

Devotion for Epiphany 2

Psalm 139:1-18

**O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord. You hem me in behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.
Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?**

If I go up to the heavens you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

**If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

**For you created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am
fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, you saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

**How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they
would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am with you still.**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen*

1 Corinthians 6:1-20

Christian Behaviour

Why should Christians settle disputes among themselves?

Why is sexual immorality such a dangerous sin?

What does Paul mean saying "You are not your own?"

John 1:29-51

Calling Disciples

How did John know Jesus was the Lamb of God?

How did John's disciples become Jesus' disciples?

How did Philip respond to Nathaniel's initial hesitance?

Come and See

Nathaniel was initially skeptical when Philip told him, "We have found Him of whom Moses wrote in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." He wondered how anyone from an obscure and perhaps disreputable place such as Nazareth, could be the one spoken of by such exalted figures as Moses and the prophets. How could someone from Nazareth possibly be the long-awaited Messiah, the King of Israel?

Philip didn't argue or try to convince Nathaniel that Jesus was the one Israel awaited with great expectancy, he simply said, "Come and see." He would let Jesus do the convincing. Nathaniel was curious enough to respond to the invitation. Jesus spoke. Nathaniel saw and believed the most amazing things about Jesus. He exclaimed "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

Beginning with John the Baptist who said, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world," continuing with two disciples who went and told others, the good news of Jesus is relayed person to person, through the sharing of the gospel. Someone told us about Jesus, asked us to come and see. We came and saw and through His word, Jesus convinced us He is the Christ the Son of God, our Saviour. In the same way we share Jesus with others, simply by calling them to "Come and see." We call and Jesus convinces!

Hymn: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus CCLI #453681

**O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!**

Refrain:

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.**

**Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion—
For more than conqu'rors we are!**

**His Word shall not fail you—He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!**

Prayer

Lord Jesus during this time of Epiphany open our eyes to see you in your holy word, in the washing of our baptism and in the refreshment and forgiveness of your holy body and precious blood, in communion. Give us deeper insight into your holy word that we may discern your will in our lives. Open our lips to share your name and salvation with others, inviting them to come and see, so that with Nathaniel they may see and believe that you are the Christ, our Saviour and Lord. In your Name. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen

The Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Benediction

Psalm 40:16

***"But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
May those who love your salvation say continually, 'Great is the Lord!'"***

Bible Knowledge Quiz

What god did Lord contend against at Mount Carmel?

What prophet contended for the Lord at Mount Carmel?

How did the Lord show His power at Mount Carmel?

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

Worship the child. Matthew 2:8

God. Matthew 2:12

They worshipped Him Matthew 2:11