



365 days of devotion to Christ

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Day 20 of 365



Week 3 – Each day is getting better!

We are referred to as the "bride of Christ" throughout the New Testament and that reference gives us many truths we must understand, embrace, and seek each day in our lives with the Lord. As any relationship we must seek to know the Lord more, we must set aside special time for Him, we have a desperate desire to know Him, to feel Him, and to understand His desires for our life. As the bride we are also called to be servants of Christ but not just servants by command but led by His very example, as we are reminded: the greatest among us will be the least among us, those with hearts to serve, humble, and understanding just what we have here: liberty, eternal, paid for by the blood of Jesus and given out of the great love of the Father.

Day 20 – War

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. (1 Peter Chapter 5 verse 8-9 KJV)

I once heard it said that the most important thing the devil has ever done in his quest to destroy humanity is to fool the world in to believing he doesn't exist. The enemy is ferocious, the enemy is powerful, the enemy consumes and destroys everywhere he goes... satan absolutely exists and his only purpose is to destroy, to cause suffering, and to cause pain to God's beloved creation: you. Things can't truly get better until you realize that it is only by God's mercy, God's grace, and God's guidance that you aren't consumed and destroyed. Only those found in Christ can resist the temptation and snare of the enemy, only those protected by the love and mercy of the Father can escape the torment and suffering this dealer of deceit and death brings. He truly is like a lion but our God shuts the mouths of lions! He truly is a giant, but our God is a giant slayer! He wants to destroy you but our God protects all those who trust in Him.

Growing up we teach our kids an assortment of fairy-tales to keep them entertained and to keep them innocent of the true cruelty of the world. When they find out that the Easter bunny may not have brought that Easter basket, or that present from Santa... they can be crushed and hurt but knowing the truth allows them to prepare accordingly. When we

take our kids to the dentist and they need a filling and they ask "will this hurt"? The truth is of course it will! Perhaps if we had told them before they would have taken better care of their teeth! As you enter day 20 of the 365 day devotion I wonder, are you prepared to face reality? Do you know the devil is relentlessly trying to destroy you? Do you know your only hope is the blessed hope Jesus Christ?

Today's prayer:

Today pray the Lord would give you strength to take a sobering look at your life and your relationship with Him. Pray the Lord would convict your heart of any sin, that He would drive any darkness far away, and that He would reveal the enemies snare and keep you safe from it. Pray the Lord would give you strength for each battle and that He would lead the way.