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A Gospel Primer

#### PRAY:

Father show us who you are. Show us your person, your power, your purposes. Overwhelm us with a knowledge of you that penetrates our minds and imbeds itself in the deepest recesses of our hearts. Let this knowledge so change our hearts that it results in our lives being lived in light of who you are, what you have done and what you say is true about us in Jesus Christ.

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## AS YOU READ THROUGH TODAY'S PASSAGES REFLECT ON THESE QUESTIONS:

What are some things revealed in these passages about the person and character of God? Who is he? What is he like?

What are some things that God has done to reveal who he is?

Who are you in light of God's work? What is it that God is saying about you?

How should knowing who God is, what he has done and what he says about you change how you live?



**6** The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> "If anyone sins and commits a breach of faith against the LORD by deceiving his neighbor in a matter of deposit or security, or through robbery, or if he has oppressed his neighbor <sup>3</sup> or has found something lost and lied about it, swearing falsely—in any of all the things that people do and sin thereby— <sup>4</sup> if he has sinned and has realized his guilt and will restore what he took by robbery or what he got by oppression or the deposit that was committed to him or the lost thing that he found <sup>5</sup> or anything about which he has sworn falsely, he shall restore it in full and shall add a fifth to it, and give it to him to whom it belongs on the day he realizes his guilt. <sup>6</sup> And he shall bring to the priest as his compensation to the LORD a ram without blemish out of the flock, or its equivalent, for a guilt offering. <sup>7</sup> And the priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD, and he shall be forgiven for any of the things that one may do and thereby become guilty."

## The Priests and the Offerings

<sup>8</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>9</sup> "Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering. The burnt offering shall be on the hearth on the altar all night until the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning on it. <sup>10</sup> And the priest shall put on his linen garment and put his linen undergarment on his body, and he shall take up the ashes to which the fire has reduced the burnt offering on the altar and put them beside the altar. <sup>11</sup> Then he shall take off his garments and put on other garments and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place. <sup>12</sup> The fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it shall not go out. The priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and he shall arrange the burnt offering on it and shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings. <sup>13</sup> Fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually; it shall not go out.

<sup>14</sup> "And this is the law of the grain offering. The sons of Aaron shall offer it before the LORD in front of the altar. <sup>15</sup> And one shall take from it a handful of the fine flour of the grain offering and its oil and all the frankincense that is on the grain offering and burn this as its memorial portion on the altar, a pleasing aroma to the LORD. <sup>16</sup> And the rest of it Aaron and his sons shall eat. It shall be eaten unleavened in a holy place. In the court of the tent of meeting they shall eat it. <sup>17</sup> It shall not be baked with leaven. I have given it as their portion of my food offerings. It is a thing most holy, like the sin offering and the guilt offering. <sup>18</sup> Every male among the children of Aaron may eat of it, as decreed forever throughout your generations, from the LORD's food offerings. Whatever touches them shall become holy."

<sup>19</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>20</sup> "This is the offering that Aaron and his sons shall offer to the LORD on the day when he is anointed: a tenth of an ephah of fine flour as a regular grain offering, half of it in the morning and half in the evening. <sup>21</sup> It shall be made with oil on a griddle. You shall bring it well mixed, in baked pieces like a grain offering, and offer it for a pleasing aroma to the LORD. <sup>22</sup> The priest from among Aaron's sons, who is anointed to

succeed him, shall offer it to the LORD as decreed forever. The whole of it shall be burned.

<sup>23</sup> Every grain offering of a priest shall be wholly burned. It shall not be eaten."

<sup>24</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>25</sup> "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the sin offering. In the place where the burnt offering is killed shall the sin offering be killed before the LORD; it is most holy. <sup>26</sup> The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it. In a holy place it shall be eaten, in the court of the tent of meeting. <sup>27</sup> Whatever touches its flesh shall be holy, and when any of its blood is splashed on a garment, you shall wash that on which it was splashed in a holy place. <sup>28</sup> And the earthenware vessel in which it is boiled shall be broken. But if it is boiled in a bronze vessel, that shall be scoured and rinsed in water. <sup>29</sup> Every male among the priests may eat of it; it is most holy. <sup>30</sup> But no sin offering shall be eaten from which any blood is brought into the tent of meeting to make atonement in the Holy Place; it shall be burned up with fire.

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# **PSALM 5-6**

## **Lead Me in Your Righteousness**

**5** To the Choirmaster: for the flutes. A Psalm of David.

- Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my groaning.
- Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray.
- <sup>3</sup> O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.
- <sup>4</sup> For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.
- The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.
- You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
- But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.
  I will bow down toward your holy temple

in the fear of you.

Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

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For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.

Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.

For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

### O LORD, Deliver My Life

**6** TO THE CHOIRMASTER: WITH STRINGED INSTRUMENTS; ACCORDING TO THE SHEMINITH. A PSALM OF DAVID.

O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath.

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.

My soul also is greatly troubled.
But you, O LORD—how long?

Turn, O LORD, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love.

<sup>5</sup> For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise?

I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping.

My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes.

Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.

The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer.



# **PROVERBS 21**

- **21** The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.
- Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the heart.
- To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.
- Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, are sin.
- The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.
- The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a snare of death.
- The violence of the wicked will sweep them away, because they refuse to do what is just.
- The way of the guilty is crooked,
  but the conduct of the pure is upright.
- It is better to live in a corner of the housetop than in a house shared with a quarrelsome wife.
- The soul of the wicked desires evil;
  his neighbor finds no mercy in his eyes.
- When a scoffer is punished, the simple becomes wise;

when a wise man is instructed, he gains knowledge.

The Righteous One observes the house of the wicked;

he throws the wicked down to ruin.

- Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered.
- A gift in secret averts anger, and a concealed bribe, strong wrath.
- When justice is done, it is a joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.
- One who wanders from the way of good sense will rest in the assembly of the dead.
- Whoever loves pleasure will be a poor man;
  he who loves wine and oil will not be rich.
- The wicked is a ransom for the righteous, and the traitor for the upright.
- 19 It is better to live in a desert land
  than with a quarrelsome and fretful woman.
- Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man's dwelling, but a foolish man devours it.
- Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor.
- A wise man scales the city of the mighty
  and brings down the stronghold in which they trust.
- Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble.

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"Scoffer" is the name of the arrogant, haughty man who acts with arrogant pride.

25 The desire of the sluggard kills him,

for his hands refuse to labor.

All day long he craves and craves,

but the righteous gives and does not hold back.

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination;

how much more when he brings it with evil intent.

<sup>28</sup> A false witness will perish,

but the word of a man who hears will endure.

<sup>29</sup> A wicked man puts on a bold face,

but the upright gives thought to his ways.

No wisdom, no understanding, no counsel

can avail against the LORD.

The horse is made ready for the day of battle,

but the victory belongs to the LORD.



# **COLOSSIANS 4**

**4** Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

### **Further Instructions**

<sup>2</sup> Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. <sup>3</sup> At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— <sup>4</sup> that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

<sup>5</sup> Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. <sup>6</sup> Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

### **Final Greetings**

<sup>7</sup>Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. <sup>8</sup>I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, <sup>9</sup> and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

<sup>10</sup> Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), <sup>11</sup> and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. <sup>12</sup> Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. <sup>13</sup> For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. <sup>14</sup> Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. <sup>15</sup> Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. <sup>16</sup> And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea.
<sup>17</sup> And say to Archippus, "See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord."
<sup>18</sup> I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

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