

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

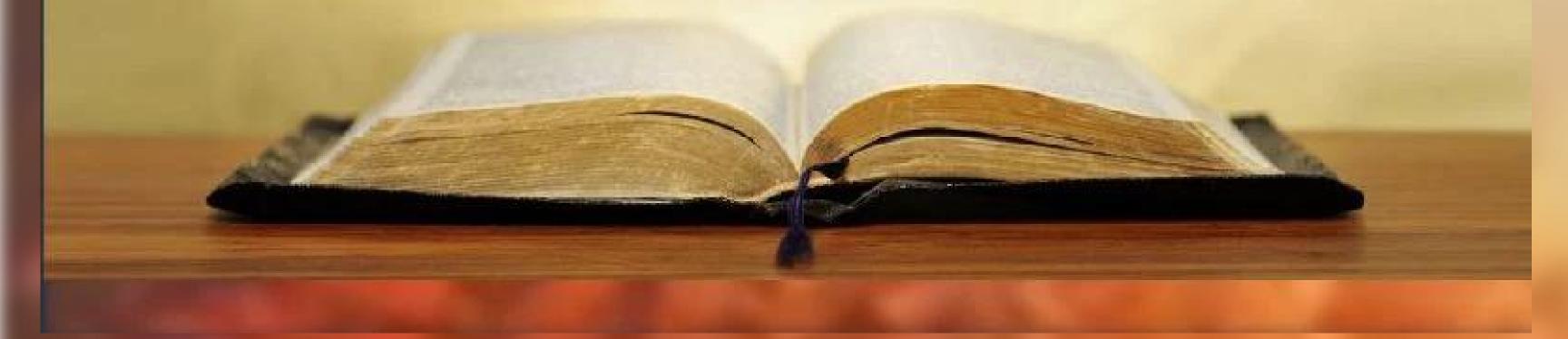
2 He maketh me to lie down in green
pastures: he leadeth me beside the still
waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my

head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



Scriptures For A Grateful Heart

Psalm 100.1-3 Psalm 100.4-5 James 1.17-18 Colossians 3.14-15 Colossians 3.16-17 Psalm 95.1-3 Psalm 107.1-3 Colossians 2.6-7 1 Timothy 2.1-2 Hebrews 12.28-29 1 Thessalonians 5.16-18 1 John 3.1 Psalm 9.1-2 Psalm 28.6-8 1 Chronicles 16.8-10 1 Chronicles 16.11-12 Psalm 30.4-5 Psalm 30.11-12 Psalm 57.9-10 Psalm 86.11-1 Psalm 92.1-4 Psalm 138.1-3 Psalm 138.4-6 Psalm 138.7-8 Psalm 7.17 1 Corinthians 15.56-58 Romans 6.16-18 2 Corinthians 2.14-16 t Timothy 6.6-8

Psalm 118.28-29

A Fall Devotional

Fall - to lose the old, to have its proper place. This is just part of the many definitions of what the dictionary says "fall" is. What is crazy is that the dictionary is talking about fall like 'I fell down', not fall like 'the season' and yet how appropriate the definition is.

I love fall!! The color change, the weather change, the smell change.....its about change. But to change means that something must go.

As I sit here looking out the window with massive trees all around my back yard, I see it happening right now. Leaves falling. What was once a tree deep in rich green, then a tree with vibrant shades of red and orange, now is soon becoming a tree that will be empty. Nothing left but the branches. I guess our human side finds that sad and we wish the color stayed, we think the only thing that makes the tree beautiful is the colorful leaves ...why does it have to be so bare but that's a sign of what is to come. But for every beginning there is an end and for every ending there is a new beginning. What I find amazing is that those trees still stand. Those branches still reach out and upward. Not like my plants in the front of my house that have to be cut back and will re-grow from their roots next spring. Those trees still stand. There is beauty in the strength of those branches.

A Fall Devotional continued...

This is such a picture of what Jesus does in our lives. We go through all kinds of seasons. Some are seasons of hard times, some loneliness, seasons of loss or other things such as financial hardships. And those seasons change us. We have seasons that are bright and beautiful and rich in life. Then we have seasons that He allows things in our life to enter so that we don't remain the same. But through all those seasons He is telling us let go and let Me. Let go and let me show you what I can do. Let go and let me show you what I can teach you... There is strength in your branches with Me. We have to let go grow a new perspective.

Is 43: 18-19 "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold I am doing a new thing: now it springs forth, do not perceive it? It will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the dessert." The weight is too heavy for you to carry and still look up. We cannot continue in our walk with Jesus and never let go. We must go through these seasons so that we continue to learn to surrender our control and in the process we desire to be more like Him, to trust Him more, to fall in love with Him more. He did not create us to still look the same this season as the next season. The Bible is clear on that.

A Fall Devotional continued...

I Corinthians 13: 11 "When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child: when I became a man, I did away with childish things."

Total surrender is hard. But that is because total surrender means giving up control of our hearts, our souls and our minds. When we control our heart, our heart begins to lose heart for the things of Jesus. When we control the depths of our souls we control the wounds and the spaces that are not yet His. And when we control our minds, we allow fear, anxiety, shame to invade and soon we believe what we are thinking instead of resting on what our Father says is true.

Luke 10: 27 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind..."

We cannot hold on to parts of us and say we have surrendered. God wants all of us. God wants us to let go of the things that are holding us. When we do and those things fall... and new life comes from it. Change happens in us and through us. He reminds us that He is still there standing strong and He still holding us up, much like the tree and the branches. He says let go of it and I will hold you.

A Fall Devotional continued...

God knows the depths of your world. He knows the depths of your hurt, the depths of your fear, the depths of your insecurities, the depths of your loss but He promises if you let it go He will bring new life and you will be a vessel ready to be used by your creator.

I Peter 5: 6, 10 "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that in proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you ...and the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen and establish you."

We cannot accept the gift of salvation and then do it our way with our limits, holding on to the parts of our life we don't want to let go. Our relationship with Jesus is worth more than just a part of us...let go and let God! And remember letting go is much like the leaves that will fall this autumn....it is a sign of what is to come. Surrender means to give up oneself into the power of another. So today ...whatever part your still holding on to surrender it...and allow God to bring newness of life.

HARVEST TIME Eb 4/4 Words & Music: Wanda Smith (1949)

1. I look and see earth's gold and riches,
The hoarding mob for selfish gain;
The toil of hands for ease and comfort,
I look again and see the falling golden grain, (golden grain.)

Chorus:

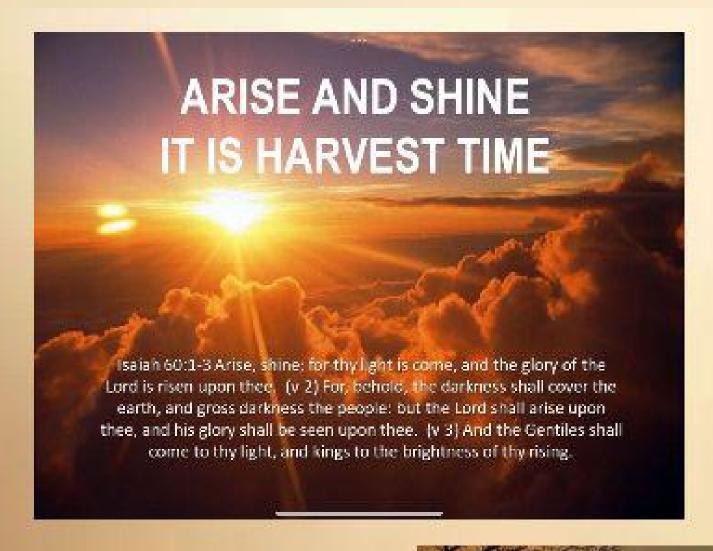
Harvest time, Harvest time,
The Grain is falling, The Savior's calling;
Oh, do not wait! It's growing late,
Behold, the fields are white, it's Harvest Time.

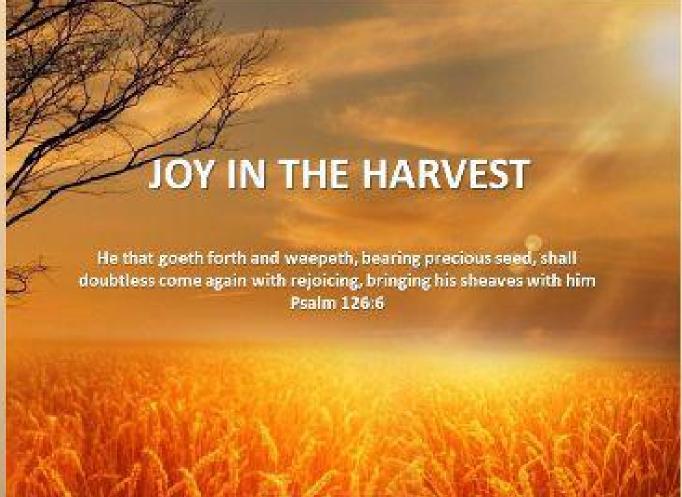
- 2. Say not four months then comes the harvest,
 For ripe the grain is ready to yield;
 Work while it's day for night is coming,
 Lift up thine eyes and see God's needy harvest field,
 (harvest field).
- 3. And when I stand before the Maker,

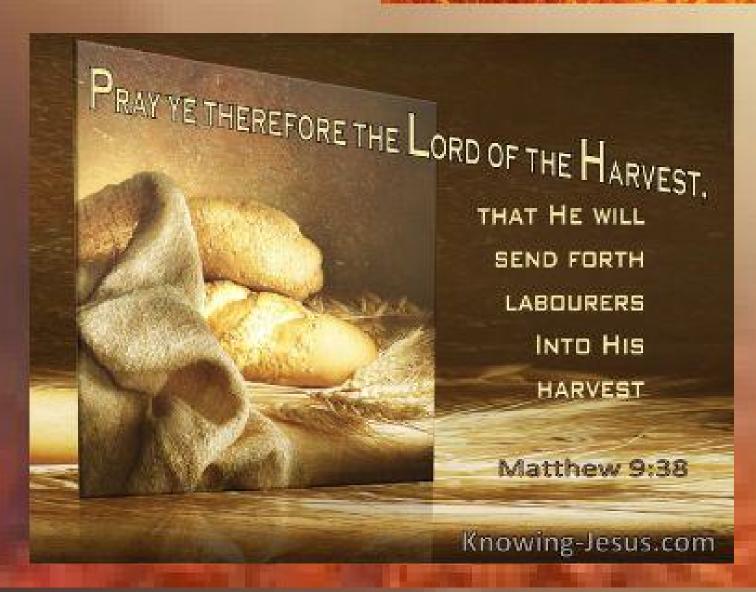
 And give account for what I've done;

 May I then hear Him saying to me,

 Well done, my servant, you the crown have won, (have won).







SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
www.lifeway.com/ homelife					Read 1 Timothy 4:4-5 What are you most thankful for?	Read 1 Corinthians 1:4 Who are you thankful for whose life has been changed by God?
Read 1 Thess. 5:18 How often should you be thankful?	Read James 1:17 What good in your life is not from your heavenly Father?	Read Hebrews 13:15 How are you constantly aware of God's presence in your life?	Read Psalm 7:17 When do you thank God for who He is versus what He gives you?	Read 1 Thessalonians 1:2 Who do you need to tell that your thankful for them?	Read 1 Timothy 1:12 When has God given you strength you know you did not possess?	Read Revelation 7:12 Do your life and you words point to God?
Read Psalm 95:2 How do you express your thankfulness to God?	Read Ephesians 5:20 What should you be thankful for?	Read Psalm 30:11-12 Why are you sometimes quiet about your gratitude?	Read Philippians 4:6 How can thankfulness lead to internal peace?	Read Philippians 4:7 How can your level of gratitude affect your anxiety?	Read Colossians 3:16 How obvious is it to others that you are thankful for what you have?	Read Psalm 107:1 When will God stop loving you?
Read Philippians 1:3 When you look back, who are you thankful for?	Read Daniel 2:23 When were you thankful for the wisdom God gave you?	Read 1 Chronicles 29:13 Who have you told how grateful you are for God?	Read Ephesians 1:16 Who should you pray for because you are so grateful for them?	Read Jonah 2:9 Do your words cause others to know how thankful you are?	Read Philemon 1:4 Who should you tell today how thankful you are for them?	Read Colossians 2:7 Would others say you overflow with gratitude?
Read 1 Chronicles 16:8 Do you tell others how good God is?	Read 1 Corinthians 15:57 What has God given you through Jesus?	Read 2 Thess. 1:3 Who around you has faith in Jesus that is growing?	Read Colossians 3:17 Is there an area of your life that does not matter to God?	Read Psalm 106:1 How do you express to God that He is good no	Read Psalm 100:4 How would God know you're thankful?	Read Colossians 4:2 How often do you express gratitude to God?

Greetings to each one of you,

I understand that we are already Nov.13th but the remainder of this prayer calendar has really great thoughts in it, as does the first12 days if you wanted to go back and check them out as well!

I pray each one of you have a blessed November. As we get ready to head into the holiday season next month, remember to pray for those especially, who are alone and this coming time of year is very lonesome and hard on them. Show Gods love & kindness and do whatever we can to spread His love & bring some cheer to those around us!

Love & God Bless
Sis Michelle McManus