciples before he left this world. *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. – Joh 14:27 "*

True peace is not found in men for men are at war with God from within their hearts, from within their fallen nature, their flesh. As the scripture tells us *"For the mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace; because the mind of the flesh is enmity towards God; for it is not being subjected to the Law of God, for neither can it be - Rom 8:6-7"*

This is also why the apostle tells us in the chapter before there is no good thing dwelling in the flesh *"For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh... – Rom. 7:18"*

The above verses all show we are in need of something, someone greater than ourselves to achieve our goal for righteousness and peace with God and that my friend is a Savior!

Anxiety, worry and being anxious (the act of anxiety and worry)

Anxiety, worry, and being anxious (the act of anxiety and worry) all lay at the crux of mankind's weakness to disobey God! Its human nature floundering in our own emotions and instability having no faith (*"But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?" –Mat 6:30!*) For these words (anxiety, worry and being anxious) say of themselves we will go and do for ourselves showing no understanding of God as the provider, which is for all of life and all which will ever be!

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"-- yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."-Jas 4:13-15

"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. Mat 6:34

The conclusion

Let me wrap this up; your anger, yes-your wrath, your anxiety, your worry, and you being anxious is not because of someone else or something else. It's you in conflict with God to obey him in your circumstances through faith in what He has already said! Now, our beloved apostle lays-out steps for those who are in Christ Jesus and our memory verse comes attached to other verses being stated before it.

They teach the believer to first rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice! This command presets the Christian's mind to be set on God above and to rejoice in him who is

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With thanksgiving -
Thanksgiving connected with prayer. We can always find something to be thankful for, no matter what may be the burden of our wants, or the special subject of our petitions. When we pray for the supply of our wants, we may be thankful for that kind providence which has hitherto befriended us; when we pray for restoration from sickness, we may be thankful for the health we have hitherto enjoyed, and for God's merciful interposition in the former days of trial, and for his goodness in now sparing our lives; when we pray that our children and friends may be preserved from danger and death, we may remember how often God has interposed to save them; when, oppressed with a sense of sin, we pray for pardon, we have abundant cause of thanksgiving that there is a glorious way by which we may be saved. The greatest sufferer that lives in this world of redeeming love, and who has the offer of heaven before him, has cause of gratitude.

Let your request be made known unto God
- Not as if you were to give him information, but to express to him your wants. God needs not to be informed of our necessities, but he requires that we come and express them to him; compare [Eze. 36:37](#). "Thus saith the Lord God, I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them."

above all things (*"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.- Col 3:1-2*)! This is consistent with what Jesus said when teaching the disciples *"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. - Mat 6:33"*. Surely, if one is to rejoice in the Lord their mind must be first set upon the Lord above? Most assuredly, if one is to rejoice in the Lord always and again rejoice in the God of their savior they must seek Him first in the effort! For to rejoice in the Lord always one must place first their mind and heart on the Lord to give acceptable praise or how else would their rejoicing be received? You see true rejoicing which is of God always gives praise to God for who He is and what He has done! It flows upward to Him who is great forever, not downward to the dust of men!
Second, our beloved apostle makes sure the Christian knows the Lord is present, at hand! The thought is to understand the Lord Jesus is currently presently acting on your behalf in your current circumstance, your trial, your persecution, your mistreatment, your hardship, your loss, and your troubles of life. You aren't helpless but instead it's a call to faith in the One who is at hand!

So our brother Paul continues to layout detailed steps to combat worry, anxiety, anger, strife and a host of other things which come out of men who don't pray and are not thankful in seeking God's counsel for life through faith!

Then they believed his words; they sang his praise. But they soon forgot his works; they did not wait for his counsel. Psa 106:12:13

Parable: the grace of God and his endless resource in Christ:

"I heard the glass break and the water fall and there was none to catch it. It flooded the table and all was lost and a cloth soaked up what was left. Then the Server came to the table and asked the couple would you like another for we are not in short supply. So is the grace of God to those who will receive it and ask it from him. Think about this."

"Do not focus on the one glass that's broke for God is not in short supply but instead ask and receive, seek and find and knock and it will be opened unto you all from His wonderful supply of riches in Christ Jesus our Lord."

(Written by Dale A. Kaye September 25, 2011 to his wife Suzanne)

Reference ESV -Php 4:19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Prayer

Gracious Heavenly Father who forgives all our sins, who make us whiter than snow, which daily fills us with good things to enjoy, blessed be your glorious name forever and ever. We thank you Lord Jesus for your saving kindness and love. I ask that you would lead me through your Spirit to behave in a manner that is pleasing before you. Wash away my guilty conscience of things I have said and done which is wrong in your sight. Refresh my soul in the things of God and I thank you Lord and worship you even now the Greatest Highest King. Amen.

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