



Morning by Morning!

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Do you realize that timing is essential to every activity in this life? The significant factor is not so much what you do; rather, it is when you do it! We all remember Solomon's counsel, "To every thing there is a season, and ***a time to every purpose*** under the heaven" (Eccl 3:1). Wives usually show the best evidence of skill in the area of proper timing. It is not uncommon for mothers to carefully study their husbands so that they can help their children exercise good timing with dad. Children often have "weighty" matters that they need to bring to their fathers. Wise mothers who correctly understand good timing have come to the aid of many a child!

Scripture teaches that timing is essential! In our walk with God we must be sensitive to timing. We cannot attempt to get ahead of what God is doing; neither, can we lag behind when God moves, "for the time to favour her, yea, ***the set time***, is come" (Ps 102:13). There are set times!

We generally set our clocks in the morning so that we can wake up at the most advantageous time. This Bible Study will focus on the concept of getting up early in the morning. We will focus on the early morning as a specific tool available to Christians; surprisingly, we will learn that most of the Bible heroes were keenly aware this tool!

The Hebrew word for "morning" is pronounced (bo'-ker) and spelled "*boqer*." That Hebrew word means dawn (*as the break of day*). It is most often translated into the English word "morning." *Boqer* comes from the root word meaning to plough, or (generally) break forth. *Boqer* is translated into the King James Version as day, early, morning, and morrow.

The prophet Isaiah explained that God gave him a special supernatural skill. I personally believe that the New Testament identifies Isaiah's skill as a "word of knowledge" and the "gift of prophecy." Notice how Isaiah described this special ability that he had received from the hand of God, "The Lord GOD hath given me ***the tongue of the learned***, (*meaning an understanding person*) that ***I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary***" (Isa 50:4). Let's notice Isaiah's description of how he received his special skill, "***he wakeneth morning by morning***, he ***wakeneth*** mine ear to hear as the learned. 5 The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back" (Isa 50:4-5). Isaiah was convinced that it was in the morning when God would speak into him these "knowing" thoughts.

Notice the experience of the righteous man named Job who rose up early in the morning, "the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like



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him in the earth, *a perfect and an upright man*, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil” (Job 1:8). Notice some of Job’s activities that made him so righteous in the eyes of

God, “And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and *rose up early in the morning*, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually” (Job 1:5).

The Bible is replete with information concerning the importance of morning activities; however, because we have usually been so focused on the Biblical storyline, we have generally ignored those important references to the morning. Throughout this Bible Study we are going to take a closer look at the consequence of our activities in the morning. We will learn that our morning’s activities can become an especially significant expression of our relationship with the Almighty! Beyond the obvious implications for the righteous people, notice what happened to the wicked, “*when the morning arose*, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city” (Gen 19:15). We will learn that God has established a Biblical pattern of performing His acts in the morning.

As with anything involving faith we should begin with Abraham. Notice his activities on the most important day of his life, “And Abraham *rose up early in the morning*, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him” (Gen 22:3). This was not the only day recorded where Abraham got up early in the morning. Getting up early was his normal practice, “Abraham *gat up early in the morning* to the place where he stood before the LORD: 28 And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace” (Gen 19:27-28). At first, it may appear that these few instances don’t seem all that significant. It may be questioned, “So what is it that is so special about the early morning?” Is it possible that the information concerning the morning may not have any significance beyond mere narrative purposes? The question we will all want to ask is, “Why does the Bible make the continual effort to repeatedly express “early morning” activities?

The significance of the early morning continues with Abraham’s grandson. Notice that Jacob’s early morning experience certainly took place on a day of special significance, “Jacob *rose up early in the morning*, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it” (Gen 28:18). Here again, we find the “*early in the morning*” expression used in the life of a major patriarch.

Four hundred years after Abraham, God delivered his children from the bondage of Egypt. If not the greatest, certainly one of the greatest of God’s miracles came at this important juncture, “the *Egyptians pursued*, and *went in after them to the midst of the sea*, even all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. 24 And it came to pass, that *in the morning watch* the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians” (Ex 14:23-24)? We will later learn more about the morning watch; however for now, just recognize the pattern and establish the concept that God often performs His acts in the morning.



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The children of Israel wandered in the desert forty years. Abraham's liberated children learned to follow a cloud by

day and a pillar of fire during the night. Notice how Israel understood that they were supposed to move from one location to the next, "the cloud ***was taken up in the morning***, then they journeyed" (Num 9:21). They received God's instruction to move in the morning. The children of Israel learned to follow God's direction in the morning.

We have just read that it was with great power that God delivered these Israelites out of Egypt through the sea. After that deliverance, the children of Israel certainly were neither destitute nor hungry! Each morning they gathered miracle food called manna, "they gathered it ***every morning***, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted" (Ex 16:21). Here we learn something special about the miracle food from God; it was very much like the dew, "when the sun waxed hot, it melted." Later, this concept of "melting" away will become important in our study. God performed a miracle every day when He gave them miracle bread to eat in the middle of a desert; however, instead of being naturally grateful, they proved to be a "stiff-necked" or complaining people. When they persistently complained for flesh to eat, Moses and Aaron told them, "***in the morning***, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD" (Ex 16:7).

Let's continue with our morning study; notice the day when the Ten Commandments were given. This significant event took place just weeks after the introduction of the manna, "***it came to pass on the third day in the morning***, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. 17 And ***Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God***; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. 18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. 19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice. 20 And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up" (Ex 19:16-20). So we learn that God spoke audibly from the mountain early in the morning. Just a few days later Moses gives us yet another example of rising up early. "Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and ***rose up early in the morning***, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel" (Ex 24:4). Are you beginning to get a revelation of God's proclivity toward meeting with His people and performing His mighty works early in the morning?



Because of the people's disobedience, Moses broke the original tablets which had been produced by the hand of God; therefore, he had to produce two additional tablets with his own hands, "he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses ***rose up early in***



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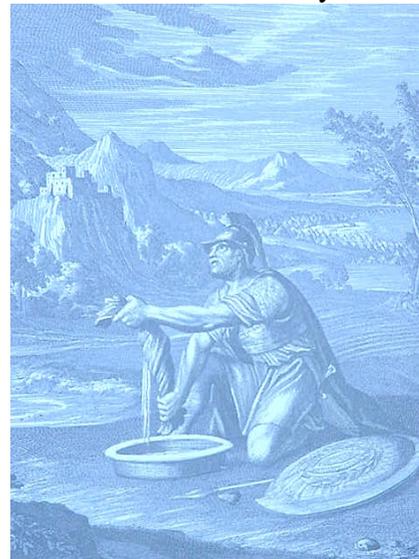
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the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone. 5 And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD” (Ex 34:4-5). Under Moses’ leadership the people learned to produce daily sacrifices; fire was to be made inside the Altar of Sacrifice every morning, “the fire upon the altar shall be burning in it; it shall not be put out: and **the priest shall burn wood on it every morning**, and lay the burnt offering in order upon it; and he shall burn thereon the fat of the peace offerings. 13 The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; **it shall never go out**” (Lev 6:12-13). The priests had the responsibility to keep the fire perpetually burning.

Whenever God wanted to meet with Moses upon the mountain you can guess the time of day that He usually would chose. He was generally summoned to go up on the mountain in the morning, “**be ready in the morning**, and **come up in the morning unto mount Sinai**, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount” (Ex 34:2).

After the days of Moses’ leadership God ordained a new leader. Notice this new leader’s special time of productivity, “Joshua **rose early in the morning**, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. 13 And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them” (Josh 6:12-13). Joshua had previously gotten used to early morning service with the LORD, “And Joshua **rose early in the morning**; and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan” (Josh 3:1).

After the days of Joshua, the LORD raised up judges to lead His people. Notice that God continued to work in the morning, “Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said, 37 Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; and if the dew be on the fleece only, and it be dry upon all the earth beside, then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said. 38 And it was so: for **he rose up early on the morrow**, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water” (Judg 6:36-38). Gideon wanted a specific physical sign from God that He would protect Israel. Gideon got his answer early in the morning.

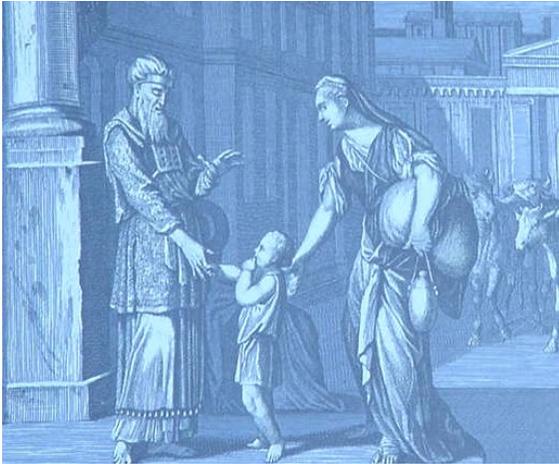


After the period of the judges God would begin to raise up prophets who would eventually anoint a king over the nation of Israel. As God was establishing the bloodline for the new king we find two individuals that God would use mightily. The story of Boaz and Ruth is a story rich with the concept of redemption. One special night they met on the threshing floor and Boaz told Ruth, “Tarry this night, and it shall be **in the morning**, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as the LORD liveth: **lie down until the morning**. 14 And she lay at his feet **until the morning**: and she rose up before one could know another (*This is early in the morning!*)” (Ruth 3:13-14).

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During this same period of the latter judges, God was in the process of raising up a prophet for the people. At the tabernacle which was located at Shiloh, one particularly godly woman who had been barren vowed to God that if He would open up her womb that she would give her child to the



LORD for His service, “And ***they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD***, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her. 20 Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD” (1 Sam 1:19-20). After weaning her child, Hannah gave Samuel into the LORD’s service as she had promised, “the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men” (1 Sam 2:26).

He would grow up to be great prophet in the land of Israel. He learned how to hear from the LORD during his early days, “the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision . . . 4 the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I. 5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down. 6 And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again. 7 Now ***Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him***” (1 Sam 3:1-7). Samuel developed through this experience and eventually became a great prophet, “And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let ***none of his words fall to the ground***” (1 Sam 3:19). God was careful to perform everything that Samuel spoke in the name of the LORD!

Samuel ended up anointing Saul to become King in Israel. This great prophet also had an early morning experience in which he heard God speak, “when ***Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel***, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal. 13 And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: ***I have performed the commandment of the LORD***. 14 And Samuel said, ***What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?***” (1 Sam 15:12-14). Samuel received a “word of knowledge” that King Saul had disobeyed God’s command to put everything to death! Since King Saul continued to disobey God, Samuel prophesied that Saul’s kingdom would not continue. Samuel was commanded to anoint another as King over Israel, “Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. 14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him” (1 Sam 16:13-14).



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This young man David would later go visit his brothers who were in the army and at war with the Philistines,

“**David rose up early in the morning**, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle” (1 Sam 17:20).

Eventually, David developed into the greatest king in Israel. Many kings served over the nation of Israel after David’s time. It was during the period of the latter kings that God raised up many other prophets who were fed (*literally and figuratively*) by the word of God. Notice the story of Elijah, “the ravens brought him bread and flesh **in the morning**” (1 Kings 17:6). Elijah’s protégé named Elisha also had an early morning encounter that is recorded in Scripture, “when **the servant of the man of God was risen early**, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? 16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha” (2 Kings 6:15-17).



Toward the end of Israel’s kingdom the people refused to hear the word of God which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet! Notice the clear pattern: (1) the prophet would rise up early in the morning to hear God’s word; and (2) the people would not listen to the prophet:

- “the LORD hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets, **rising early** and sending them; **but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear**” (Jer 25:4).
- “To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both **rising up early**, and sending them, **but ye have not hearkened**” (Jer 26:5).
- “they have not hearkened to my words, saith the LORD, which I sent unto them by my servants the prophets, **rising up early** and sending them; **but ye would not hear**, saith the LORD” (Jer 29:19).
- “they have turned unto me the back, and not the face: though I taught them, **rising up early** and teaching them, yet **they have not hearkened to receive instruction**” (Jer 32:33).
- “because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, **rising up early** and speaking, **but ye heard not**; and I called you, but ye answered not” (Jer 7:13).
- “I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even unto this day, **rising early** and protesting, saying, Obey my voice. 8 Yet **they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear**, but walked every one in the imagination of their evil heart” (Jer 11:7-8).



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So far it has become quite obvious that God clearly prefers to perform His acts in the morning! We have already

observed or will yet observe this early morning contact in the lives of twenty different people including: Abraham, Jacob, Job, Lot, Moses, Joshua, Gideon, Boaz, Ruth, Hannah, Samuel, David, Saul, Elijah, Elisha, Jehoshaphat, Ezekiel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Jesus.

We have also learned that the people of Israel would not listen to the prophets that God sent unto them. We have a common American saying called “twenty-twenty vision.” It comes from the fact that an optometrist patient can read the “20” line from twenty feet away. We call this 20/20 or perfect vision. The scripture reveals a 20/20 or perfect vision verse, “***And they rose early in the morning***, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; ***Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper***” (2 Chron 20:20). Second Chronicles 20:20 has the famous passage; notice that this took place early in the morning! Also, from the manna story we learned earlier that if the miracle food was not picked early in the morning it would simply melt away. This strange early morning melting of sustenance from God continues as a metaphor, “for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and ***as the early dew it goeth away***” (Hos 6:4). We see this concept again, “Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and ***as the early dew that passeth away***, as the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney” (Hos 13:3). As the morning vapor on the leaf evaporates, there is something fleeting about the spirit waters or mists that are not harvested in the early morning when they are abundantly available. If not harvested, the waters simply melt away. In the context of God’s miracle waters, He provides it for his people in the ***early morning hours***, “There is a ***river***, the ***streams*** whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that ***right early***” (Ps 46:4-5). King David experienced drinking from these early morning waters, “O God, thou art my God; ***early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee***, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is” (Ps 63:1).

The people of God need refreshing from His presence! In this Bible Study we will observe at least twenty different people who receive the early morning refreshing from the Almighty, “O ***satisfy us early*** with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days” (Ps 90:14). David fixed his heart to meet the LORD early in the morning, “O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. 2 ***Awake***, psaltery and harp: ***I myself will awake early***. 3 I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations. 4 For thy mercy is great above the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds” (Ps 108:1-4). We are not just assuming that David had early morning meetings with God, he repeats himself, “My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise. 8 ***Awake up***, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: ***I myself will awake early***. 9 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations” (Ps 57:7-9).

It was not only David who sought the Lord in the early morning hours. Solomon wrote, “I am my beloved’s, and his desire is toward me. 11 Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages. 12 ***Let us get up early to the vineyards***; let us see if



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the vine flourish, whether the tender grape appear, and the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my loves” (Song 7:10-12). Solomon also recorded, “I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions . . . 15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. 16 By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth. 17 I love them that love me; and ***those that seek me early shall find me***” (Prov 8:12-17).

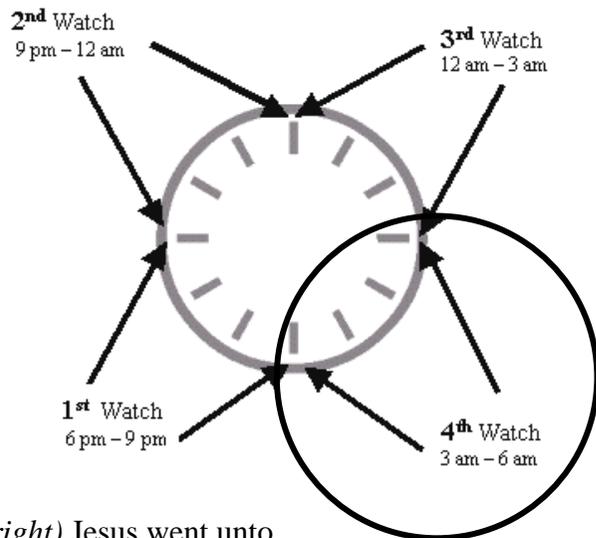
David experienced God’s greatness in the morning, “My voice ***shalt thou hear in the morning***, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up” (Ps 5:3). David felt the closeness of God’s mercy in the morning, “I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning” (Ps 59:16). The psalmist prayed to hear God in the morning, “***Cause me to hear*** thy lovingkindness ***in the morning***; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee” (Ps 143:8). Indeed, problems come in the figurative dark; “weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh ***in the morning***” (Ps 30:5).



Incense is analogous with prayer, “Another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And ***the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints***, ascended up before God out of the angel’s hand” (Rev 8:3-4). Our daily prayer is just like the offering of incense from the place where the LORD will meet us, “thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: of shittim wood shalt thou make it . . . thou shalt put it before the vail that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the testimony, ***where I will meet with thee***. 7 And ***Aaron shall burn thereon sweet***

incense every morning: when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it” (Ex 30:1-7). We must believe in faith that God meets with us in our morning prayer. Job said, “What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him? 18 And that thou shouldest visit him every morning” (Job 7:17-18). God is with us during our morning prayer even though we cannot perceive Him with our eyes or ears. We worship Him in spirit and in truth!

This concept is evident in some of the stories in the life of Jesus, “when ***the morning was now come***, Jesus stood on the shore: but ***the disciples knew not that it was Jesus***” (John 21:4). Jesus often simply appeared to his disciples in the early morning hours, “***in the fourth watch of the night*** (3 a.m. to 6 a.m. – see illustration to the right) Jesus went unto





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them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, **they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit**; and they cried out for fear. 27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; **it is I**; be not afraid. 28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. 29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus” (Matt 14:25-29). Jesus often appeared to the people early in the morning, “in the day time he was teaching in the temple; and at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called the mount of Olives. 38 And **all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple**, for to hear him” (Luke 21:37-38).

Jesus became a powerful example for us as He rose up early in the morning, “in the **morning**, rising up **a great while before day**, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there **prayed**” (Mark 1:35). Jesus obviously understood something of which, we need to get a revelation, “It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because **his compassions fail not**. 23 **They are new every morning**: great is thy faithfulness” (Lam 3:22-23). Thomas Chisholm relied upon these famous words of Isaiah as he wrote the popular Christian Hymn; one in which we should all agree with in spirit . . .

*“Great is thy faithfulness!” “Great is thy faithfulness!”
 Morning by morning, new mercies I see;
 All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided.
 “Great is thy Faithfulness,” Lord unto me!*

Let us pray with Isaiah, “O LORD, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee. 9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; **yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early**” (Isa 26:8-9). The prophet Ezekiel said, “**in the morning came the word of the LORD unto me**” (Ezek 12:8). Clearly, Ezekiel heard the voice of God in the morning.

So are you hearing from God? Let’s review just one more time the words of Isaiah, “he **wakeneth morning by morning**, he **wakeneth mine ear to hear** as the learned. 5 The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear” (Isa 50:4-5). If we will make the effort to get up early in the morning so we can listen to God, in time He will begin to speak to us! Jesus wants to meet with you in the morning! The words say, “I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and **morning star**” (Rev 22:16).

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| Our enemies are routed in the early morning! | “that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians ” (Ex 14:23-24) |
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| The fires on the altar of sacrifice were burnt every morning and were never to go out. | "and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning , and lay the burnt offering in order upon it; and he shall burn thereon the fat of the peace offerings. 13 The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out " (Lev 6:12-13) |
| God's morning voice will not continue all day long! | "for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away " (Hos 6:4) |
| We need to hunger and thirst for God! | "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee " (Ps 63:1) |
| We need to set our mind on getting up early to meet with the LORD! | " I myself will awake early . 3 I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee" (Ps 108:2-3) |
| If we will choose to seek Him, we will find Him! | "I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me " (Prov 8:17) |
| Morning is the time of joy! | "joy cometh in the morning" (Ps 30:5) |
| God does visit us in the morning! | "that thou shouldest visit him every morning " (Job 7:17-18) |
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