



DAYBREAK

Practicing *the Presence of God*

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PREFACE

When we began planning this devotional journal, we were excited about it because although Adrian Rogers graduated to glory in November 2005, you will see he is the main contributor in every aspect of this book—from the title, and content, to ideas on how to use it.

You may not be aware of this, but when Dr. Rogers began his preaching ministry over 50 years ago, long before Love Worth Finding, he had a radio program called “Daybreak.” Here’s how he described that early broadcast, “I used to do a radio program many years ago—back in the 50s. It was called, “Daybreak.” I would go many times to the station at 6:45 in the morning and preach for 15 minutes, or sometimes I would even do it by tape. But every so often I would find myself doing that radio program live. Then at 7:00, I’d meet with fellows at the church and we’d have prayer.”

What a way to start your day—in God’s Word, then followed by prayer. That’s what we hope you will do. Spend time each day reading and meditating on God’s Word. And then take these nuggets from the messages of Adrian Rogers and let God apply them to your heart.

We also wanted to include something that you could actively use in your daily walk with the Lord. Several years ago, Dr. Rogers mentioned an idea that he wanted to incorporate in a daily devotional. The section of your journal that reads: “Spiritual Concerns and Prayer requests” and “Today I will” are his inspiration, and we hope you will find them helpful as you record your prayers, praises and plans.

So as you open the pages of this devotional journal, practice the presence of God by having your Bible ready with pen in hand and heart open to hear what God has for you. For it is so plainly stated in 1 Chronicles 16:27, “Glory and honour are in His presence; strength and gladness are in His place.” Isn’t that something we all want?

We hope this book will become a favorite of yours and that *Daybreak: Practicing the Presence of God* will provide encouragement and inspiration each day and in each circumstance.

And finally, please let us know how God is using this book to enrich your life or that of a dear family member or friend. We always enjoy hearing from you!

THOU WILT SHEW ME THE PATH OF LIFE: IN THY PRESENCE
IS FULNESS OF JOY; AT THY RIGHT HAND THERE ARE
PLEASURES FOR EVERMORE. Psalm 16:11

JANUARY 1

“BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL; FOR HE HATH VISITED AND REDEEMED HIS PEOPLE.” Luke 1:68

Fanny Crosby wrote, “Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb; Redeemed through His infinite mercy, His child and forever I am.” Do you love to proclaim it? Oh, how I pray you do.

Isaac Watts wrote, “Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small: Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.” Have you given your soul, your life, and your all to this Amazing Love?

Jesus did not bathe this planet with His blood to have you serve the world, the flesh, and the devil. He died to make you holy. You are not your own. First Corinthians 6:20 says, “For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”



What do you think Isaac Watts meant when he said that the amazing love of God demands your soul, your life, your all? How does that kind of commitment play out in your daily life? Take a moment to write out some goals for that kind of commitment.

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JANUARY 2

“FOR I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD: YE SHALL THEREFORE SANCTIFY YOURSELVES, AND YE SHALL BE HOLY; FOR I AM HOLY: NEITHER SHALL YE DEFILE YOURSELVES WITH ANY MANNER OF CREEPING THING THAT CREEPETH UPON THE EARTH.” *Leviticus 11:44*

Some people think that to be holy means to be odd. No, we’re to be different. We have too many Christians doing unbiblical things who claim to be holy when in reality they are just odd!

Holiness is not achieved by what we have on, where we sleep and eat, or how many spiritual things we do. It is not primarily a matter of dress or style of hair. And we don’t become holy if we live in a commune, monastery, or convent. There is no holiness in a hole.

God makes us holy by the blood of His Son. And in return of this great love, we endeavor to live holy lives because we love Him. Holiness is a state of *being*, not *doing*. It is a God-induced, God-developed character trait that grows in us as we grow in our love relationship with God.



Take a snapshot inventory of your life. Where do you need to start making changes to live a more holy lifestyle? Do you know of any area in your life where you are not living in obedience to the call of holy living?

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JANUARY 3

“THEREFORE, MY BELOVED BRETHREN, BE YE STEADFAST, UNMOVABLE, ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD, FORASMUCH AS YE KNOW THAT YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN IN THE LORD.” ¹ Corinthians 15:58

Where are the courageous children of God who will speak on their Father’s behalf—speak of His Truth, His mercy, His love? Psalm 119:46 says, “I will speak of Thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.”

There is an old saying: “What’s down in the well, comes up in the bucket.” What happens when you are up against a wall? Do you back down and deny your faith? Or do you stand firm despite the verbal assault on your beliefs?



When was the last time you entered into an in-depth conversation with someone about God? What is keeping you from having that conversation this week? Perhaps you think you don’t know anyone. Then ask God to lead someone to you who needs to know Him.

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JANUARY 4

“NOT FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES TOGETHER, AS THE MANNER OF SOME IS; BUT EXHORTING ONE ANOTHER: AND SO MUCH THE MORE, AS YE SEE THE DAY APPROACHING.” Hebrews 10:25

To exhort is to comfort and encourage. We need each other. We ought to be exhorting one another by saying, “Isn’t God wonderful? Where would we be if we didn’t have the Holy Spirit? Don’t you just wish we were more like Jesus? Let’s be true to Christ!”

We live in a climate that keeps our hearts tender. If we stray away from that climate by skipping worship services and fellowship opportunities, we will get away from the people of God and our hearts will grow hard. When we exhort one another, we are sharing Christ.

There’s something that happens in our hearts when we tell others about Jesus. It keeps our heart tender.



Read Proverbs 27:17. Are you this kind of friend? Do you have these kinds of friends? If not, then ask God to help you be this kind of friend and bring you this kind of friend today!

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JANUARY 6

“JUDGE NOT, AND YE SHALL NOT BE JUDGED: CONDEMN NOT, AND YE SHALL NOT BE CONDEMNED: FORGIVE, AND YE SHALL BE FORGIVEN.” Luke 6:37

Sometimes Christians look at people who have committed adultery or murder and compare themselves to them. They may even say, “They’re dead in their trespasses and sin.”

I want to tell you something. They are no more dead in their trespasses and sin than your sweet daughter or precious parent who has not received Jesus Christ’s gift of salvation. There may be some degree of corruption, but there are no degrees of deadness.

All lost people are dead people in need of the Savior Jesus Christ. You may think you don’t have a testimony to share because you didn’t get a Ph.D. in sin before you were saved. Perhaps you were saved as a little child. Well, it took as much of the grace of God to save you, as it did to save a murderer on death row. Never forget that, precious friend.

Dead people need to stop comparing themselves with other dead people. The ground is level at the foot of the cross.



Has Satan ever tempted you to play the comparison game? What if he were to start today? Practice what you are going to say to him, right now, to defeat him at his own game before it begins.

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JANUARY 7

“FOR THIS IS THE LOVE OF GOD, THAT WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS: AND HIS COMMANDMENTS ARE NOT GRIEVOUS.” 1 John 5:3

Real love costs. That’s right—it’s not free like it was referred to in the sixties. Love is a verb. It is a great and grand commitment.

Sometimes a young man will casually say to a young lady, “I love you.” Oh, he loves her all right. He loves her like a man who loves oranges. He takes an orange, cuts a plug out of it, squeezes the sweet juice from it, throws it on the ground like a piece of garbage, wipes his mouth and says, “Man, I love oranges!”

Let me tell you, real love is not that way. Real love lives to give. Lust lives to get.



Are you dating someone and wondering if it is true love? True love says that God is holy and therefore you are to be holy. Read 1 Peter 1:15-16. If you are struggling in any area in your relationship, it’s time to have a heart-to-heart talk with God and get things right with Him *and* then share what God has shown you.

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JANUARY 8

“HENCEFORTH I CALL YOU NOT SERVANTS; FOR THE SERVANT KNOWETH NOT WHAT HIS LORD DOETH: BUT I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS; FOR ALL THINGS THAT I HAVE HEARD OF MY FATHER I HAVE MADE KNOWN UNTO YOU.” John 15:15

What is the blessing of obedience? Intimacy with God. You will come to know things that you could never know any other way when you become intimate with God.

And yet people are still asking, “How do I understand the Bible?” Friend, you will have a knowledge that surpasses anything you could gain from a school of learning when you serve the Lord in obedience. Jesus said we become His friends when we become His servants. And a friend knows all things.

Amos 3:7 says, “Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets.” Have you stopped growing? Perhaps it is because you have stopped obeying. The way to have insight into the heart of God is through obedience.



Talk to God about your relationship with Him. Do you feel like His servant? Do you feel like His child? Do you feel like His friend? All of these things are facets of a relationship with God. Ask God to teach you how to strengthen your relationship with Him today.

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JANUARY 9

“THOU BLIND PHARISEE, CLEANSE FIRST THAT WHICH IS WITHIN THE CUP AND PLATTER, THAT THE OUTSIDE OF THEM MAY BE CLEAN ALSO.” Matthew 23:26

What happens when we try to help others? We almost always start on the outside. We think if we can change the environment of a man (his home, clothes, food, education), then we can create a new man.

It cannot be done. It was in the Garden of Eden that man got into trouble in the first place. Cleaning up the outside is just reformation. When you clean up the inside, you are regenerated.

Jesus is telling the Pharisees they don't need another bath, they need a new birth. Now, I'm not saying we shouldn't help others. We ought to do these things.

But men need more than soap and soup; they need salvation. They need a birth from above not merely a boost from below.



Do you have a list of people who are lost? Pray over that list today—asking God to use you in the process of leading them to Him and that He would regenerate each one to be born again.

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JANUARY 10

“TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL THINE HEART; AND LEAN NOT UNTO THINE OWN UNDERSTANDING. IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

If Jesus Christ is Lord of your life, you are going to give Him the first consideration in every decision you make. You will ask, “What is the will of God? What is the purpose of Jesus? What will glorify my Father?”

Have you ever worked for a company and they decided to transfer you? So many people, because of their financial obligations, discuss it a little with family and friends, and then make plans for the move.

Sometimes the transfer happens so quickly, prayer is forgotten. Friend, if God wants you to go, then go. If God doesn't want you to go, then you need to stay. But, you'll never know until you get alone with God and let Him tell you what He wants.



What decision do you need to make today? This week? This month? This year? Have you prayed about it? Take time today to ask God what He wants you to do, and then wait on His answer. Be patient and don't light your own fire (read Isaiah 50:10-11).

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JANUARY 11

“CAST THY BURDEN UPON THE LORD, AND HE SHALL SUSTAIN THEE: HE SHALL NEVER SUFFER THE RIGHTEOUS TO BE MOVED.”

Psalm 55:22

It was terrible at Simon Peter’s funeral. Jesus was there and He said, “It’s a shame that Peter had to die so young. He was just getting the hang of walking on the water. I shouldn’t have told him to get out of the boat.” It was one of the saddest funerals.

Now, I hope you’re saying, “Wait a minute!” because we all know that Peter didn’t drown when Jesus called him out of the boat (see Matthew 14:22-33). And you will not drown either when Jesus calls you to do something humanly impossible.

Peter may not have walked very far on water, but I would say he walked farther than anyone else has ever walked on water! Don’t worry about getting out of the boat if that is what God calls you to do. It is safer on the waves with Jesus than in the boat without Him.



Has God called you to do something and you have not done it because you didn’t think you could? Maybe He’s called you to trust Him in a situation that appears hopeless or perhaps He’s called you to speak up for your faith, when you know it will result in great loss or shame. Ask God to give you strength to trust Him to provide all that you need for what He has asked you to do (Proverbs 3:5-6).

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