

John 2:1-12, Daily Devotions

☐ Monday - Law & Grace.

John 2:1-12

The beginning of Moses' miracles was turning water into blood (Ex. 7:20); the beginning of Christ's miracles was turning water into wine (John 2:3-10); which reminds us of the difference between the law of Moses and the gospel of Christ (Matthew Henry). The Law condemns us to death; the Gospel commends us to life. "For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). Take an inventory, today, of God's grace in your life (Psa. 103:2). Read Romans 6:14

☐ Tuesday - The Lavishness of God's Grace.

John 2:1-3

"On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, 'They have no wine'" (John 2:1-3). But Jesus "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20), and so He made 180 gallons of the finest wine imaginable! (John 2:3-10). Later, a great multitude assembled to hear Jesus speak, and it was dinner time and they were hungry. "We have here only five loaves and two fish," the disciples said. But Jesus is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, and so He fed the five thousand, and there were twelve baskets of leftovers (Mt. 14:15-21). The fact is that God does not dispense His grace with an eyedropper, but is rich in mercy toward His people (Eph. 2:4); He pours out blessing until it *overflows* (Mal. 3:10; Psa. 23:5; He is "abounding in lovingkindness" (Psa. 103:8), and "He gives a *greater* grace" to His people; Greek, *mega* grace (Jam. 4:6). Yes, "in [Christ] we have redemption ... according to the riches of His grace, which He *lavished* upon us" (Eph. 1:7-8). Dear Christian, do not say what Christ cannot do, but remember that He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that you ask or think.

Read Proverbs 3:5

☐ Wednesday - The Servant's Privilege.

John 2:9

"When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew)" (John 2:9). The servants at the wedding in Cana witnessed a miracle, but the guests who sat at the party were probably ignorant of what had happened. Those who witness the miraculous power of God are those who serve, not those who sit. In serving Christ we are privileged to see His working, which others miss.

Read Matthew 17:1-8

☐ Thursday - The Ordinary Into Extraordinary.

John 2:9-10

"When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine... [he said] you have kept the good wine until now" (John 2:9-10). God is in the business of turning ordinary things into extraordinary things; here, ordinary water into vintage wine. Many such examples fill the pages of Scripture. What was special about the burning bush on Mount Sinai? (Ex. 3:1-6). Nothing! But any old bush can reveal God's glory, if God is in it. So also, God makes extraordinary saints out of ordinary sinners. He used Moses, who was "slow of speech and slow of tongue," to deliver Israel from bondage in Egypt (Ex. 4:10). He used Paul, whose speech was "contemptible" and his personal presence "unimpressive" (2 Cor. 10:10), to be perhaps the greatest evangelist, theologian and church planter in the first century. And He can use you, Christian, with all of your frailties and imperfections, to accomplish His great purposes; and it is not dependent upon your ability, but rather your availability.

Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

☐ Friday - No Sacred / Secular Distinction.

John 2:11

"This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him" (John 2:11). For millennia the Jews had awaited for Messiah, with great expectations concerning the first manifestation of His Messianic power. Yet Christ's first miracle was at a common wedding, for He desires access into the daily, routine and even mundane activities of our lives, to breakdown all sacred / secular distinctions in our thinking.

Read 1 Corinthians 10:31