



Devotional Tools: **DailyWalk**

Monday, August 9, 2010

REVELATION 21:1-14

Describe one of the most beautiful places you have ever seen. How does it compare with the description of the holy city in these verses? Will the new world be on the existing earth (see Romans 8:18-21 and 2 Peter 3:7-13)? Who will be the residents of this holy city? Imagine living without fear, pain or death! How do you feel about this place that Jesus has prepared for you? Think about how that promise changes your lifestyle now. How would you sum up the central truth of this book?

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

REVELATION 21:15-27

What is the significance of the foundations and the gates? How big is the city? Compare it to the related vision in Ezekiel 40:2, 40:5, and 48:30-35. Considering the world in which John's readers live, and the conditions they are under, what is especially impressive about this city? Think about when you've needed the vision and promise of the holy city. Has studying Revelation enhanced your view of the Bible? What do you hope to carry with you from this study of Revelation?

Wednesday, August 11, 2010

REVELATION 22

What words of Christ are repeated three times in this chapter (7, 12, and 20)? Read 22:12-17. How is the final state of humanity determined? Is it ever too late for people to change their ways and come to Christ? Why or why not? Think about the second coming of Christ. How is your lifestyle in keeping with verse 7? Have your perceptions of Jesus, Satan, heaven and hell changed as you've studied Revelation? How? Will these new perceptions affect how you live, how you worship, and how you serve? Spend time in prayer asking God to give you clarity in your understanding Revelation, and wisdom and strength to change anything that needs to be changed in your life.

Thursday, August 12, 2010

JOHN 1

In this Gospel, John wants us to understand that Jesus is indeed the Son of God. John shows Jesus as fully human and also fully God. What do we learn about the Word in 1-5 and 10-18? What is the Word (see Psalm 33:6, Hosea 4:1 and Psalm 119:11)? To John, understanding this new meaning of the Word is the beginning of understanding the good news of Jesus Christ! Does knowing that God created the entire universe help you understand that, since God

created you, nothing will ever happen to you that is too difficult for God? We, like John the Baptist, are here to reflect God's love and light. Are God's love and light showing through you to others?

Friday, August 13, 2010

JOHN 2

Verses 13-24 describe Jesus clearing the temple. The sellers and moneychangers are set up to provide sacrificial animals for those coming from far away. But this well-meaning custom had become a scam, and the money changers charge exorbitant exchange rates. Jesus is very angry about this. What else might Jesus be angry about (see Psalm 69:9)? How is Jesus challenged in verse 18, and what effect does his response have? Are there rooms in your spiritual house that Jesus would want to have cleaned up? Think about where changes need to be made in your life. Spend some time in prayer.

Saturday, August 14, 2010

JOHN 3

Nicodemus is a Pharisee, but he is searching for answers. He believes Jesus has them. What is significant about Nicodemus coming to Jesus? Why does he visit at night (19-20)? What point does Jesus make when he compares spiritual birth to the wind (8)? How does Jesus account for Nicodemus' lack of understanding (10)? What does Jesus claim about himself (13-15)? Think about what verses 16-18 say about God, and what God wants us to do. How will belief show itself, according to 15-21? Consider where you are right now in the birthing of your spiritual life. Belief is more than an intellectual agreement that Jesus is God. It is putting our trust and our confidence in God, and putting God in charge of our lives, our present plans and our eternal destiny. It is saying with all our hearts: "Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!"

Sunday, August 15, 2010

PSALM 127

This psalm tells us that a life without God is senseless! God must be the foundation for everything. What does Solomon say about work done without the Lord? Is God building all of the parts of your life, all of your endeavors? Are you worn out, or invigorated, as you are being led by God? This day, this week, make God your highest priority, and let God do your building!