

## Daily Devotionals

### August 21, 2019

**Day 1: Isaiah 58:9b-14** “If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday (v.9b-10). The passage is clear: the suffering of some effects the betterment of all.

**Day 2: Isaiah 58:9b-14** “If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interest, or pursuing your own affairs, then you shall take delight in the Lord... (v.13-14a).” What does it look like to call the sabbath a delight and the day of the Lord honorable?

**Day 3: Luke 13:10-17** Towards the beginning of the Gospel of Luke, Jesus announced his purpose: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor” (Luke 4:18-19). Jesus was called to let the oppressed go free. This is Gospel and it supersedes the law.

**Day 4: Luke 13:10-17** This passage is a classic representation of the struggle between Law and Gospel. Jesus “sets a woman free” from her burden on the sabbath and leader of the synagogue is indignant. The law says look at the writings, follow the rules. The Gospel of Jesus Christ says look the person in the eyes, if they need to be set free from bondage, help to set them free no matter the day of the week. And as a result, the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things he was doing (v.17b).”

**Day 5: Hebrews 12:18-29** 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.” And to the spirits of the righteous made perfect. What might that day be like?

**Day 6: Hebrews 12:18-29** “Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; 29 for indeed our God is a consuming fire (v.29).” These are powerful words. Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken. Think about these words. Pray about them. How do they offer you a stable foundation for your faith in Christ?

**Day 7: Psalm 103:1-8** Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name (v.1)." How do you bless the Lord with all that is within you? How do you bless God's holy name?