



Monthly Memory Verse March 2013

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Publisher & Author Message

March 2013

Message from the publisher and author

Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes

Dale's Notes are provided to be used 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:

Prayer request:

Please continue to pray with me in asking God to provide for this ministry: "The Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes". Also, I 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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John Huss

John Huss (1369 Southern Bohemia July 6, 1415 Constance) was a religious thinker and reformer. He initiated a religious movement based on the ideas of [John Wycliffe](#). His followers became known as Hussites. The [Catholic Church](#) did not condone such uprisings, and Hus was excommunicated in 1411, condemned by the Council of Constance, and burned at the stake.

Influence of Wycliffe in Bohemia

Huss was a precursor to the [Protestant](#) movement. The theological writings of [John Wycliffe](#) spread widely in Bohemia. They had been brought over, as is said, in 1401 or 1402 by Jerome of Prague, and Huss was greatly moved by them. The university arose against the spread of the new doctrines, and in 1403 prohibited a disputation on forty-five theses taken in part from Wycliffe. Under Archbishop Zbyněk Zajíc (from 1403), Huss initially enjoyed a great reputation. In 1405 he was active as a synodical preacher, but the bishop was compelled to depose him on account of his severe attacks upon the clergy.

The doctrinal views of Wycliffe had spread over the whole country. As long as Zbyněk Zajíc remained obedient to Gregory XII, all opposition to the new spirit was in vain; but as soon as he submitted to Alexander V, conditions changed. The archbishop brought his complaints before the papal see, accusing the Wycliffites as the instigators of all ecclesiastical disturbances in Bohemia. Thereupon the pope issued his bull of December 20, 1409, which empowered the archbishop to proceed against Wycliffism—all books of Wycliffe were to be given up, his doctrines revoked, and free preaching discontinued. After the publication of the bull in 1410, Huss appealed to the pope, but in vain. All books and valuable manuscripts of Wycliffe were burned, and Huss and his adherents put under the ban. This procedure caused an indescribable commotion among the people down to the lowest classes; in some places turbulent scenes occurred.

The government took the part of Huss, and the power of his adherents increased from day to day. He continued to preach in the Bethlehem chapel, and became bolder and bolder in his accusations of the Church. The churches of the city were put under the ban, and the interdict was pronounced against Prague, but without result.

His trial and execution

The Council of Constance was convened in 1414, and he was summoned before it, to answer to the charges brought against him, having been promised the safe conduct, or passport of the Emperor Sigismund. But the Emperor proved false to his word, and the council was determined to condemn him. He was declared a heretic, given the opportunity to recant and sentenced to be burned at the stake. On the 6th day of July, 1415, he was led forth and burned at the stake.

http://www.theopedia.com/John_Huss

Theology Term

Ad Hominem

Ad hominem is from the Latin meaning "to the man." In a theological debate or discussion, it is the act of attacking the person or opponent rather than debating the issues.

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

John Gills
Exposition of the
Entire Bible

2Co 5:10 For we must all appear,....
This is a reason why the saints are so diligent and laborious, so earnest and intent upon it, to be accepted of the Lord, because they must stand

before the judgment seat of Christ; who is appointed Judge of the whole earth, who is every way qualified for it, being God omnipotent and omniscient; and when he comes a second time will sit upon his great white throne, a symbol of purity and integrity, and will enter on this work, and finish it with the strictest justice and equity: and before him "we must all appear"; all the saints as well as others, ministers and people, persons of all ranks and conditions, of every nation, age, and sex; there will be no avoiding this judgment, all "must appear", or "be made manifest"; they will be set in open view, before angels and men; their persons, characters, and actions, even the most secret will be:

DALE'S NOTES

MARCH – 2013

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Part 2 to be continued.

Read: 2 Peter 3:10 (KJV)

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

INTRODUCTION

We are turning aside from our memory verse to talk about humility and intellectualism

There seems to be a lack of humility when such great words are read from the Holy Scriptures. Yes, a lack of fear towards the Holy One [God] who has created all things. Men are ignorant, if this was not true then we would change the way we speak and treat each other for fear of him who holds all to account ("Mat 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."). Yes, even the saints of God must appear before the great holy one to receive according to their works done in the flesh ("2Co 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.")!

I heard it said, "That familiarity breeds contempt" so, knowing and hearing something of the Word of God doesn't make us awake to its truth. Therefore, familiarity with the truth does not of itself change our pursuit in life for the glory of God. A heart hardened towards God does not care but for itself. Therefore, the heart which is hardened is not set on fire to evangelize the lost and the mind is closed to the fact time is short for all.

HUMILITY AND INTELLECTUALISM

Education of our intellects

God has taken men and women from the simplest positions in life and brought great glory to his name. Matter of fact, most men and women that God has called and used in the bible were without great intellectual training; higher education (1 Cor 1:27 – *But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.*). This is not to say I'm advocating ignorance and the laziness of man not to pursue the best of educations and labors for the glory of GOD! How dare you think or we think our investment and time with God, in the things of God, will come to nothing; if he's the one who calls us to the labor!

The topic is about humility and intellectualism, yes, lack of humility in our Christian profession of faith and the blindness of intellectualism practiced within our social circles.

John Gills
Exposition of the
Entire Bible
2Pe 3:10 (Continued)
... in the which the
heavens shall pass
away with a great
noise; not the third
heaven, the seat of
angels and glorified
saints, and even of
God himself; but the
starry and airy
heavens, which shall
pass away, not as to
their matter and
substance, but as to
some of their
accidents and
qualities, and the
present use of them;
and that with a great
noise, like that of a
violent storm, or
tempest; though the
Ethiopic version
renders it, "without a
noise"; and which is
more agreeable to his
coming as a thief,
which is not with
noise, but in as still a
manner as possible;
and some learned
men observe, that the
word signifies swiftly,
as well as with a
noise; and,
accordingly, the
Syriac version
renders it "suddenly";
and the Arabic
version "presently",
immediately; that is,
as soon as Christ
shall come,
immediately, at once,
from his face shall the
earth and heavens
flee away, as John in
a vision saw,
Rev 20:11:

Taking a look at our world today, we can easily see education is touted as the answer for success in life and anyone who would resist this thought, in general, is counted a fool or foolish at the least. Also, it should be understood the practice in education and training of skill sets are encouraged by the bible saying if a man should not work , let him not eat ("2Th 3:10 ...this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat."). Also, we are called to study to show ourselves approved unto God rightly dividing the word of Truth. So labor and education are not the issues but the world and man's sinful practice in them.

Now slow down and let me ask you a simple question. What is most important to God when he deals with his servants? A servant must be faithful one would say, another would say a servant must obey the Lord and these answers are correct but these answers don't reach deep enough for God requires us to love him with all our hearts and love others as ourselves in our servitude towards him. My point is men, in general, always looks at the service first but God looks at the heart which is in love with him. It's in loving Him first, in preeminence, above all which motivates our service toward Jesus Christ and others, for we claim to have God, the Holy Spirit living in us.

CONSIDER JESUS, HIS PRACTICE IN LIFE

If we look at our Savior's life, his growing up, he was carpenter in a humble village called Nazareth (*Matt 2:23; 21:11; 13:55; 6:3*). In ministry our savior was a preacher and his congregation followed him on the hillsides, in towns, and homes where ever he purposed to preach ("*Luk 9:58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.*"). All this points to the great humility of our savior in the face of such ungodly sinners as he displays his love and understanding to meet people in life no matter what their social status, upbringing and disabilities.

In many cases our savior reached out to individuals who were complete outcast to their social environments, showing his great love and exposing mankind's shame and ignorance in the knowledge of God giving many hope unto eternal life ("*Luk 9:56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.*"). Pay attention to the word's "For the Son of man", for they speak of his humility being made like unto us, humanity, for the suffering of our sins.

KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

Now backup and consider God, consider our savior Jesus Christ who knows all things; his infinite wisdom and knowledge and works which no man understands! The heavens, the earth, the oceans, seas, the human body, the human eye, the ear, the brain and many varieties of vegetation and plant life! The list could go on forever! Just in our world alone! None of this speaks of the hidden domains, and powers absent from man's sight of which He [Jesus Christ] rules over all!

It doesn't take long for us to realize our ignorance in light of God's creation and his great works! "Who can understand his **all** ways?"

John Gills
Exposition of the
Entire Bible
**1Pe 5:6 Humble
yourselves
therefore.....** Or be
ye humbled before
God, and in his sight;
quietly submit to his
will; patiently bear
every affliction
without murmuring,
repining, or replying
against him; be still
under the rod, and
despise not the
chastening of the
Lord; mourn over sin
as the cause,
acknowledge your
vileness and
unworthiness, and
stand in awe of his
majesty, considering
yourselves as

**under the
mighty hand of
God** a phrase
expressive of his
omnipotence which
cannot be stayed, and
it would be madness
to oppose it; and
which is able to cast
down the proud, and
dash them to pieces,
as well as to exalt the
humble. His hand,
upon men, in a way of
chastisement, presses
sore, and, in a way of
punishment, presses
down, and crushes to
pieces; but to be
under it in an humble
manner is safe and
profitable; such are
hid as in the hollow of
his hand, and are safe
as in a pavilion, and
comfortable under the
shadow of his wings;
and such humiliation
and submission to
him, and putting
themselves under his
mighty hand and care,
is the way to
exaltation:

His hands touched the lowest of low in social standing, such as those taken with leprosy, sickness, the tax collectors, the defiled and prostitution. Now we can ask another question why? Why would our savior do this? Why would he leave the glories of heaven to be born in a humble way and live in a humble town and touch the lowest of the low? Why didn't he peruse a higher education or a better craft or seek an electoral position of the state? We know the answer. His success in life was not to be measure by the institutions of man but by the plan of God he came to fulfill!

The topic could be changed to read: Living with Jesus in your life!
What is your focus for life? Is it truly Jesus or something else?

It's amazing to me how men quickly forget themselves that position is not the requirement to serve our great King and God. Clothes, food and belongs are not the requirements, for we have the testimony of our beloved apostle speaking of our trials as saints within nakedness, in hunger, in prison, in torment all pointing to something greater, which is a humble servant being used of the Lord.

Our God has transformed nations and people by humbling prideful men's hearts through his gospel, enlisting them into serve for his glory. It's not a work of man that produce a new life but it's the working of God alone to save sinners from destruction and eternal damnation. Even you Christian are a continued work of God until he completes his purpose in you. It's all about Jesus and His glory and you are along for the ride just like Jonah! There is no getting out of the big fish until God speaks his mighty word! Disobey him you might, refuse him you can but God will have his way in the end because he never leaves his work unfinished.

NO IMITATION

There is no imitation for true humility before the Lord; our eyesight should be without partiality, not taking note of the outward appearance but the manifestation of one's heart to serve our Great God and King (*"You shall know them by their works"*). It doesn't matter whether you have an office filled with biblical books or documents attesting to your greatness or an empty cubical with a screen saver that says Jesus loves you.

God always looks upon the heart, the motive. It's **he** who makes you useful in **his** work for **His** kingdom.

O foolish minds of men have you come to Christ Jesus in humility of heart through faith in the gospel and fail him now through your-self efforts of education and business which appeases your intellectual grasp of your outlook on life.

"1Pe 5:6-7 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you."

Prayer

Heavenly Father; thank you for granting us sight to see your only begotten son Jesus Christ. Holy Father, thank you for your forgiveness to such sinner like me. What joy and great gladness comes from knowing your only begotten son Jesus! What joy it is to know the love of God. Blessed be your holy name forever and ever! Amen!