

Devotional Thoughts :: Morning Devotional (D.L. Moody) October 2004**Morning Devotional (D.L. Moody) October 2004 - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/6 11:42****October 5***Happy is the man whom God correcteth. - Job 5:17*

Happy, because the correction is designed to bring him inot paths of blessedness and peace. Happy, because there is n o unnecessary severity in it. Happy, because the chastisement is not so much against us as against our most cruel ene mies-our sins. Happy, because we have abundant words of consolation. Happy, because whom the Lord loves He chast ens. Happy, because our light affliction is but for a moment. - George Bowen

Re: Morning Devotional (D.L. Moody) October 2004 - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/6 11:47**October 6***They took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. - Acts 4:13*

A Christian should be a striking likeness of Jesus Christ. You have read lives of Christ, beautifully and eloquently written, but the best life of Christ is His living biography, written out in the words and actions of His people. IF we were what we profess to be, and what we should be, we would be picturs of Christ; yes, such striking likeness of Him that the world wo uld not have to hold us up and say, "Well, it seems somewhat a likeness," but they would, when they once beheld us, ex claim, "He has been with Jesus; he has been taught of Him; he is like Him; he has caught the very idea of the holy Man of Nazareth, and he works it out in his life and every day actions." - Spurgeon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/7 10:24**October 7***When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. - Matthew 2:10*

We who look for Jesus ought to be joyful; it is no credit to our Lord whe we look as though we were seeking His grave. T he dull looks of Christ's followers have injured Him in the sight of the world. Let us, then, smile as we go, for we have the star if we look upward and out ourselves in the right path. - Thomas Champness

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/8 11:49**October 8***Let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation. - 1 Thessalonians 5:8*

Faith, love, hope-these three form the defensive armor that guards the soul-and these three make self-control possible. Like a diver in his gear who is let down to the bottom of the wild, tumultuous ocean, so a man whose heart is girded by f aith and love, and whose head is covered with the helmet of hope, may be dropped down into the wildest sea of temptati on and of worldliness, and yet will walk dry and unharmed through the midst of its depths, and breathe air that comes fro m a world far above the restless currents. Faith will bring you into communication with all the power of God. Love will lea d you into a region where all the temptations round you will be touched by lthuriel's spear, and will show their own foulne ss. Hope will turn your eyes from looking at the tempting splendor around, and fix them upon the glories that are above. And so the reins will come into your hands in an altogether new manner, and you will be able to be king over your own n ature in a fashion that you did not dream of before, if only you will trust in Christ and love Him, fixing your desires on the things above. Then you will be able to govern yourself, when you let Christ govern you. - Alexander MacLaren

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/9 10:40

October 9

I spake unto thee in thy prosperity. - Jeremiah 22:21

We shade our eyes with the hand to shut out the glare of the strong daylight when we want to see far away. God thus puts, as it were, His hand upon our brows, and tempers the glow of prosperity, that we may take in the wider phases of His goodness. It is a common experience that, looking out from the gloom of some personal affliction, men have seen for the first time beyond the earth plane, and caught glimpses of the Beulah Land. Let us not shrink from the Hand which we know is heavy only with blessing. - Ludlow

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/10 11:41

October 10

Come and dine. - John 21:12

This morning the voice of the Beloved of our soul is heard giving us His invitation. "Children," He asks, "have you any meat?" We answer, "No, of ourselves we have nothing but hunger and starvation. O God, we cannot feed ourselves!" Then it is that His own sweet voice replies, "Come and dine!" - W. Hay Aitken

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/11 9:16

October 11

O Lord God, thou knowest. -Ezekiel 37:3

Here is the response of faith, "You know!" What a pillow for the heart to repose upon! "You know!" What few but comprehensive words to sum up and express the heart's difficulties and perplexities and trials. "You know!" What an inexpressibly sweet resting place in the midst of life's tumultuous heavings, in the midst of a scene in which tossings to and fro are hourly history! What an answer they contain for every heart that can find no words to express its big emotions, for a heart whose sorrows are too deep for language to find its way to God! Oh, that they were ever uppermost in the soul, as the response to every difficulty in our path! They are God's answer to everything we cannot fathom, God's answer for our hearts to rest upon and our lips to utter when every way is hedged up so that we cannot pass. "O Lord God, You know!" Rest here, believer. Lean your soul on these words. Repose calmly on the bosom of your God, and carry them with you into every scene of life. "O Lord God, You know." - F. Whitfield

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/12 11:22

October 12

When I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me. - Micah 7:8

If you are willing to choose the seeming darkness of faith instead of the illumination of reason, wonderful light will break out upon you from the Word of God. - A.J. Gordon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/13 10:01

October 13

He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. - John 13:4-5

Acts are common and humiliating because they are ordinarily expressive of the thoughts of men. Let us not accuse the acts that make up our daily lives of meanness, but our ignoble souls that reveal themselves so unworthily through those acts. The same act may successively mount up through every intermediate stage from the depth of unworthiness to a transcendent height of excellence, according to the soul that is manifested by it. One of the glorious ends of our Lord's incarnation was that He might repair us using the details of life, so that we would disdain these as insignificant, but rather disdain ourselves for our inability to make these details interpreters of a noble nature. Oh, let us then look with affectionateness and gratitude upon the daily details of life seeing the sanctifying imprint of the hand of Jesus upon them all! - Geor

ge Bowen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/14 10:38

October 14

Behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. -Genesis 28:12

Think of that mystic ladder, which descends from the throne of God to the spot, however lowly, where you may be. It may be a moorland waste, a humble cottage, a ship's cabin, a settler's hut, a bed of pain, but Jesus Christ finds you out and comes just where you are. The one pole of this ladder is the gold of His deity; the other is the silver of His manhood. The rungs are the series of events from the cradle of Bethlehem to the right hand of power where He sits. That ladder sways beneath a weight of blessing to you. Oh, that you would send away your burdens of sin, care, and fear by the hands of the ascending angels of prayer and faith, so that you would be able to receive into your heart the trooping angels of peace, joy, love and glory. -F.B. Meyer

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/15 9:17

October 15

Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. -Genesis 28:16

The parish priest, of austerity,
Climbed up in the high church steeple
To be nearer to God, that he might hand
His word down to the people.
And in sermon script he daily wrote
What he thought was sent from heaven;
And he dropped it down on the people's heads
Two times one day in seven.
In his age God said, "Come down and die."
And he cried out from the steeple:
"Where art thou, Lord?" And the Lord replied:
"Down here among My people."
-Author Unknown

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/16 9:42

October 16

Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgements, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you. - Deuteronomy 4:1

"Hearken" and "do," that ye may "live" and "possess." This is a universal and abiding principle. It was true for Israel, and it is true for us. The pathway of life and the true secret of possession is simple obedience to the holy commandments of God. We see this all through the inspired volume, from cover to cover. God has given us His Word, not to speculate upon it or discuss it, but that we may obey it. And it is as we, through grace, yield a hearty and happy obedience to our Father's statutes and judgements, that we tread the bright pathway of life, and enter into the reality of all that God has treasured up for us in Christ. - C.H.M.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/20 11:16

October 17

I live not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. - Galatians 2:20

The man who lives in God knows no life except the life of God. - Philip Brooks

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/20 11:18

October 18

As my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do. - 1 Kings 2:38

There is something infinitely better than doing a great thing for God, and the infinitely better thing is to be where God wants us to be, to do what God wants us to do, and to have no will apart from His. - G. Campbell Morgan

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/20 11:24

October 19

Who is among you that feareth the Lord... that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God. - Isaiah 50:10

"In fierce storms," said an old seaman, "we can do but one thing; there is only one way. We must put the ship in a certain position and keep her there."

This Christian, is what you must do. Sometimes, like Paul, you can see neither sun nor stars, and no small tempest lies on you. Then you can do but one thing: there is only one way. Reason cannot help you. Past experiences give you no light. Even prayer fetches no consolation. Only a single course is left. You must put your soul in one position and keep it there. You must stay upon the Lord. Come what may winds, waves, lightning, thunder, frowning rocks, roaring breakers-you must lash yourself to the helm and hold fast your confidence in God's faithfulness, His sovereign engagement, His everlasting love in Christ Jesus. - Richard Fuller

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/20 11:27

October 20

The word of our God shall stand for ever. - Isaiah 40:8

The word of God is the water of life: the more freely you allow it to flow, the fresher it runs. It is the fire of God's glory: the more you blow on it, the clearer it burns. It is the corn of the Lord's field: the better you grind it, the more it yields. It is the bread of heaven: the more it is broken and given forth, the more it remains. It is the sword of the Spirit: the more it is used, the brighter it shines. - Bishop Jewel

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/21 11:00

October 21

He placed... cherubims, and a flaming sword.. to keep the way of the tree of life. - Genesis 3:24

Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they have the right to the tree of life. - Revelation 22:14

How remarkable and beautiful it is that the last pages of Revelation should bend round to touch the first pages of Genesis! The history of man began with angels with frowning faces and flaming swords barring the way to the Tree of Life. It ends with the cherubim guard withdrawn; or perhaps, sheathing of their swords and becoming guides to the no longer forbidden fruit, instead of being its guards. That is the Bible's grand symbolic way of saying that all between-the sin, the misery, the death-is a parenthesis. God's purpose is not going to be thwarted. The end of His majestic march through history is to be men's access to the Tree of Life, from which, for the dreary ages that are but as a moment in the great eternities, they were barred out by sin. - Alexander Maclaren

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/24 10:28

October 22

That the God our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened. - Ephesians 1:17-18

We were coming down a mountain in Switzerland one evening, when a black thunderstorm blotted out the day, and all was suddenly plunged into darkness. We could only dimly see the narrow, dusty footpaths, and the gloomy sides that were swallowed up in deeper gloom. What then of all the majesty all about us—heights, and depths, and wonders? All was darkness. Then came lightning—not flashes, but the blazing of the whole sky—incessant, and on every side. What recesses of glory we gazed into! What marvels of splendor shone out of the darkness!

Think how with us, in us, is One who comes to make the common, dusty ways of life resplendent, illuminating our dull thoughts by the light of the glory of God; clearing the vision of the soul, and then revealing the greatness of the salvation that is ours in Christ. - Mark Guy Pearse

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/24 10:30

October 23

The eleven disciples went...into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. Jesus came and spake unto them, saying ... God ye... and teach all nations. - Matthew 28:16,18-19

The considerable actions in the world have usually very small beginnings. Of a few letters, how many thousand words are made! of then figures, how many thousand numbers! A point is the beginning of all geometry. A little stone flung into a pond makes a little circle, then a greater, till it enlarges itself to the sides. So from small beginnings God casts an efflux through the whole world. - Charnock

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/10/24 10:33

See I am not alone here... :-)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/24 10:35

October 24

Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth. - Hebrews 12:6

Earthly prosperity is no sign of the special love of heaven, nor are sorrow and care any mark of God's disfavor. God's love is robust, true, and eager—not for our comfort, but for our lasting blessedness. It is bent on achieving this, and it is strong enough to bear misrepresentation and rebuke in its attempts to attune our spirits to higher music. It comes instructing us. Let us enter ourselves as pupils in the school of God's love. Let us lay aside our own notions of the course of study; let us submit ourselves to be led and taught; let us be prepared for any lessons that may be given from the blackboard of sorrow; let us be assured of the inexhaustible tenacity of His love as to dare to trust Him, through He may chasten us. And let us look forward to that august moment when He will give us a reason for all life's discipline, with a smile that shall thrill our souls with ecstasy and constrain sorrow and sighing to flee away forever. - F.B. Meyer

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/25 9:52

October 25

I was left alone, and saw this great vision. - Daniel 10:8

Solitude is the antechamber of God; only one step more and you can be in His immediate presence. - Landor

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/26 8:47

October 26

Flee into Egypt. - Matthew 2:13

Why? Because there is a cruel king who will seek the young child's life.

Is Christ born in you? Is your life like that manager-precious as a casket, because of what it holds? Then have a care; for, craftier and more unscrupulous than Herod, the destroyer of souls will seek to destroy you. There is a day coming when they shall say, "They are dead which sought the young child's life." Grace shall survive the foe, and we shall yet return to enjoy the comforts of life, with no Herod to threaten us. After all, it is sin which is short-lived, for goodness shall flourish when the evil one is chained up forever. - Thomas Champness

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/27 11:59

October 27

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. - Revelation 2:10

There is a heaven at the end of every faithful Christian's journey. -Cuyler

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/28 9:49

October 28

The Lord set a mark upon Cain. - Genesis 4:15

We speak of the mark of Cain as if it was a mark of a curse. In reality it was the mark of God's mercy, a defense against his enemies. - D.J. Burrell

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/29 13:50

October 29

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. -Matthew 5:16

They say the world has an eagle eye for anything inconsistent, an eye sharp to discover the bagaries and inconsistencies in the faulty and the unworthy. It has an eagle eye; but the eagle winks before the sun, and the burning iris of its eyes shrinks abashed before the purity of noon. Let your light so shine before men that others, awed and charmed by the consistency of your godly life, may come to enquire and to say that you have been with Jesus. - Punshon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/30 11:07

October 30

Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. -John 16:23

Prayer must be based upon promise, but, thank God, His promises are always broader than our prayers! No fear of building inverted pyramids here, for Jesus Christ is the foundation. - Frances Ridley Havergal

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/31 23:04

October 31

Continue in prayer. - Colossians 4:2

Our prayers often resemble the mischievous tricks of town children, who knock at their neighbor's houses and then run away; we often knock at heaven's door and then run off into the spirit of the world. Instead of waiting for entrance to be granted, we act as if we were afraid of having our prayers answered. - Williams